



High Ash CE School  
★ Weekly Newsletter / Blog ★  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023  
*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



*Grow Together Shine Forever*

To all our families,

What a week we have had. The children have had some fantastic learning opportunities this week - I have seen the Giant's boots hanging from the top of the beanstalk in Acorns - the children were very excited to tell me all about the story! In Year 1 and 2, the children have been so creative with their very effective pop-art pictures of Rio. On Wednesday, Key Stage 2 had a brilliant day doing six different activities, Chinese New Year water colours, Morse code with Commando Pete, solving a Murder Maths Mystery with Mrs Burrows, PE with Joe and myself, composing and writing their own lyrics with Mrs Gray and Stop Motion Animations with Mr Mace. It was an exhausting day and that was just for the staff!

#### ***Reading Breakfast...***

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Please book online by clicking on the link below:

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

**Online booking will go live from 8pm tonight. Places are limited, so please do not delay booking. We hope to see you there!**

#### ***Parents' Evening...***

We are looking forward to meeting you all at our **Parents' Evening appointments next week, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. If you cannot remember the time you have booked to meet with your child's English and Maths teachers, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### ***Hello from HASA..***

HASA are full of plans for the coming months, so please watch out for more details on Easter & Spring / Summer fun after half term.

For this half term we will have **pre-loved uniform available again at next week's parents' evening sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please feel free to come and have a look in the school hall as we have tonnes of really well taken care of uniform which will save you huge amounts of money. Items ranging from £3 as a maximum. Cash and card payments are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you next week!

#### ***Learning highlights this week....***

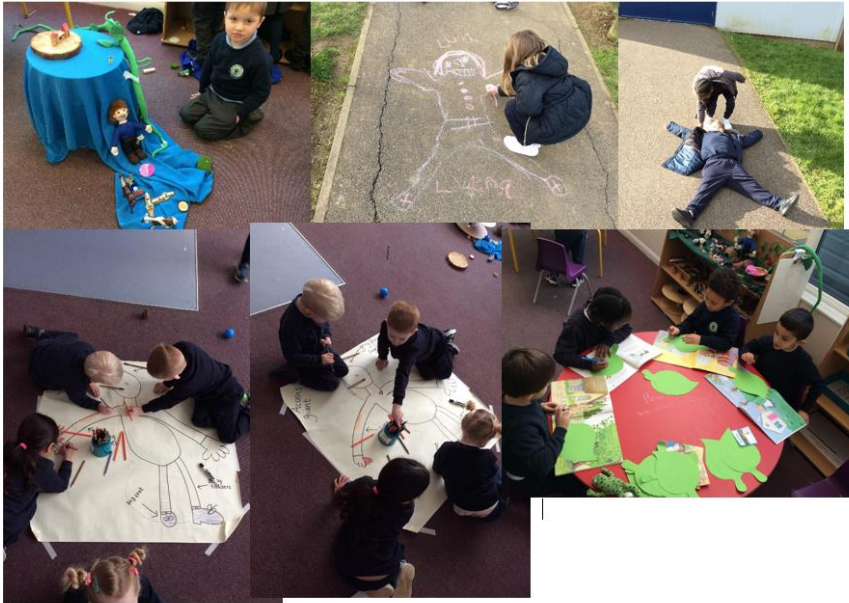
There has been super learning in class, here are some of the highlights.

#### **Foundation- (Acorns)-**

This week Acorns enjoyed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, we listened to many versions of the story and talked about the different story openers and endings. This made us think about what different story openers we could think of and write. They were very creative. The children also had great fun drawing their own giant, we talked about what features it could have; would it have a beard, glasses, big teeth? This led the children into drawing a life size giant. They then went

outside in pairs and drew around each other and created their own giants by adding in features they might have. Acorns have also been practicing their assembly ready for next Friday, please can you help them with their words that went home yesterday. The children can't wait to show you all what they have been learning this term.

