

**Newsletter 19 January 2018**

**Messages from the Head of Academy**

**Polite reminder:**

Could all parents please be mindful of all children whilst on the school grounds. There have been several reported and observed incidents this week where parents are using inappropriate language, gestures and swearing.

This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Please support your child with lining up at the start of the day to ensure they enter school alongside their peers. Parents do not need to be inside as this congests the corridor.

**Golden Book Award Winners**

| Year      | 'Golden Child' |
|-----------|----------------|
| Reception | Seanna         |
| Year 1    | Caesar         |
| Year 2    | Sky            |
| Year 3    | Pheobie        |
| Year 4    | Maisyanna      |
| Year 5    | Jayden         |
| Year 6    | Ruby           |



**Weekly Attendance**

(National expectation = 96%)

| Class                | %            |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Hedgehogs            | <b>83.6%</b> |
| Butterflies          | <b>97.6%</b> |
| Owls                 | <b>93.7%</b> |
| Badgers              | <b>94.4%</b> |
| Foxes                | <b>93.8%</b> |
| <b>Raffle winner</b> | Michael T    |

**Upcoming Events**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Wednesday 24 Jan      | 2.45 pm<br>Yr2 parents SATs meeting       |
| Wednesday 24 Jan      | 3 pm<br>Yr6 parents SATs meeting          |
| Thursday 8 Feb        | PTA Valentines Disco<br>Details to follow |
| <b>12-16 February</b> | <b>HALF TERM</b>                          |

### Year 3/4

We have had a great week in Badger Class this week. Our new topic began, which looks at potions. We spent the afternoon on Monday carrying out experiments, where we made Moon Dough, Oobleck (a strange liquid that you can pick up) and an exploding fountain of fizzy coke. We have also designed our own potions bottles using intricate patterns and invented our own potions which had some strange effects such as turning cats into lions and turning the teacher into a toad (I am keeping any drinks firmly covered!)

Reminder: PE is on a Monday and Thursday. The current topic is 'games' so your child will need trainers in order to safely participate outside.

### Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy week! It started off with a messy lab afternoon where children had the chance to explore a variety of mixtures and materials, we did get in to a bit of a mess though! Then on Wednesday we had an afternoon of tasting food and drink from around the world which included gnocchi, coconut milk, beansprouts and chapati! We loved this and discovered lots of new things. In maths we have been working on multiplying and sorting amounts in to equal groups. Look out for more of this in our homework this week! In literacy we have been innovating the Papaya who spoke story by changing characters and settings and we are working really hard on improving our handwriting.

### EYFS

This week we have been finding out about the animals that attend the wedding of Harry and Betty ( the Scarecrows we are reading about. ) There were a lot of animals that helped the Scarecrows who gave them " presents " and we made a list. The geese gave feathers to make a wedding dress for Betty, the spider used its spinning web to sew the feathers together, the bee helped Harry find some pink flowers and the mice found 2 rings for the bride and groom. We have been singing songs about animals and doing lots of counting, making number lines and matching objects to numbers, trying to recognize numerals. We had a very successful PE lesson developing our throwing abilities and Ms Pyne was very pleased with our skills and behaviour. Now we are looking forward to our next lesson.



### Year 1

This week we have enjoyed beginning to change the story Beegu and make it our own. We chose our own characters and settings and created sentences all about being lost and finding our way back home. We have been concentrating on remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

In maths we have focused on ordering numbers and using vocabulary such as more than, less than and equal to.

Please remember to read at home as much as possible and bring book bags, with reading records and books into school every day for reward points!

### Year 5/6

We have been busy learning about the blitz and completing some artwork around this. We have also been developing our own wartime flashbacks. We're having great success with our spelling and maths interventions - we're so proud of the children's hard work. In Year 6 we have been comparing fractions using bar modelling and finding equivalent fractions. Year 5 have been completing operation work with Mrs Wright. We have also explored inference through studying some really interesting pictures - which encouraged lots of discussion. This week we also welcomed a new member of staff, Mr Cooke, who will be supporting Fox class one day a week for the rest of the year as a Director of Learning.

### Safeguarding

At Highfields Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Wright. The academy has a duty to inform parents there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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