



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter/Blog

Friday 30th September 2022



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

There has definitely been a more Autumnal feel in the air this week as we move next week into October. As we start to see colder weather, please can I remind parents/carers to label coats, gloves, scarves and hats with your child's name so we can return any mislaid items to their rightful owners- thank you!

Thank you for supporting Macmillan Coffee morning today...

Thank you to our families for supporting the Macmillan Coffee morning today! Special thanks to our children for helping out.



We had a fantastic MacMillan coffee morning earlier today. Parents/Carers contributed some lovely cakes so thank you for your support. I think everyone who attended enjoyed time to sit and chat over coffee and cake whilst raising money for such a good cause. The Year 6 children helping to serve the cake were complimented on how polite and attentive they were - well done Pippa, Evie, Amelie, Libby, Emelia, Alexander, Ben, Olivia and Renee. We raised over £200 this morning and there will be more to follow as we sell the remaining cakes on the playground at pick-up.

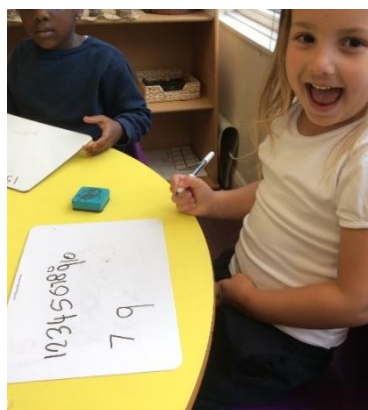
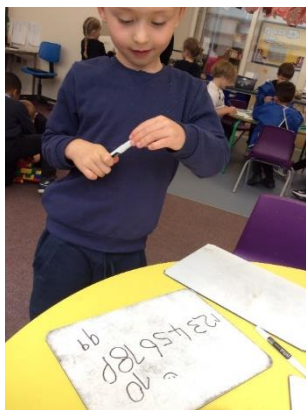


What have been our learning highlights this week?

Foundation- Acorns-

Update from Miss Little, EYFS Leader

We have had a big focus on letter and number formation this week and the children had so much fun forming their letters in the corn flour in the classroom and we've been using the large chalks to practise our letters and numbers too. Well done to Bella, Luna-Belle and Leo who have been working hard to form their numbers correctly in the maths area.



Well done everyone! Thank you to all the Foundation parents who also attended the workshop Miss Little ran about reading, phonics and maths- we are glad that so many parents found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please view the Powerpoint presentation on our website by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/page/?title=How+to+support+your+child%27s+learning%2C+including+reading+and+maths+at+home&pid=37>

Update from Mrs Goodger- Deputy Headteacher

I have been so impressed with Acorns this week. They have been very focused on their learning and I loved the learning that Mikey, Luna-Belle, Theo, Roman, D'Angelo, Leo and Oliver shared with me. They had worked so hard to create a car which they could all get in, which then turned into a school bus. They were so keen to keep learning in their school bus that they decided to create tables so that they could practice their letters and numbers on their way to school. They could talk about the features of the bus, the wheels and the steering wheel and even used their letter and number knowledge to write front and back number plates. It was fantastic - well done to all involved!

Year One and Two

Update from Mrs Wadson/Mrs Crawley- Year One/Two Leaders

We had lots of fun exploring different games Victorian children would have played. We made our own thaumatropes, played marbles and enjoyed seeing if we could use the spinning tops. We then went outside and played hoops and tried to roll our hoop, whilst keeping control of it.

We discussed the differences between Victorian games and those we play today and decided that some were different and some were the same. We discussed how we enjoy playing games like tag, hoops and pass the slipper and these are all games played in the Victorian times.

We explored what school dinners in the past would have been like! We made vegetable broth for our lunch and thought about whether we would have enjoyed this type of meal and whether it would have filled us up! We all agreed we prefer our lovely meals from the Ash Tree!



Reminder that next **Wednesday 5th October**, Year One/Two will be having a **Victorian Day!** They will be using their learning in this topic so far to role play life in a Victorian school. They can come to school dressed as a Victorian child if they wish, please see the letter sent home for more details!

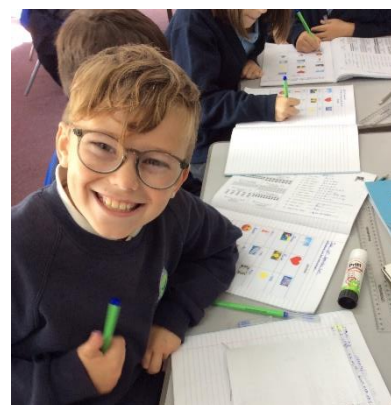
Chestnut Class Assembly will be on **Friday 7th October** at 2pm, doors open at 1.50pm. Parents of Chestnut class are all welcome, no need to book. This will be followed by our **KS1 Star Assembly** at 2.45pm with the doors open at 2.30pm. All Years 1 and 2 parents are welcome to attend. Please book online by clicking on the link below:

