



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter/Blog

Friday 21st October 2022



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Today we supported 'Wear Red Day 22' in support of showing discrimination the red card. This has been the theme of our Reflections this week as it links into our vision of letting our light shine and being advocates for change. In fact, it stands for all our British Values and Proud Principles too!

Here are some photos of the children from today!





The children also wrote a whole school pledge to reach out against discrimination with each year phase writing a different line. Here it is!

At High Ash we pledge to:

Celebrate how we are unique in our own special ways and how brilliant we are.

Not to ignore something if we see it, use our voice; it's more powerful than you think.

Take action if we see discrimination by telling an adult or saying "Stop!"

Be a good role model

Accept everyone as they are and believe everyone has a right to learn.

We believe everyone has ideas to share even if they are different from ours.

We will always listen and learn from you, no matter who you are.

Spread the idea of not judging a book by its cover and promote people and stories that also spread that message.

Show how to treat everyone fairly, with kindness and to celebrate the rich diversity in our lives

Teach others to accept those who are different as diversity is the greatest gift

Our learning highlights this week...

This week we also had our School Improvement Advisor in as I had asked her to come and look at the impact of the curriculum and to see how our children are gaining and applying their knowledge.

We were both really impressed with how many groups of children we spoke to that could articulate their learning and recall what they had learned in previous years as well. Well done everyone! It was also great to see such fantastic behaviours for learning in every classroom too.

Headteacher stickers this week...

I would like to give a special mention to the following whom I have seen for good work this week and had their Headteacher stickers from me:

- ✓ Liviya- for her home learning about Shakespeare
- ✓ Fabian- for writing super instructions- I loved his top tips!
- ✓ Zach and Laurence for their determination to crack long multiplication
- ✓ Aimee - also for her hard work in Maths
- ✓ Harry, Iris, Sophie F, Isabel, Evie and Ralph- they had all worked hard to understand notation in music lessons
- ✓ Luca, Reuben, Tatiana, Alby, Gianna, Iris M, Amelie and Carmen- great improvements to their writing - well done everyone!



- ✓ Sophia A- for choosing the right method when solving addition and subtraction problems in Maths.

We love reading!

Update from Mrs Wadeson, our Reading Leader

Last Friday the whole school took part in our 'Paired Reading' activity, where the children from older classes shared books with the younger children. There was such a buzz around school and it was fantastic to see all children engaging in books and reading. The younger children really enjoyed being read to and the older children asked some brilliant questions to check understanding.

I have been really impressed with the enthusiasm I have seen around reading this half term, with children in KS2 enjoying filling up their bookmarks and the children in Foundation and KS1 loving reading books from their teacher's special book bags and sharing stories from home.



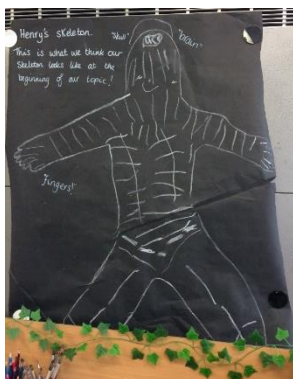
A special mention to my librarians Beau, Nicole, Tilly, Cerys and Jenelle who continuously give up their lunch times to ensure the library is looking tidy and that there is a variety of books on offer, to entice others into reading. Thank you for all your hard work.



Foundation- Acorns

Update from Miss Little, EYFS Leader

This week in Acorns we have been continuing to learn about the skeleton. We can now draw skeletons that have elbows, knees, ribs, skulls, thigh bones and spines! We drew a skeleton at the beginning of our topic of how we thought our skeletons might look and then after all of our learning we drew another skeleton. You can really see how much the children have learnt! This has helped us to retell the story of funny bones in our puppet theatre that we worked together to decorate. We have been trying our best to use our loud voices and make sure we are really clear when we tell the story. Well done, Acorn Class!





Year One and Two

Update from Mrs Wadeson and Mrs Crawley

This week Year One and Two have enjoyed their RE themed week. The children enjoyed learning about symbols and were great at identifying symbols in church. We discussed the significance of Christian and Jewish symbols and thought about what the symbol represented. We then designed our own symbols which represented us and thought about our qualities. The children produced some lovely work.

We have also been immersing ourselves in reading this week, for our heroes and villains week. The children have been reading different extracts from books by different authors. We found key vocabulary which highlighted whether a character was a hero and villain and how authors used vocabulary to paint a picture in our minds. Some of our favourite words and phrases were 'She had a face like a soggy white cabbage', 'ferocious', 'menacing', 'timid', 'he was the embodiment of everything that is kind and good' and 'remarkable'. We have also enjoyed sharing our stories from home and the children have loved cuddling up with their soft toys and blankets all week.

Mrs Burrows (Assistant Headteacher) update

I have been really impressed with the writing in Mrs Boyd's English group. The children have been working incredibly hard on writing in sentences with capital letters, full stops, letters on the line and correct letter formation. They have even been challenging themselves to use time words and adverbs. Special mention to Charlie C, Elodie, Alexander and Sophie M for their independent writing.

