



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter/Blog

Friday 18th November 2022



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,
There are lots in the newsletter this week so do please keep reading!

Thank you for supporting us with our initiatives this week with Anti-Bullying Week and also with Children in Need!



Children in Need....

It has been great to see the children being SPOTACULAR today and we have loved some of the improvised spotty outfits!



We raised £289.44 which is a great result!

Thank you!

It has been another great way to let our light shine!

Anti-Bullying Week...

This week we have discussed what bullying is and how to reach out to stand up against it.

Year Five and Six were Reflection Leaders and some of the year group role played scenarios to the school as to how to deal with potential bullying.

We launched the week by taking part in National Odd Socks Day to celebrate how unique we all are!

Here are some photos of our odd socks!



Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Great Brickhill...

Thank you to our Reflection Leaders who represented our school at the church service last Sunday and laid a poppy wreath to remember the fallen soldiers of the local community. Thank you to the church wardens for making us so welcome!



Who have I seen for great learning this week?

As Headteacher I always look forward to seeing people come with their gold stars and good work. Well done to the following people!

- ✓ Sophia in Acorns for her amazing editing and improving of her owl picture having learned lots of the features of an owl this week! Here she is opposite with her work!
- ✓ Summer R in Year Two for super use of the inverse in Maths to solve a puzzle
- ✓ Jessica and Clara in Holly for remembering so much knowledge about teeth from their Science lesson
- ✓ Beatrice in Holly for her really detailed RE work retelling the story of Noah's Ark
- ✓ Phoebe R for her Science work and telling me all about the organs in the digestive system
- ✓ Freya, Ralph, Flora and Avir in Year Two for their hard work in developing their descriptive writing
- ✓ Roseanna and Blythe in Maple Class for their understanding of the Magna Carta!



Other learning highlights from this week....

Foundation (Acorns)-

Update from Miss Little, EYFS Leader

'This week, we have been learning about squirrels and owls as part of our woodland topic. We have been drawing pictures of these animals and really trying to take on feedback and make them better. Outside, we have had so much fun creating obstacle courses that use balancing skills and using our strength to help us on the equipment. Shout out to Deangelo who used his strength to hang onto the ropes for 50 seconds! Wow!'



Year One and Two

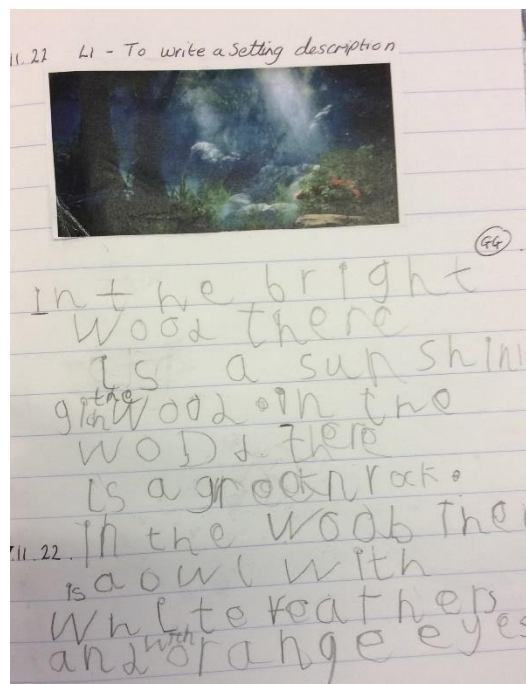
Update from Mrs Wadeson and Mrs Crawley, Phase Leaders

'This week we have been continuing our learning on the 7 life processes and also looked at the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees. We used our knowledge of the life processes to justify why deciduous trees are not dying when they lose their leaves in winter and wrote an explanation as to why this happened.

In English we have been working on our editing and improving and have been describing woodland scenes. We spent time redrafting our work and then enjoyed publishing them at the end of the week. Mrs Boyd was really proud of Year One who wrote some fantastic sentences independently.

Just a reminder, please could Year 2 children continue to learn their lines for their Nativity. Well done to all those children who have been working hard on this'.

Also, please send your child to school with any empty toilet roll or kitchen roll tubes before the 2nd December for making Christmas tree decorations which are going to be displayed at St. Luke's Church, Stoke Hammond. Thank you.



Year Three and Four

Update from Miss Raval, Phase Leader

'Year Three and Four are thoroughly enjoying their learning on Burps, Bottoms and Bile. This week, they were very excited to chew on a plaque disclosing tablet to reveal how effectively they had been brushing their teeth. After doing the experiment, the children thought about ways they could improve brushing their teeth and discussed possible reasons for different results from the lesson. As well as this, they looked at the results from the egg experiment and found out which liquid would affect their teeth the most and why. In Maths, they have been learning about multiplication and division and have been putting their times table practice at home to use in class. In English, they applied all their learning of newspapers to write their own newspaper article on their Hook Day'.

