



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter/Blog

Friday 4th November 2022



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

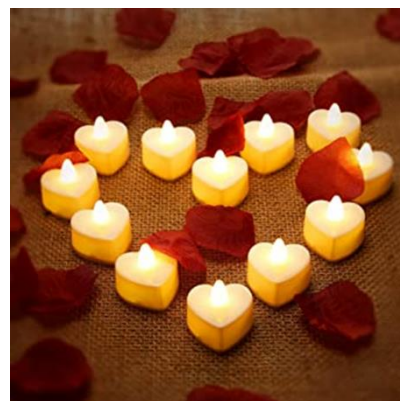
Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term and welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

Reflections this week and coming up....

As you know, our school vision is all about letting our light shine and this week in Reflections, we have been thinking about All Saints Day and lighting candles for people that shine light on us. Each child will have come home from school with a small candle to light at home (supervised of course) and to have a quiet moment to then reflect on why that person matters to them. It was a very spiritual moment on Thursday as children lit candles to celebrate those that matter most to them.



We have a busy half term of Reflections with our Reflection Leaders, all of which are rooted in our desire to shine our light on others and to be advocates for change.

We are using the theme of 'Reaching Out' and we have already done so with our community support of Harvest and in taking part in 'Wear Red Day' to stand up for equality and against discrimination.

We will be 'reaching out' this half term in support of Anti-Bullying Week (w/c 14th November), in taking part in Positive Noticing Day on 16th November and in supporting our charity this half term which is Children In Need (more about that below!).

Next week we have our NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies which we have written home to parents about this week, so please check your emails- thank you.

Children in Need.....

Be SPOTacular for Children in Need!

On **Friday 18th 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!



Useful website links reminders for parents.....

I often get asked by parents of children in KS2 how they can help their child with reading at home or how we teach the written methods in Maths. As a reminder, we have links to these resources on the Reading and Maths sections of our website.

Here are the links to help you....

Reading questions

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=407&type=pdf>

Phonics

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3776&type=pdf>

Maths Calculations

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=4134&type=pdf>

Learning highlights this week...

I have spent time this week looking at Maths learning around the school with Mrs Weatherall, our Maths Leader and Mrs Burrows, our Assistant Head, the focus was looking at our Hook Days. I also talked to some older pupils about their learning in Music along with Mrs Gray, our Music Leader. Thank you to all the pupils who shared all that they had learned and remembered with us!

'I thoroughly enjoyed looking around the school and seeing all the children joining in on their Hook Days. From making the fine cakes in Years Five and Six to seeing the children recreate the digestive system in Years Three and Four. The children in Years One and Two had a wonderful time down at the woods and it was lovely seeing what art they created when they returned. All children were engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. What a great launch to all of the topics this term'- Mrs Burrows

Special mention to Bethany in Year Three for her amazing writing and also to Beatrice in Year Four who used short sentences really well to create suspense!

Foundation Stage (Acorns)

I was really impressed with the Maths learning in Acorns this week and some great problem solving when predicting which numbers may be more or less than a given amount. Early probability - wow!

Update from Miss Little- EYFS Leader

This week in Acorns we have been learning all about Diwali! The children have been making diyas out of salt dough. You can see from the photos that the children really took on feedback to make our diyas even better when we did them for a second time. We also had our Diwali party today where we learnt some fantastic Hindu dance moves and also had a go at some Rangoli patterns.



Year One and Two...

Update from Mrs Wadeson and Mrs Crawley (Phase Leaders)

This week we started our 'Enchanted Woodland' topic with a magical walk to the woods. We started the morning with a scavenger hunt, looking for different woodland objects. The children learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees and were great at spotting examples of these. We then made boggarts using the natural materials we found in the woods. We brought the woods back to school with us and in the afternoon we made some woodland scenes using objects we had collected. The children had a fantastic day and thank you to all the parent volunteers who came to help.

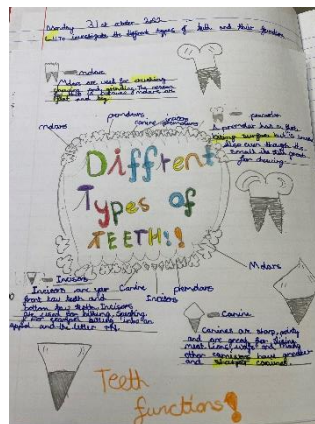


Year Three and Four

Update from Miss Raval (Phase Leader)

Year Three and Four immersed themselves in their new topic of 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' through their fun filled Hook Day on Monday. They began having an extremely informative talk from a dentist, Dr Ganguli, who taught them a range of new facts about teeth and prepared them for their Science lesson by sharing the names of the teeth and their functions. Following this, the children were able to share their understanding of teeth through any method they chose. Finally, they understood the stages of the digestive system through an engaging experiment which showed how food travels through different parts of our body.



