



High Ash CE School
★ Weekly Newsletter / Blog ★
Friday 10th February 2023
'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Can you believe it's half term already! What a half term we have had. It has been lovely to see how the children gained more knowledge through their topics. There have definitely been some exciting lessons and this week I have been very impressed with the innovates the children have been completing showcasing and applying the knowledge they have gained over the half term.

Reading Breakfast...

On **Tuesday 21st February** we will be holding our second Reading Breakfast of the year! Join us for pancakes and reading from **8.15am** and enjoy a spot of quiet time before the day begins. If you have not yet booked your places, please book online by clicking on the link below:

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

World Book Day...

On **Thursday 2nd March** we will be celebrating World Book Day! The children are welcome to come dressed as characters from their favourite books or wear their hair in the style of a character if they wish. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in different reading activities and we would like to ask the children in Foundation and Key Stage One to bring in their favourite stories to share with us! The children will all be bringing home a £1 book token on the day too!

Comic Relief...

On **Friday 17th March** it is 'Red Nose Day'. We would like to support this charity by inviting the children to come to school wearing their Red Noses for a £1 donation. The children will be asked to remove the Red Noses during lessons yet are welcome to wear them at playtime and lunchtime. Classes will take a photo of their class (if the children have permission) when they arrive in the morning so we can share them on the newsletter.

Red noses are being sold through Amazon this year so you may need to order early so you have them in time!

Learning highlights this week...

There has been super learning in class, here are some of the highlights.

Acorns -

I have seen some great work from Frances who had drawn a fabulous story map and Leo who had done some great writing telling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

This week, Acorns have been using their knowledge from the Traditional tales we have explored to make their own stories. We turned our home corner into a magic story shop. We had fun putting different characters and objects in a cauldron then we mixed them up using our magic reader wands and then told our story. We also became illustrators and designed our own front covers for a traditional tale. We have enjoyed watching our beans starting to grow. We were very excited to

notice some shoots coming out of the beans. Acorns were given the challenge to build shapes using spaghetti and marshmallows. They had great fun and also managed to complete the task. The children have also been busy practicing for their assembly which they performed to you today.
Mrs Webb

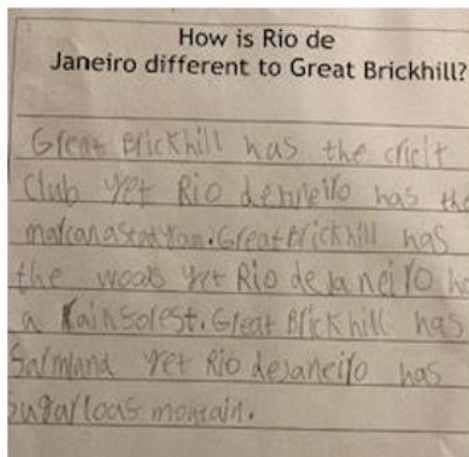


Year One and Two-

I have seen some super writing capturing all the children's knowledge about Rio. Sophia M, William, Charlie C, Jack S, Elodie and Harrison have done some superb writing - well done!

This week we have been completing our innovates, showcasing all our knowledge on the seven continents and five oceans. The children created their own maps, independently placing the continents on and labelling them and the oceans. The children then wrote their own 'did you know?' facts, as well as a comparison of Rio and Great Brickhill. It was fantastic to see how much they had learnt and also how they were able to use our star words such as climate, season, continent and ocean. Next term our topic is Land Ahoy! Children can come dressed as a pirate on Monday 20th February for our Hook Day!

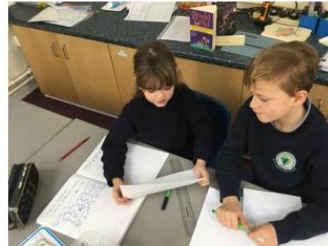
Mrs Wadeson



Year Three and Four-

Year Three and Four have been busy with their innovates this week. They have planned their own investigation to show a change of state by using their knowledge from the term. Once planning their investigation, another group made a prediction and evaluated the write up and suggested changes. Finally, they wrote their investigations up for Neville to put back into his potions book. In English, the children have been planning the last 4 chapters of George's Marvellous Medicine through a storyboard. They then shared their story with their shoulder partner to internalise it before writing it.

Miss Raval



Year Five and Six-

This week Year Five and Six have been working on their final Innovate presentations. We have created slideshows of our knowledge and we presented it to children in Year Three and Four on Friday morning. We have also been developing our sewing skills and have created bookmarks. In Geography, we learnt that Great Brickhill was once under water which is why we have sandy soil. In English we have published our newspaper reports using our chromebooks. Mrs Weatherall's maths group have worked hard this week on both solving and creating time problems.

Mrs Weatherall





Reflections this week...

