High Ash CE School
Weekly Newsletter/Blog
Friday 14th October 2022

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Hope you have all had a good week! It continues to be busy at school and I am sure that the children will be ready for half term come the end of next week!

Harvest Festival…

Well done to our Year Three/Four pupils who planned and led the Harvest Festival services at church and in school this week. It was great to see them really thinking about what objects to place on the Harvest Table and to also see them thinking about the meaning of the parables they had chosen.

Thank you also for the kind donations for our food bank collection. They will be collected and sent to local food banks next week.

Reflections next week…

Next week in our Reflections we are taking our vision of letting our light shine and being advocates for change to support anti-discrimination.

We will be supporting **'Wear Red Day' on Friday 21st October** which is a national campaign organised by the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

We will be talking about this in Reflections next week.

Please support this by letting your child wear something red next Friday. This could be a red top/skirt/trousers or just a red scarf, socks or red stickers- there is no requirement to buy something new.

We just want to raise awareness and the children will have been learning about all forms of discrimination and the need to treat everyone equally. Thank you.

Learning highlights this week…

Every week there are many learning highlights and I particularly enjoy our 'Innovate' weeks at the end of the half term topic when the children apply the knowledge they have learned. I know that Acorns are learning lots about the human skeleton and have impressed me with their recall of names of bones. Year One and Two have learned so much about life in Victorian schools. In Year Three/Four they have worked in teams to produce information and models about tombs of Pharaohs and finally Year Five and Six have pulled together all their knowledge from not only this year but previous years, to explain a range of scientific processes. Well done everyone!

Next week is one of our themed weeks and Acorns will be continuing with 'Funny Bones' and creating a puppet show of the story. Year One and Two are immersing themselves in reading and also RE! Further up the school, Year Three and Four are looking at the significance of the Stone Age so they can gain a better sense of how this period impacted on the development of civilisation. In Year Five and Six they are delving into a deeper understanding of the concept of monarchy and building on lots of prior knowledge about Kings and Queens they have already learned about. It looks to be an exciting week to end the half term!

Anyway, back to this week and what has been going on….

Foundation- Acorns

Update from Miss Little EYFS Leader

This week we are continuing with our 'All About Me' topic by learning about our bodies. We have been reading the story 'Funny Bones' and now know that we all have skeletons inside us. Sam, the friendly skeleton, has paid us a visit and he has been helping us learn some of the bones in our bodies including skull, ribs, spine and thigh bones. The doctors and nurses have come to the role play and we have been learning about x-rays and consolidating our knowledge of the different bones. We have been writing prescriptions for patients and learning how we use gentle and kind hands to look after others. Ted is having an x-ray here whilst Doctor Luna-Belle talks him through the results!

Acorns have also started to come to our Reflections with the rest of the school and have done so well! Remember after half term they will be joining in with the Friday KS1 Star Assemblies too so I am sure parents will look forward to coming to them as well.

Year One and Two-

Update from Mrs Wadeson and Mrs Crawley- Year One/Two Leaders

This week we have been doing our Innovates. Each group took a different aspect of Victorian school life and created props, role plays and presentations to share their learning with Acorns. It was fantastic to see the children's knowledge on Victorian schools and children were able to use our star words such as Authoritarian, discipline and education when describing school life. Children were able to make comparisons between school life now and in the past!

We were really excited to discover some photos of High Ash from Victorian times and this really helped to bring our learning to life!

Just a reminder that next **Tuesday 18th October**, Year One and Two will be going down to the church as part of our themed week. We will be looking at significant symbols and identifying why these are important to a Christian. **We will be leaving at 10.30am and returning by 12:00pm. We are in need of some parent volunteers, if you are able to help, please email the office.**

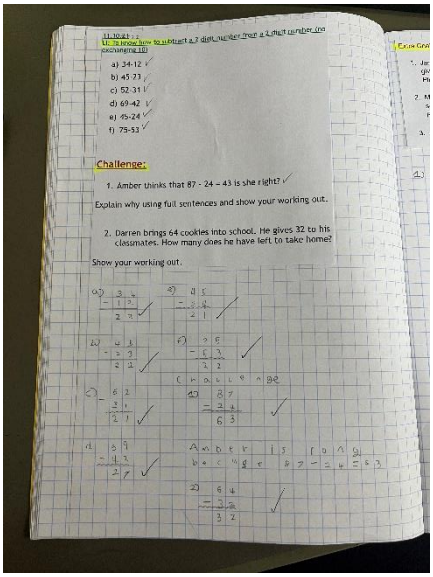
Year Three and Four

Update from Miss Raval Year Three/Four Leader

Year Three and Four shone their light this week by delivering a fantastic Harvest Festival to parents/carers and the rest of the school. Each class focused on a different parable and thought about the message behind it. They showcased their understanding of these by acting the parables out and also placing items on the harvest table which represent different meanings in the stories. They have been working extremely hard during their Innovate stage, where they designed a tomb for a pharaoh, which contained detailed paragraphs about significant events in Ancient Egypt.