Mrs Webb



Year One and Two-

This week we have been writing comparisons between Rio and Great Brickhill. We thought about landmarks, landscape, climate and location and compared these in each location. We then used this knowledge in English to help us plan a travel guide all about Rio!

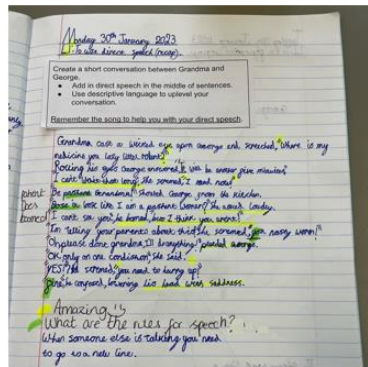
We have also been putting our colour mixing skills to use and created our own Rio 'pop art' picture, which was inspired by the Brazilian artist 'Lobo'. We used the primary colours to make secondary and tertiary colours and painted patterns around the iconic landmarks of Rio.

Mrs Wadeson



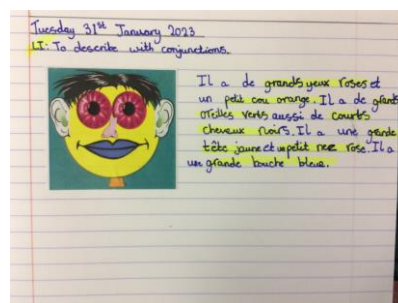
Year Three and Four-

This week in Year Three and Four, the children have conducted our final experiment ready for their innovate work next week. They have looked at the viscosity of different liquids, predicting which one would have the least viscosity and which would have the most based on our knowledge of viscosity. The children had to pour thick gravy, cornflour and water into a beaker and time how quickly the liquid reached 50ml on their beaker. This then informed which liquid was the most viscous and why. In English, the children recapped their knowledge of direct speech, similes and metaphors. They then wrote a descriptive paragraph to describe a potion that they had designed, focusing on ambitious vocabulary and a short conversation between Grandma and George. Miss Raval



Year Five and Six-

Fleur, Eliza and Elliot have written some super suspense writing. They had thought really carefully about vocabulary choices and the affect these would have on the reader - well done! This week, Years Five and Six have continued to develop our skills in gymnastics by combining jumping, balancing and travelling into a routine using a variety of equipment. In Maths, Miss Whitehead's group have worked hard on converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. In Computing we have designed a desk tidy by duplicating hollowed out shapes and altering size and colour. In French we have been writing sentences using adjectives and conjunctions. Mrs Weatherall





*Reflections this week...*

This week our key question of ‘How do we show kindness when it is not popular?’ We also discussed this quote from Bob Kerry; unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change. Through class discussions the classes have created posters and role plays to answer the key question.

*Finally, our Roving Reporters Lottie and Eliza!*

This week in Roving Reporter, we have asked pupils about their thoughts on the activities we took part in on Wednesday. In Year Three/Four, Maeve enjoyed computing in which we animated a character to make a moving sideshow. In art, we thought about Chinese New year and painted the animal for the year we were born. Mylo really liked painting and drawing his animal. Roman enjoyed commando Pete because he got to build the tallest free standing radio tower (or pretend tower made from buckets, cones and garden canes). We were following the journey of a world renowned spy in WWII. Now moving on to Year Five/Six, Roseanna also loved art and the freedom she was given to express her animal in different ways.

Mrs Goodger bravely took on six Joe Wickes workouts, one for each group. Angelina and Harrison really enjoyed PE as they felt refreshed (but tired) afterwards. Thomas and Toby chose Commando Pete as their favourite activity because of its fun structure and team building skills. We think it was a really fun day and the teachers worked so hard to produce the activities for us.

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Parents’ Evening from 3.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Parents’ Evening from 5.00-7.30pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Acorns Class Assembly @ 2.00pm, doors open at 1.50pm. Parents Welcome - no need to book

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - KS2 Star Assembly @ 2.45pm, doors open at 2.30pm. Parents Welcome - please book online by clicking on the following Link: <https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - HALF TERM**

Have a good weekend!

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