

# Highfields Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th March, 2025

## Time Travelers and History Detectives

This week, we've been exploring time in maths, learning to read clocks to the nearest five minutes and recognizing Roman numerals up to 12. The children have enjoyed spotting these numerals in real life and applying their time-telling skills in fun activities!

In writing, we've started crafting detailed information texts about fictional characters, thinking carefully about structure and interesting facts to engage our readers. The creativity on display has been fantastic!

Our geography lessons have taken us on a journey into the past as we've learned about local mining communities. The children have loved examining old photographs and maps of Highfields and Doncaster, piecing together the area's history. Miss Gadsby has shared fascinating stories about Highfields when the local coal-mine was open, bringing history to life in an exciting way.

It's been a week full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

Mrs Raynor



## Stars of the Week

**Evie**  
-Waterloo-  
**Jake-Patrick**  
-King's Cross-  
**Jackson**  
-Tower Hill-  
**Abel**  
-Victoria Class-  
**Faziat**  
-Paddington-

## Attendance



Class	Week %	Year %
Paddington	95.6%	94.4%
Victoria	97.9%	95.1%
Tower Hill	99.6%	97.1%
King's Cross	95.2%	93.2%
Waterloo	97.5%	95.3%
Whole School	97.4%	94.8%

# The Enchanted Beanstalk

We planted magic beans, and to our delight, our beanstalk has started to grow taller! The children in Paddington Class are absolutely captivated by the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, eagerly following Jack's adventure up into the clouds. Inspired by the tale, we have been using our imaginations to think about what magical surprises might be waiting at the top of our own beanstalk.

Next week, we will be planting real beans and carefully looking after them as they begin to sprout. The children are excited to observe the changes, learning about what plants need to grow and keeping a diary of their progress. We can't wait to see how tall they will get—who knows, maybe they'll even reach the sky!

Mrs Oakes



## Can you solve it?

Year 6 are busy getting ready for their SATs tests in May. They wondered if the parents/carers could solve one of their word problems...



Sophie and Jack are making a fruit punch. They mix orange juice, apple juice, and lemonade in the ratio 3:2:5.

**If they use 4 litres of apple juice, how many litres of orange juice and lemonade do they need to keep the ratio the same?**

**What is the total amount of fruit punch they will have in the end?**

Please let Mrs Bonner know your answers



## Mexican-Inspired Bunting

This week in Victoria Class, we have been busy preparing to create our own vibrant, Mexican-inspired bunting to decorate our classroom. We began by exploring the bold and colourful artwork of Henri Matisse, paying special attention to his use of different shapes, cut-outs, and block colours. Inspired by his work, we designed our own bunting patterns, experimenting with a variety of geometric and organic shapes to make each piece unique.

To ensure our bunting looks its best, we also conducted an investigation to determine which materials would be most suitable for printing. We tested different types of fabric and paper, observing how well they absorbed the paint and how the colours appeared once dry. This hands-on exploration helped us decide on the perfect fabric for our project.

Next week, we will be bringing our designs to life by practicing our printing skills, carefully transferring our bold patterns onto fabric. Once the prints are complete, we will take on the challenge of sewing the bunting together, developing our fine motor skills and creativity at the same time. We can't wait to see the finished bunting hanging proudly in our classroom, adding a splash of colour and celebration to our learning space!

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