



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter/Blog

Friday 9th December 2022



Grow Together Shine Forever



To all families.

Hope you have all had a good week and have managed to keep warm during these icy cold days! I cannot believe that we only have 7 more school days until the end of term-where does the time go?! Time flies when you are having fun and there has been lots of fun and focused learning going on this week to share with you.



Learning highlights this week...

Foundation- Acorns- Update from Miss Little, EYFS Leader

'This week Christmas has come to Acorns. We have been learning all about the Nativity and understanding the different parts that we are playing in our own school Nativity. We have been using teamwork to decorate our Christmas tree and talking about celebrations and culture.'

In maths this week we have been learning how to add single digit numbers with the help of the dominoes! We wrote calculations to match the domino and used our careful counting to count up the spots altogether. The children also did this activity outside with larger dominoes and they had to put the dominoes in the numbered 'parking space' depending on how many spots they had. Well done to Charlie, Henry C and Deangelo for giving this a fantastic try independently!'



Year One and Two-

Update from Mrs Wadson/Mrs Crawley- Phase Leaders

'This week we have been continuing our Innovates and wrote letters to Mr Swan persuading him not to cut down 200 trees to build his houses. The children came up with some excellent points about how the trees hadn't died but were in fact deciduous trees; they talked about how animal habitats would be destroyed and what effect this has on the food chain.

We have also been writing our stories of Hansel and Gretel and have been working hard on our sentence openers. I have been impressed to see Year 2 using openers such as 'all of a sudden', 'meanwhile' and 'beyond the misty woodland'.

We have been practising our Nativity play this week and are looking forward to sharing 'The Great Bethlehem Bake Off' with you all next week.

Reading Breakfasts...

This week we held our first Reading Breakfast of the year. It was lovely to see families sharing a book together before school and there was a real reading buzz. Thank you to everyone who came and we are looking forward to hosting our next Reading Breakfast in February.

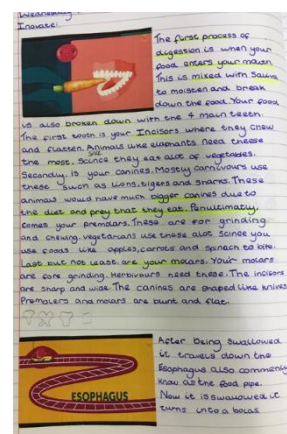
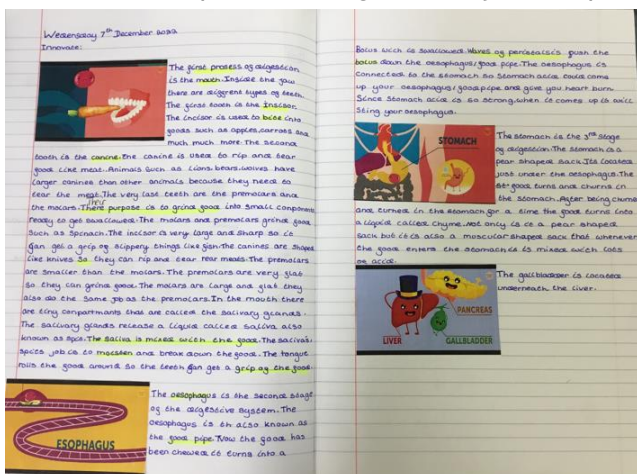


Year Three and Four-

Update from Miss Raval- Year Three/Four Phase Leader

'This week, the children have been working hard in class to prepare for their 'Innovates'. They began by re-watching a video on the digestive system to magpie scientific vocabulary they wanted to use in their own scripts. Following this, they used a planning sheet to plan

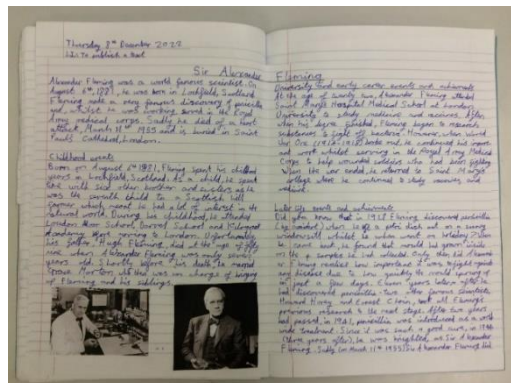
their ideas before writing their final script. During the week, the children have been recording their 'Innovates' to narrate over a clip and will continue doing so next week. In PSHE, the children understood the importance of celebrating differences by looking at scenarios of two children and writing their first impressions and understanding how this can change depending on someone's situation.



Year Five and Six-

Update from Mrs Weatherall- Year Five Six Phase Leader

'This week we have been completing our DT projects creating wooden motte and bailey castles. We have also been busy preparing our Horrible Histories style sketches for our Innovates. In English, we completed our biographies on famous scientists. Well done Roseanna and Alexander for super effort. All children have worked so hard completing a range of assessments in maths, reading and grammar this week'.



