



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter/Blog

Friday 23rd September 2022



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Every week, I am always impressed with the fantastic learning going on around school and this week has been no exception!

[Here are our learning highlights...](#)

Foundation (Acorns)-

Here is the update from Miss Little, EYFS Leader

This week we have read the story 'What makes me a me?' and begun exploring what we look like. We have been using mirrors to look at our eye colour and hair colour and painting our self-portraits, thinking carefully about our colour choices to make them as realistic as possible. We also started our Phonics lessons this week and it has been fantastic to see the children in their play being so keen to show us they can remember the sounds that have been taught.



A special well done to Oliver who has been practising his counting and ordered the giant Numicon in the garden.

As Headteacher, I enjoyed talking to Cody about the potions he was making using ingredients he had picked from the garden and Luna-Belle shared with me her chalk drawings about flowers and bees!

Year One and Two

Update from Mrs Crawley/Mrs Wadeson (Year Group Leaders)

This week, the children have been looking at Victorian life and discipline, specifically how sanctions worked in Victorian schools. In groups of three, they discussed whether they thought using these items for punishment was fair or not and then shared their ideas as a whole class.

"I don't think the log on their shoulders was very fair because it could've caused them a serious injury."

"I don't think punishment was fair because it would've hurt them."

"I don't think punishments were fair because some punishments could've seriously injured the child which isn't needed if they were just chatting."

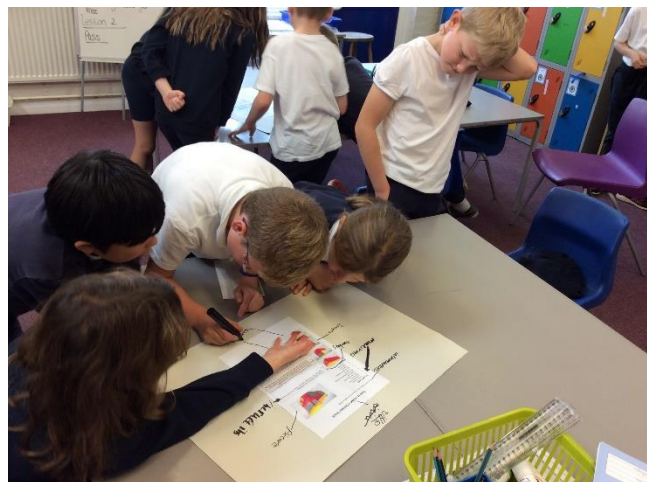
Thankfully, they all agreed that they wouldn't want to go to school in Victorian times and they love life at High Ash and having rewards instead!



Year Three and Four

Update from Miss Raval, Year Three/Four Leader

In English, we have been developing our understanding of instruction texts by working collaboratively to unpick their features and understand the purpose of each feature. We even created our own jam sandwiches to help us write an information text as a class. In PE this week, we enjoyed learning how to pass the ball in hockey and tennis and understood how to intercept a pass through a game of piggy in the middle. Our topic work was a real highlight this week as we used a diamond 9 to order the features of a successful Pharaoh.



Spellings: Please also check the email from the teachers this week re spellings and how spelling rules are taught in Year Three/ Four. This progression document can also be found on our website using this link:

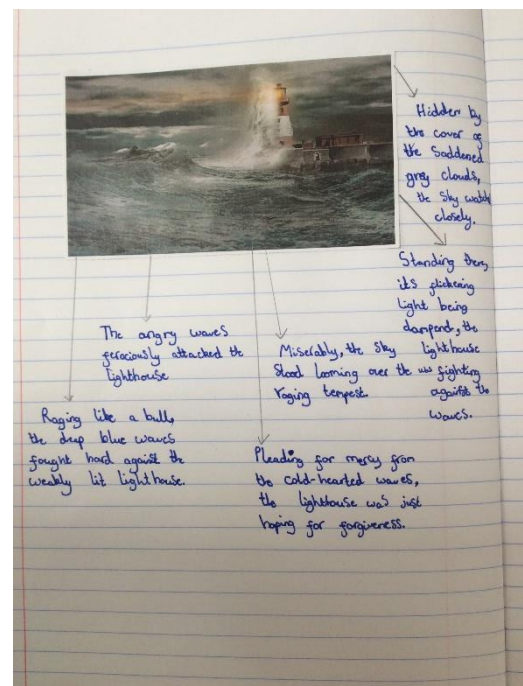
<https://www.highhashschool.co.uk/page/?title=KS2+Spellings&pid=511>

Finally, well done to Uma who came to share with me her amazing writing and earned herself a Headteacher sticker.

Year Five and Six

Here is the update from Mrs Weatherall, Year Five/Six Leader...

In Geography this week, Year Five/Six have been using compasses to plot a route around school. In English, we have been focusing on using figurative language, including some personification. In Science, we witnessed the 'Fountain of Gold' experiment which was an irreversible chemical reaction of yeast, water and hydrogen peroxide.



Special mention to Tatiana, Alfie, Emilia and Renee for their amazing writing and descriptions. They all deserved their Gold Stars and a Headteacher sticker from me! In Maths, Roseanna and Gianna impressed me with their work on rounding.

Healthy lunches reminder...

Please can we remind parents to ensure lunch boxes contain healthy items. We have seen more children bringing in bags of sweets and large chocolate bars. We appreciate a little treat is part of a balanced diet, yet please can we ask for your support in ensuring this is only a small treat in an otherwise healthy lunch. Please also note that **we are a NUT FREE school**, so please do not send your child to school with any products that may contain nuts. thank you!

Head lice check and treatment...

We are aware that some pupils may have head lice and we would just encourage parents to check your child's hair and treat immediately to curb any spread. Please see this useful NHS link below if you need guidance and advice on how to treat this.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Roving Reporter...

Eliza and I have been remembering our late Queen Elizabeth this week and talking to people about their memories of the Queen. Millie in Year 1/2 said she remembered how much the Queen welcomed people to this country and supported those people who helped look after our country. Mabel thought about how the Queen seemed to try and look after the wider world and Ezme remembered that she seemed to be very kind and enjoyed giving gifts to people. From KS2, Darcey, Demi and Theo all remembered her legendary Christmas speeches and how she really nurtured this Country over so many years. Alisha really liked the Queen because she always seemed so joyful, whether in public and private. Finally, Ben and Emilia both said they thought the Platinum Jubilee was a lovely memory of the Queen - maybe that will always be a unique memory of Queen Elizabeth and something we will never see again.

Macmillan Coffee Morning... Friday 30th September

In our Reflections this term, our theme is 'Reach Out!' as we continue to look at ways to let our light shine both inside and outside of school. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Harvest and also thinking about how we can support this.

Our first idea is to once again support the MacMillan Coffee Morning, which is next Friday 30th September.

To support this, we would love to ask parents to donate cakes and then come in and have a cake and coffee in the hall straight after drop off next Friday morning from 8:50am-10am. Some of our older children will be on hand to serve tea and coffee too.

If you would like to donate cakes, **please could you bring them into school on Thursday 29th September**- thank you! (Once again, please remember we are a nut free school!)

Diary dates coming up...

Wednesday 28th September at 9am and repeated at 6pm - Foundation Parents Reading/Maths and Curriculum Information sessions. Please book online <https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
Friday 30th September at 2.45pm (doors open at 2.30pm) - KS2 Star Assembly. Please book online via the same link above.

Friday 30th September at 8.50-10.00am - Macmillan Coffee Morning (all welcome)

Have a great weekend and see you all Monday!

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