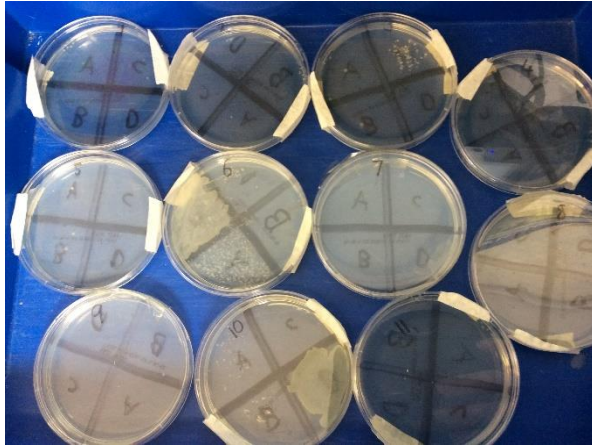


Reminder - Holly Class assembly next week, Friday 25th November at 2.00pm, doors opening at 1.50pm. Holly Class parents are welcome to attend with a chance to look at your children's books after the assembly. There is no need to book, please just turn up. Thank you.

Year Five and Six

Update from Mrs Weatherall- Phase Leader

'In Year Five/Six this week we spent our Science lesson collecting samples from around school and then placed them on agar jelly to see any microbes that grow. We have been checking the samples daily and are already seeing some growth. In DT, we have made a prototype of our motte and bailey castles using cardboard and recycling. In History, we have been learning about the magna carta and its importance, we have written a letter from the barons to King John demanding our rights. We have also been publishing our non-chronological reports all about motte and bailey castles in English'.



Wednesday 16th November 2022
 IT: To understand the importance of the Magna Carta.

Dear King John,

Local before and I have seen the unfair treatment of English citizens and we strongly believe that this behaviour is not right. We respect that your position puts you at the top of the Medieval hierarchy and your job is to control Britain. However, we don't believe that you should make these laws. People such as barons, servants, nobles and many more are expecting you to understand our point of view and give us justice otherwise we have no choice but to revolt and fight for a fairer country. Society agrees and we encourage you to change your mind about how our country should be. The following below are the main rights we are fighting for:

1. We think widows should have the right to keep money which their husbands earned, and keep land which them and their husbands equally owned.
2. We also believe that there should be 25 officials to help advise Kings on when to declare war and make laws.
3. Nobles above the law (Not even the King) because everyone is equal.
4. Penultimately, we believe that people should not be taxed unless everybody agrees or there is a valid reason for taxing us.
5. Everyone has the right to have a fair trial (Not sent to prison without having had a fairly judged trial).

Yours Sincerely Baron White



Football Team Match Report....

'High Ash played North Marston on Thursday at 3:45pm and were victorious. The 7-0 game was a good game and High Ash played well. The other team showed great sportsmanship and courage throughout the game as their heads never dropped. Luca, our goalkeeper, made some incredible saves and really helped the team. Luca was also the captain and showed great leadership throughout the game. Overall it was a great game and we played excellently. Well done to Ralph, Ben, Zach, Liam and Jacob who all scored and Liam for being awarded player of the match by the opposition.'

By Ben and Theo (with a little help from Lottie, too!)

Parent Survey...

Governors would like to thank the 47 families who took part in the recent parent survey. It was really encouraging to see that with over 90% of our families highly recommending our school to other parents. It is motivating to us as a staff team to know that parents also value our high standards, curriculum, wider opportunities and well-being support for pupils. However, we never rest on our laurels and have taken all feedback on board- thank you. It will certainly feed into the interview process for the new Headteacher.

Curriculum updates on our website...

We work hard to keep our website up to date and we have just added some more curriculum information onto our Art, music and computing pages so please take a look!

Paired reading...

Our older children are enjoying spreading a love of reading by reading to our younger pupils! Here are some of Oak Class reading to KS1 last week.



Welcome to a new members of support staff...

We have welcomed Mrs Cluff to our school as a new Learning Support Assistant and also Mrs Hampson and Mrs Shokun as new cleaners.
On Monday, we also welcome Mrs Eveleigh to our office team as she takes up the role of Family Liaison Officer responsible for attendance and SEND admin.

Finally, here is the news from our Roving Reporters, Lottie and Eliza...

'Now the weather has turned colder, crumble and custard is back on the menu in the Ash Tree. It's really, really popular so in this week's Roving Reporter we have asked students about their favourite sort of crumble and we've made a tally of responses.

Berries - top choice of William from Year One/Two and Alby from Year Five/Six.

Apple - a favourite of Kaycie from Year One/Two, Demi and Beatrice from Year Three/Four and Cody from Year Five/Six.

Peach - Sophie from Year Five/Six was a fan of this filing.

Mixed fruit - lots of variety with this one and a favourite in Year One/Two and Pixie from Year Three/Four.

Personally, we like all the crumbles and think Michelle, Lizzy and Gemma do a great job making all our puddings!'

Have a good weekend.

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