Reminder - Year 6 Christmas Cracked...

On Thursday 15th December, we will be taking the Year 6 children to Water Eaton Church Centre to join the Bridgebuilder Trust Team for a fast-moving and interactive presentation entitled "Christmas Cracked". If you wish to withdraw your child from taking part, please email the office confirming you wish to withdraw your child by Monday 12th December.

Our Roving Reporters update...

This week our Roving Reporters, Eliza and Lottie, have been asking pupils what they have been doing to let their light shine this Christmas.

'In Year One/Two Bobbi has made a card for someone to brighten up their day, Rosie is going to donate £1 to the school on Christmas jumper day and Mimi has been trying really hard to spread love and joy wherever she goes. From Year Three/Four, Darcie has been giving gifts and sending cards to relatives and Miles is helping his family this Christmas with their festive plans as well as trying to be really helpful in the classroom. Finally, from Year Five/Six, George has been making presents for family and friends and Xanthe has been trying to make sure everyone around her is happy.'



Proud Cup Winners this week...

Well done to Hawthorn Class for winning the PROUD Cup this week! Great respectful behaviours- keep up the good work everyone!

Christmas Countdown Planner... here is another reminder for the final 7 days!

Here is a useful countdown planner for you for the remaining 7 school days of this term:

Date and time	Event	Notes
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Post Box	Children can post their Christmas cards to each other in our Christmas Post Box in reception. Please note we cannot give out class lists though for data protection reasons.
Monday 12 th December	Foundation and KS1- Please send your child into school with an orange to make their Christingle for church this week	

Tuesday 13 th December 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)	Foundation Nativity	<p>Please ensure you have booked your seats online by clicking on the following link: https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/</p> <p>Seats are limited to 2 per family.</p> <p>Please note children will go back to class after their performance and will be collected at the normal time of 3:25pm.</p>
Tuesday 13 th December 5:30pm (doors open at 5pm)	KS1 Nativity	<p>All children must arrive at 5pm please and will go to class to get ready.</p> <p>If you are not attending the performance, please can you return to pick up your child from the hall fire exit door at 6:30pm</p> <p>Only those parents that have booked their seats will be able to attend.</p>
Wednesday 14 th December 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)	KS1 Nativity	<p>Please note children will go back to class after their performance and will be collected at the normal time of 3:25pm.</p> <p>There are still seats available for this performance. If you wish to attend, please book your seats by clicking on the link below: https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/</p> <p>Seats are limited to 2 per family.</p>
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Thursday 15 th December (morning)	Y6 Christmas Cracked	<p>Please remember to email the office if you wish to withdraw your child from participating in this event by Monday 12th December. They will still need to be present in school on this day.</p>
Thursday 15 th December 1:45pm (leaving school at 1:30pm)	Foundation and KS1 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Great Brickhill	<p>Please click on the link below to reserve your seat at the Church. We do also require parent volunteers to help walk the children to and from the church. Please indicate if you can help within the same Google form. Thank you. https://forms.gle/dRV2eE52ncgzmPYf7</p>
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day!	<p>Please just wear a Christmas Jumper and then wear the rest of your uniform- thank you!</p>

	This year we are raising money for World Visions' Christmas Appeal so please if you can donate a £1 to wear a Christmas jumper!	
Friday 16 th December-lunchtime	Christmas Lunch in the Ash Tree!	To book you will need to go onto ParentPay for school meals.
Friday 16 th December 2pm (doors open at 1:50pm)	Foundation and KS1 Star Assembly	Parents to book by clicking on the link below: https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Friday 16 th December 2:45pm (doors open at 2:30pm)	KS2 Star Assembly	Parents to book by clicking on the link below: https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Monday 19 th December	KS2 children please come to school with an orange to make their Christingle	
Monday 19 th December at 1:45pm (will leave school at 1:30pm)	KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church Great Brickhill	Please click on the link below to reserve your seat at the Church. We do also require parent volunteers to help walk the children to and from the church. Please indicate if you can help within the same Google form. Thank you. https://forms.gle/S6XGXaUmQxRvgACB8
Tuesday 20 th December afternoon	Great Gappo Magician to entertain Foundation and KS1- funded by HASA	
Tuesday 20 th December		Break up from school at normal finish times.

Advent Windows:

The first Advent Window was lit on Thursday 1st December and a new window will be lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. The windows will light up the village until 31st December.

Please see the attached map as to where the Advent Windows will be in Great Brickhill! Thank you to the residents for sharing this with us.

Parking reminder...

Once again, I am reminding parents about safe parking around school. Could I also remind parents not to use the staff carpark or the drive entrance by the gates as a drop off point as some parents have been then reversing into the main road which is not safe- thank you.

Staying safe and well...

In addition to the letter we sent home earlier this week regarding looking out for signs of Strep A, please read the attached letter from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)- thank you.

Hope you all have a good weekend and see you Monday!

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