



# High Ash CE School

## Weekly Newsletter/Blog

### Friday 11th November 2022



*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Hope you have all had a good week. Life has been busy in school as usual!

### Remembrance Day....

This week we held a Remembrance Day Service in school to commemorate those who sacrificed their tomorrow so we could have our today. We also held a two-minute silence.

On Sunday, some of our Reflection Leaders will be laying a school wreath at St Mary's Church as part of the Remembrance Day service.

Thank you to those of you that have purchased poppies and other merchandise to support the British Legion. Our Year Six Ambassadors chose this charity to talk about in Star Assembly this week.



### Reflections next week...

Next week we are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is to 'Reach Out'. We will be discussing bullying and what it means and how to reach out to prevent it.

We are starting the week with celebrating differences and diversity so on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November we would love the children to come into school in odd socks!



### ***Reminder for Children in Need.....***

Be SPOTacular for Children in Need! On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** it is Children in Need. This year we would like to invite the children to wear something spotty and bring in a **cash donation** to support this charity. **Children in Need** are the **leading independent funder for children and young people in the UK**. They believe that every child and young person deserves the opportunity to thrive and be the best they can be. Through their grant making and wider work, they aim to create lasting, positive change across the UK for the children and young people who need it the most. We look forward to seeing the children looking SPOTastic!



### ***Learning Highlights this week...***

#### ***Foundation- Acorns***

##### ***Update from Miss Little- EYFS Leader***

*'This week in Acorns we have been learning all about foxes and badgers as part of our woodland topic. We have been using our sketching pencils to sketch foxes and badgers and have been trying hard to edit and improve them to make them even better. We found out that foxes have yellow eyes and live in dens whilst badgers live underground in a sett. In the small world area, we have been exploring animal habitats and creating dens, burrows and setts of our own. In the writing area this week, the children have been trying to crack my secret code words using their initial sounds. We have some excellent code breakers in Acorns Class!'*



As Headteacher, I was so proud to see Acorns Class at their first Star Assembly this week- well done!

#### ***Year One and Two***

##### ***Update from Mrs Wadeson and Mrs Crawley Phase Leaders***

*'This week we have been continuing our learning on woodlands and learnt about living and non-living things. We learnt about the 7 life processes and learnt a handy way of remembering these using MRS NERG. The children then used their learning to present on why the object they have been given was living or non-living.*

*In English we have been describing woodland settings and have been watching videos and listening to the sounds of the forest to inspire our language choices. We used our vocabulary to up-level a sentence where we started off with a basic sentence and the children had to 'say it again but say it better' and added in more detail. Year 2 really impressed us with their up levelling of their sentence and used some really ambitious vocabulary:*

***'Beyond the tree there was a waterfall and blue sky' became:***

***'Beyond the twisted and rugged trees, was beaming sunlight glistening on the crystal clear waterfall. The most beautiful and striking azure sky could be admired from miles away'.***



Next week the children will be writing their own setting descriptions and using all the words and phrases we have come up with over the last two weeks to inspire their writing.



### Key Stage One Nativity....

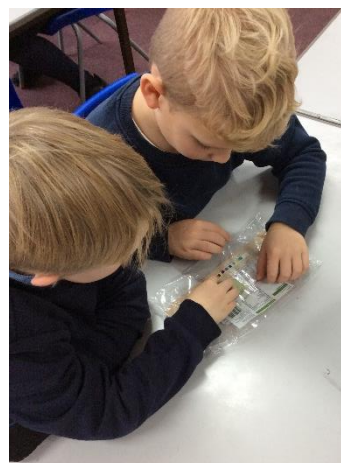
The fun of Nativity has started and all children have had Nativity parts sent out this week- please check your child's diary. Year 2 have lines to learn and it would be great if they could start this over the weekend as rehearsals begin next week. We look forward to sharing our performance of 'The Bethlehem Bake Off' with you in December!

A separate letter on how to book your seats will be sent to parents in due course.

### Year Three and Four

#### Update from Miss Raval, Phase Leader

Year Three/Four have enjoyed continuing their work on teeth this week during their topic work. They investigated how much sugar was in different foods and drinks by understanding how to read the nutritional value of food packaging. They began by ordering foods from the least amount of sugar to the most. Many of us were shocked with the answers and learnt why certain foods had more sugar than others. The children also took part in an investigation, investigating how sugar can affect our teeth. They had to make a prediction of which liquid would affect their teeth the most and why. As we couldn't experiment on our own teeth we used eggs to represent them, as the shell of an egg is made of a similar substance to tooth enamel! We placed the eggs in the different liquids and are waiting to see the results next week.



Year Five and Six

***Update from Mrs Weatherall, Phase Leader***

*'In Year Five/Six this week we enjoyed learning more about life in the Middle Ages. We have learnt about Robin Hood and formed our own opinions on whether he is fact or fiction based on historical evidence. In PE, we have continued to perform medieval dances. In DT we have identified the features of motte and bailey castles and begun to plan how to construct our own. Mrs Weatherall's maths group has been working hard converting and adding fractions.'*



***Roving Reports, Lottie and Eliza...***

We've been focusing on people's favourite lessons this week. In Year One and Two, Summer likes English because she enjoys learning all the new things and Millie likes Maths because she enjoys solving puzzles and finding the answers. Ryan from Year Three and Four enjoys science because the new topics are really interesting, Feranmi loves PE because it is a great way to express himself as well as doing some exercise and Emilia likes Maths because it is always new which keeps it interesting. Finally, from Year Five and Six, Carmen likes Maths because she enjoys solving difficult Maths problems and puzzles, Alice likes writing as she likes the familiar process and Jayden enjoys PE because he can play his favourite sports and learn how to get better.

***PE Survey... Request from Miss Whitehead PE Leader***

To develop sport in the local area and in our school, could you please complete the short survey (below) with your child.

This has been made by the local sports partnership to gather information about:

- Which activities children would like to take part in
- How active they consider themselves
- Preferences on playing for a school team, either competitively or non-competitively

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/primary-pupil-activity-well-being-survey-20221/?q=0a7864a2&s=High5>

*Your responses are gratefully received.*

*Many thanks,*

*Miss Whitehead*

***Safeguarding...***

We held our NSPCC assemblies this week to encourage children to speak out and stay safe if they are feeling worried or concerned. Thank you for supporting this and encouraging your child to talk to an adult either at home or school or via Childline.

It really has been a busy week!

Remember Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th and Children in Need next Friday 18th!

Have a good weekend.

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