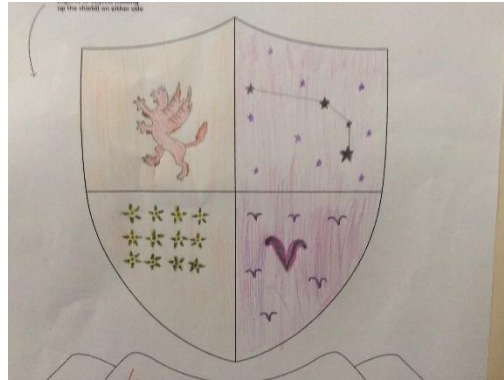
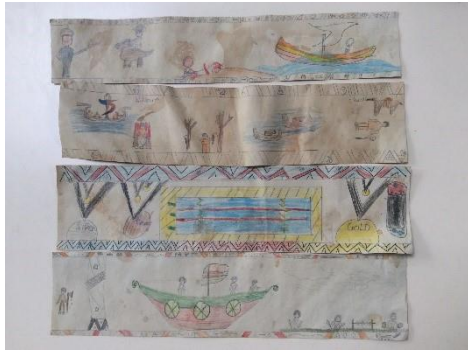


Year Five and Six

Update from Mrs Weatherall (Phase Leader)

In Year Five and Six this week we started our new topic 'Rebels and Royals' all about the Middle Ages. On our Hook Day we baked fine cakes and held a medieval feast. We also created tapestries inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry. We learnt about knights, their codes of chivalry and their coats of arms before creating our own.





Also in Science, the children have been learning about microbes and how they affect our lives. They found out that yeast is a very beneficial microbe as it produces CO₂ which is used to produce food and drink such as bread and beer. Here are some pictures of the investigation where they captured CO₂ in balloons.



Roving Reporter...

This week's Roving Reporter has asked about Hook Days. The new topic in Year One and Two is Enchanted Woodland. Binky and Ariyah loved going for a walk in the woods and Ralph enjoyed finding treasure during their treasure hunt. Years Three and Four are learning about the topic Burps, Bottoms and Bile. Leo and Sebastian enjoyed dissecting the owl pellets (poo) and learning about the digestive system. Alissa liked learning about our teeth when a dentist came to visit. Finally, Years Five and Six are working on the topic Rebels and Royals. Emilia loved the feast they held in class. This gave her a good example of different roles in the middle ages based on where people sat and what people ate. Ben really enjoyed cooking as it helped him really understand the types of food people in the middle ages prepared and ate. Bella really enjoyed drawing her own coat of arms which would be made up of symbols to represent hobbies and loved ones. Sounds like everyone had a great first week after half term!

By Lottie and Eliza

HASA....

Welcome back to a new half term from all of us at HASA.

Lots of work has been going on behind the scenes to help plan and organise events and activities that will raise money for our fabulous school. A few things to look out for in November...

Christmas Card Art Project

Just before half term children were given the fun task of designing their own Christmas card artwork. The artwork was sent off to the Art Project for Schools (APFS) over half term & should be winging their way back to us, in scanned versions, very soon. Keep a look out for your child's artwork coming home sometime next week. This will be supported with a covering letter about how and when to order by. The letter will be emailed to you via ParentPay on the same day.

Bags2School - Collection from school the morning of Wednesday 30th November

Bags2School is a great fundraising scheme to raise funds using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe - unwanted clothes! Bags to fill up with those unwanted clothes will be coming home shortly, so please start sorting as the heavier the bags the more money we raise!!

A few things to bear in mind:

Accepted items - **'good quality'** items for RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing; Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); Handbags; Hats; Bags; Scarves and ties; Jewellery; Lingerie; Socks; Belts; Soft toys; Household linen; Household curtains; Household towels; Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Items **NOT** accepted:

Duvets and blankets; Pillows and cushions; Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats); Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; School uniforms with and without logo; Corporate clothing and workwear; Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

You will receive further details nearer the time informing you where you can leave your bagged items on the morning of the 30th.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Our annual Christmas raffle is back with lots of fantastic prizes - Three hampers to be won.

Each Christmas Hamper includes:

Prosecco; chocolates; festive treats; luxury beauty products; a range of amazing vouchers and much, much more!

Raffle tickets will be coming home towards the end of November with the draw being made on **Friday 16th December!**

Treat Friday's

Great news that Treat Fridays have been reinstated on a weekly basis!!

Card payment facilities are back up and running thanks to our brand new (non-broken) device.

That is all for this week. Please look out for our weekly events reminder email sent to all parents on Monday's.

Have a great weekend!

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