Year Three and Four

Update from Miss Raval

This week, we have been extremely busy immersing ourselves into life during the Stone Age as part of our Themed Week. We began by looking at the three different ages and collating facts that we knew about each one. Following this we looked at how housing, technology and farming in the Stone Age has had a significant impact in the world we live in today. Finally, we finished off our adventure story by following the structure of 'The Time Slip Scarab' and changing the character, the setting and the historical artefact the character touches based on our previous learning.



Year Five and Six

Update from Miss Weatherall, Year Five/Six Leader

This week in Year Five and Six, we have had a 'Monarchy' themed week looking at the question "How has the significance of monarchy changed over time?" We learnt the names of all the previous Kings and Queens of England from 1066 to present day with the help of a song. We applied our prior learning about Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II and began to compare them. We learnt how the role of a monarch has changed and Britain has undergone a transition from absolute monarchy to constitutional monarchy. We discussed what differences there were between democracy and monarchy and whether you can have both. We also thought about the future of the monarchy and whether we thought it was still important.






Monday 17th October 2022
L1 to learn the monarchs of England from 1066 to present day:

1066		
William I	Edward IV	George II
William II	Edward V	George III
Henry I	Richard III	George IV
Stephen	Henry VII	William IV
Henry II	Henry VIII	Victoria
Richard I	Edward VI	Edward VII
John	Mary I	George V
Henry III	Elizabeth I	Edward VIII
Edward I	James I	George VI
Edward II	Charles I	Elizabeth II
Edward III	Charles II	Charles III
Richard II	James II	
Henry IV	William III + Mary II	
Henry V	Anne	
Henry VI	George I	

○ = Tudors
□ = Georgians

L1 to understand the significance of monarchs:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Very popular - loved by people.Virginity was named after her.She was the daughter of Henry VIII.Never married so she kept absolute authority.1588 - defeated the Spanish Armada.Brought back Protestant churches.Built a strong economy - Golden Age.She was very educated and was a very talented politician.She was the last ruler.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">She was the first to live in Buckingham Palace.When photography was invented she collected pictures.Became Empress of India.Encouraged new inventions.1851 - held the Great Exhibition to show off new inventions.When she married it was the happiest day of her life.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Built the British Empire.Longest reigning British monarch.First monarch to send an email and tweet.Encouraged change in social issues eg women's rights.Worked during the war.Didn't give political views.
Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attended many public engagements.Head of Commonwealth.Only took 2 days off per year.

Reminder- Year Three and Four Parent Information session... Wednesday 2nd November at 9am in school and then 7pm on Zoom...

'What is life like in Year Three and Four?'

An essential meeting for all Year Three and Four parents and carers

Please come to our Parent/Carer Information session on Wednesday 2nd November at 9am (in school) or at 7pm (on Zoom)

We recognise the move up from Year 2 to Year 3 is different and we also know that Year Three and Four were impacted in lockdown when in KS1.

In listening to parents/carers, we felt it would be useful to run through some key information about reading books, homework, spelling, MyMaths, times tables, the curriculum, assessments, expectations and new routines.

To book in please complete the form via this link! Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/q8XCn7mMTd69AD5Q6>

Football results...

Here is our match report from our first game of the season with our Year Six footballers!

On the 14th October, we played our first league football match against Swanbourne School. The expectations set out were the following: follow the Proud Principles, give positive comments to teammates, play to the whistle and be polite to the referee.

We voted for the Swanbourne 'player of the match' to be the goalkeeper for good communication and comments. They voted for 'player of the match' on our team to be Liam for his footwork. The final score was 6-1 to High Ash. The goal scorers were Finley (1), Ralph (2) and Zach (3). Assists were made by Ben N, Ralph and Liam. Thanks to everyone on the team that took part!

By Isabella and Jenson (also on the team!)



Parking reminder....

Once again, I have been notified by residents about drives being blocked at drop off and pick up times by cars of parents collecting pupils.

Could I remind parents for everyone's safety and consideration to park at the Parish Hall and walk up the hill to school. Thank you.

Come and talk to us....

Finally, just a reminder to say my door and that of the leadership team is always open if you have any questions or concerns about school that you would like to discuss if you feel that they cannot be addressed by the class teacher. You know me well enough by now to know that I will always act and follow up any queries that you have.

Finally, our Roving Report from Lottie and Eliza....

As it's the end of term we have asked pupils what they liked most about their Theme Week. Year Three and Four's theme for this week was the Stone Age. Callie liked learning about houses and their structure and James enjoyed learning about how houses were built. Freya loved learning about the clothes people wore in the Stone Age and the tools they used. Year Five and Six have been focusing on the Monarchy. Iris liked finding hidden secrets about famous royalty and Harry B and Xanthe liked learning about the significance of different Kings and Queens. Year One and Two have been reading lots of different books this week. One of the books was about space. Felix liked learning about planets like Saturn, Bobby found the Sun really interesting but said Jupiter was his favourite. We hope everyone enjoys a relaxing half term!

Have a great half term and see you all back in school on Monday 31st October.

Sara J Boyce

Mrs. Sara Boyce
Headteacher

headteacher@highashschool.co.uk