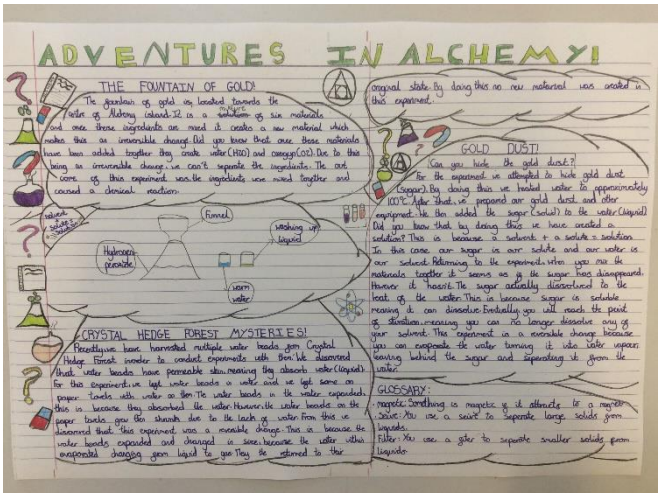
The year groups have also been working on column addition and subtraction in Maths- keep up the hard work everyone! They have been finding out the importance of neat layout and we have been reminding the pupils of this!

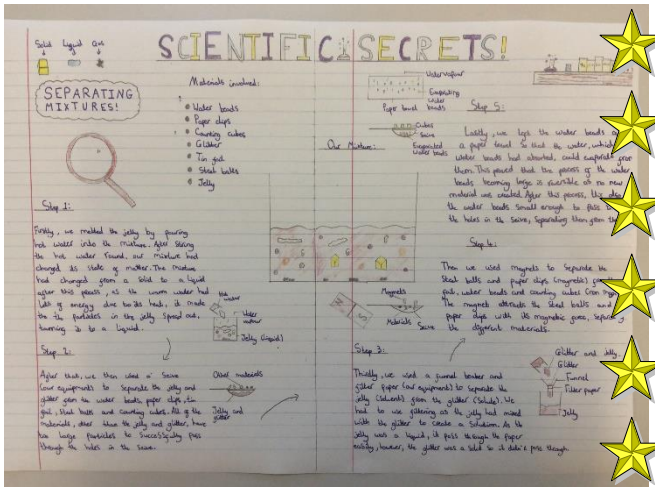
Our older children have also spent time this week doing paired reading with children in KS1!

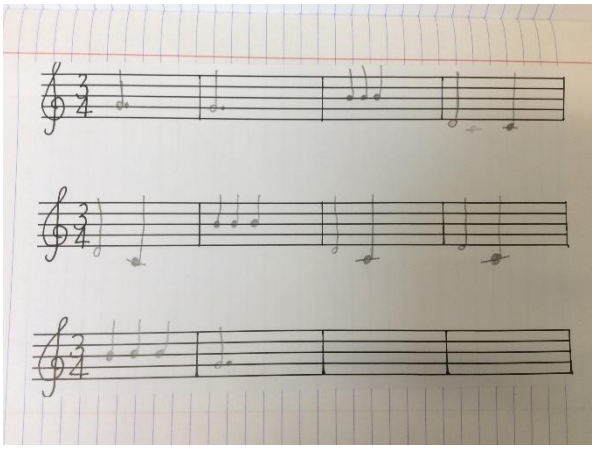


Year Five/Six

This week, Year Five/Six have been working hard on completing their Innovates - a detailed guide on how to separate mixtures. It is excellent to see lots of key scientific vocabulary included to demonstrate their learning. We have also been completing our music topic of rhythm and notation by composing tunes, writing them down and then performing on glockenspiels.







Well done also to Oscar B, Liviya A and Jamie for working hard to learn their spelling rules.

Roving reporter…

This week's Roving Reporter has asked what people liked about their Innovate this week. The Innovates have been really varied and everyone seems to have liked something different. The name of the Year Three and Four Innovate is 'Pharaoh Tombs'. Thomas said he loved the creativity of the week and Daisy said she liked making things too. Callum had fun writing because he said there was so much to explain to people who may not know the subject as well as Year Three and Four now do. Year Five and Six Innovate saw them explaining how to separate a mixture using many different types of equipment. Phoebe loved drawing factual diagrams and Harry liked writing down his explanation of this. Year One and Two haven't done an Innovate but not to leave them out we asked what they would try to improve this term. Freya C said she has been improving her handwriting and trying to make it as neat as possible. Freya J said she has been helping around the classroom and Charlie said he has been trying to get better at maths and improve his skills in addition. It sounds like everyone has been working hard this half term!

HASA…

Thank you to HASA for providing refreshments and also selling pre-loved uniform at our Parents' Evenings this week.
I know they are also working hard with Treat Fridays too- thank you to all involved.

Diary dates coming up….

Tuesday 18th October @ 10.30am-12.00pm – Year One and Two church visit
Friday 21st October @ 2.00pm – KS1 Star Assembly (Doors open at 1.50pm). Please book online
Friday 21st October @ 2.45pm – KS2 Star Assembly (Doors open at 2.30pm). Please book online
Friday 21st October – Wear Red Day
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term (School Closed)

Please click on the link below to book:

https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Have a great weekend!

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