In Reflections this week we have decided to take action and start planning our fundraising with HASA. We would like to improve playtimes by purchasing some new equipment such as an outdoor foosball table, new bats and balls for table tennis, new picnic benches, a hut, playground games equipment and maybe some recycling bins. We would like to get the children involved in raising the money so that they can see how hard it can be to buy something you want which hopefully in turn will mean that the children treat the new purchases with respect. I constantly authorise orders for new equipment at playtime yet disappointingly these new resources such as balls, Frisbees, skipping ropes get lost, mistreated and are often broken within a week. In the disposable society we live in children believe that it is no problem to replace the equipment immediately. Sadly, we do not have the funds to keep doing this so by involving the children in the fundraising - I am hoping that they will feel a sense of achievement which in turn will help them respect the equipment. We need to raise about £4000. To do this we are being supported by HASA to run class bake stalls once a month, the other weeks HASA will be doing their usual treat stall.

The dates for the Class Bake stalls are:

- Friday 24th February - Year 5 and 6
- Friday 24th March - Year 3 and 4
- Friday 28th April - Cedar and Cherry
- Thursday 25th May - Chestnut and Acorns

We would like to ask you all to provide some treats to be sold on the day that is allocated to your Class/Year group. If everyone could provide 12 cakes/portions than this would mean everyone in the school (and siblings) would be able to purchase a treat.

A message from HASA...

HASA are REALLY excited to be supporting each of the year groups to sell their delicious baked goods over the coming few months. What a fabulous opportunity for the children to be involved in, raising lots of money for some very much needed and exciting outdoor equipment. On the four dates mentioned, members of HASA will be on hand to help the children with selling their delicious cakes and biscuits and to help you part with your hard-earned cash for a great cause!

Have a fantastic break and we look forward to bringing you lots of exciting fundraising events next half term.

Best wishes
HASA

Reminder about not using mobile phones on school property...

We have always asked parents/carers not to use their mobile phone on school property. We did this for safeguarding reasons - to ensure nobody can take photos of children without permission nor share photos on social media. I recognise however, as busy working parents you may be juggling attending Star Assembly or school pick-up for example in between work commitments. This is just the way our lives have changed, particularly since Covid.

I would ask that if you have needed to use your phone whilst waiting for Star Assembly to begin, or waiting for the children to come out to the playground at the end of the day, that you put your phone away as soon as the children come into the hall or the first children come out to the playground with their teacher. This supports our Safeguarding Policy to prevent any unauthorised photographs of children, and obviously means you can give your undivided attention to your children. As before, we cannot allow any photographs to be taken, so even if your phone is your hand, please don't be tempted to take a photo if your son/daughter is lucky enough to receive a star award.

I am trying to be pragmatic and take account of the needs of parents but the children always come first. Put simply, we are asking you not to use your phone when there are children around. If we find parents persistently using their phone during assembly or other occasions when there are children present, then we will again have to stop phones being used at all.

Finally, our Roving Reporters Lottie and Eliza!

This week in Roving reporter we have asked students what their favorite part of their topic was. Year One/Two have been looking at Rio de Janeiro. Sophie said that her favourite part of the topic was decorating the mask because it was really fun and she could be extremely creative. Year One/Two got to wear their masks and their carnival. Olivia said that she loved learning about Copacabana beach because she thought it was a really pretty beach. Finally, Rocco told us that he enjoyed looking at pictures of Maracana stadium and learning about the building and what happens there. Jumping over to Year Three/Four they have been looking at potions. Mylo said that he really enjoyed making chocolate frogs and Jacob said that his favourite part of the topic was the Innovate because he liked gathering up all his learning and making it into one big presentation. Bethany told us that she found the different states of matter interesting because of what they form and what they are. From Year Five/Six, Sophie told us that she found using the new Chrome books the most interesting because of how she could really interact with the work that we had to do. Jacob found the Innovate the most exciting because he got to express everything he had learnt using the Chrome Brooks. Finally, from Year Five/Six, Eliza thought that all of the work was amazing but specifically enjoyed the topic lessons when she used Tinkercad (a 3-D modelling programme). We're all looking forward to our new topics next half-term and Year Five/Six are especially looking forward to hosting the first of the Bake Sales to fundraise for new outdoor equipment.

Here are some diary dates to look forward to as well....

- Monday 20th February - Year One & Two Hook Day 'Ahoy Mateys' - Pirates for the day
- Tuesday 21st February - Reading Breakfast @ 8.15am
- Wednesday 22nd February - Year 6 Football Fixture v St. Michaels (Home game) @ 3.45pm
- Thursday 23rd February - Year Three & Four Hook Day 'Ancient Greek Gods & Goddesses'
- Friday 24th February - Foundation & KS1 Star Assembly @ 2.45pm. Parents Welcome
- Friday 24th February - Year Five & Six Class Bake Stalls

Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you on 20th February. Mrs Lewin (the new Headteacher) will be visiting for the day on 20th.

Kate Goodger

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