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

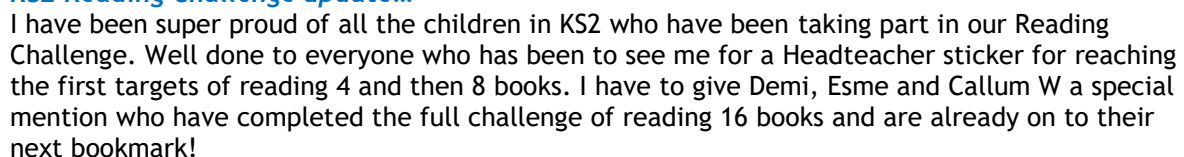
Year Three and Four

Update from Miss Raval, Year Three/Four Leader

Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed their topic lessons this week. They learnt the key symbols used in Ancient Egypt by playing a game of 'Where's Wally' to find the symbol and explaining the meaning behind it to their talk partner. As well as this, they listened to voice recordings from citizens in Egypt about each Pharaoh. Following this, they explained what would make a successful Pharaoh through a wanted poster, paragraph or labelled drawing. Their Geography lesson this week also developed on their knowledge of Egypt where they made comparisons between the UK and Egypt's physical and human features. Finally, in English they wrote a set of instructions on how to mummify an orange, remembering all the skills they had learnt.



In Year 5/6 we have been continuing to write a descriptive piece in English. This week, we have been focusing on adding prepositions and fronted adverbials in order to vary our sentences. In PE, we have been working on pivoting in netball to increase our options when passing to someone in our team. In Geography, we have written out a route from school to surrounding villages using compass points and scales. Finally, in Science, we have continued to experiment with separating mixtures using magnetism, filtering, sieving and evaporation.



LIVING STREETS

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

WOW the **WALK TO SCHOOL** challenge

WALK THROUGH TIME
WALK TO SCHOOL, EARN BADGES, PROTECT THE PLANET

We are supporting the Living Streets Walk to School Challenge and starting with promoting Walk to School Month starting in October. Children who regularly walk to school every day will be able to collect badges and stickers- give it a go! This will include Walking Bus and also anyone who parks at Parish Hall and walks up to school.

HASA update...

Treat Friday is BACK with a TWIST...

In order to offer a more **Tongue Tingling, Mouth Watering & INSANELY DELECTABLE** variety of treats this year, we've decided to run Treat Fridays once a month on the **1st Friday of every month**. This gives us time to plan & stock each Treat Friday perfectly so that your children will not be able to resist the delights on offer!!



This terms Treat Fridays will be held on:

Friday 7th October

Friday 4th November

Friday 2nd December

Friday 16th December - Donut Day!

Also this term...

Parents Evening Meets Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

This year HASA will have a presence at Parent Evening's on both the 11th and 13th October.

Please come and find us to purchase fabulous pre-loved school uniform and whilst you're at it grab yourself some tasty refreshments.

Bag2School

A brilliant opportunity to get rid of all your unwanted clothes whilst raising money for our fabulous school. The collection date will be **Wednesday 30th November**, so please keep an eye out for bags and more information nearer the time.

Remember the more clothes you bag the more money we raise!

Personalised Christmas Cards

Everyone loves sending out Christmas cards designed, professionally printed with your child's own artwork....well here's your chance!

Keep an eye out for information about artwork submission dates and deadlines.

Christmas Festivities

Time to get creative at after school KS1 Christmas Craft Session - Date to be confirmed.

KS2 pupils get ready for some after school giggles as you watch a hilarious Christmas film - Tues 6th December.

HASA Christmas Raffle

Some really fabulous prizes on offer so it will be well worth taking part.

Raffle tickets will be going home in November ready for the tickets to be drawn & prizes given out on the 16th December.

Roving Reporter....

This week's Roving Reporter is asking children at High Ash what they do to help out at school. We got this from our new theme of 'Reach Out'. Starting in Year 1/2, Lulu said she has picked up books stationary in the library when she's walking through. Alby has been helping look after the planet as well as our school and has been picking up litter. Another helper from Year 1/2 is Felix, and he's been kind and has been holding the door open for people. Next to Year 3/4, Theo and Alana have been helping their teachers in lessons and on the playground by always doing the right thing. Like Felix, Bertie has been holding doors open and generally looking out for other people. Ruby, from Year 5/6, has been helping tidy her classroom and making sure there is no stationery on the floor. Last but not least, Amelie and Harrison have been trying to help everyone by signing up as a Library Leader and Reflection Leader.

Reminder re Parent Forum...

Just to remind parents that we have our next **Parent Forum next Wednesday at 9am and then repeated at 6pm**. Please come along as we will be sharing the school improvement priorities for this academic year as well as answering any whole school questions you may have! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over a cup of coffee and some biscuits! It would be appreciated if you could please confirm your attendance online by clicking on the following link:

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

Open Morning for prospective parents starting school September 2023...

If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2023, we are having our **Open Morning next Thursday 6th October**. To book in a tour and a chat with myself, please could you contact the office on office@highashschool.co.uk.

If you cannot make the date, please still contact us so we can find an alternative time to book you in! Children are also welcome to join so they can see the school themselves too.

Diary dates coming up...

Wednesday 5th October at 9am and repeated at 6pm - Parent Forum with Mrs Boyce

Thursday 6th October 9.30-12.30pm - Open Morning for new Foundation parents Sept 2023

Friday 7th October at 2.00pm, doors open at 1.50pm - Chestnut Class Assembly

Friday 7th October at 2.45pm, doors open at 2.30pm - KS1 Star Assembly

Think that is all for this week. Hope you have a good weekend and see you all Monday!

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