



High Ash CE School
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'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have had another busy week this week. I am extremely proud of our choir who went to Birmingham to participate in the Young Voices Concert on Monday - they were fantastic ambassadors for our school. We have also had nine of our Year Five and Six girls participate in a Football Tournament at The Cottesloe School - the girls had great fun and really enjoyed the experience. I have to thank the staff who gave up their time to ensure these opportunities were offered to our children.

Report from the Girls Football Tournament...

On 11th January, nine girls from High Ash School travelled to The Cottesloe School to compete in a Football tournament. We played Overstone and we won 3-0 with Blythe scoring a hat trick. Next, we played our rivals St Michaels, Group C and we drew 1-1 with Phoebe scoring a goal. After, we played St Michaels, Group A, we won 2-0 with Lottie scoring a banger. Penultimately, we played St Michaels, Group B and drew 0-0. Finally, we played Bierton and won 1-0 with Blythe scoring her 4th goal. We received great motivation from our captain (Isabella). We played really well and ended up coming second place out of eight schools. We returned to school with smiles on our faces and medals.

By Isabella, Renee and Blythe.



Report from our choir...

Last year I went to Young Voices and had a magical time but this year I had so much fun that I think it was better than last year.

We left school at 10:30am, chatted and played games on the coach, soon we were in Birmingham. After lunch, we headed to the arena and soon started rehearsing with the amazing band. We kept trying to start Mexican Waves - but they never got all the way round! We loved singing 'Message' and 'The Trolls Medley.' The BeatBox Collective performed, we loved learning some sounds with them that we then performed for the audience.

After tea, we watched as the parents arrive - we realised how big the choir was - 6,554 children singing! The sound it made filled up the arena! I loved every second of Young Voices.

I wish I could go again next year.

By Iris M



Play Leaders...

I am so very proud of our Play Leaders - they have started leading lunchtime activities with Foundation, Key stage One and Year Three and Four children. They have been super leaders and ran some fantastic activities which the children have really enjoyed. Here are a few photos of some of our leaders.



Learning highlights this week...

Please read on to see what has been happening in class this week.

Foundation- (Acorns)-

Acorns have had an exciting week learning about the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. There has definitely been a buzz around the room and a mixture of emotions. On Monday, we learnt the story by retelling it through a story map and then with great excitement we made our Gingerbread Men on Tuesday. On Wednesday, our Gingerbread Men escaped! The children were so engrossed with what had happened that they created wanted and lost posters that they put around the school. They interviewed teachers to see if they had seen them and of course followed the crumbs left behind by the Gingerbread Men to see if they could find them. On Thursday they still hadn't appeared so we built traps. Hopefully the Gingerbread Men will have returned by the end of the week so that they can decorate them.



Year One and Two-

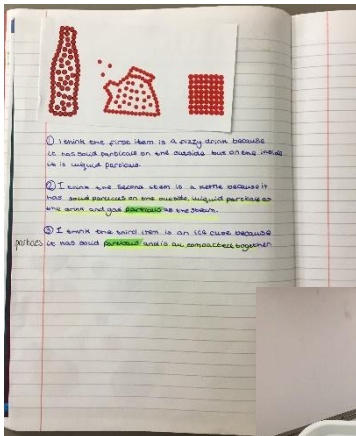
This week the children enjoyed a Samba lesson, where we learnt some steps and recreated the atmosphere of a carnival. The children really enjoyed the workshop and it gave them a real sense of what the Rio Carnival would be like.

We have been learning about the seven continents and five oceans of the world. The children learnt a song to help them remember the continents and took part in different oracy activities to gain a better understanding of the oceans. The children created their own world maps where they labelled the oceans and continents and wrote facts they had learnt.



Year Three and Four-

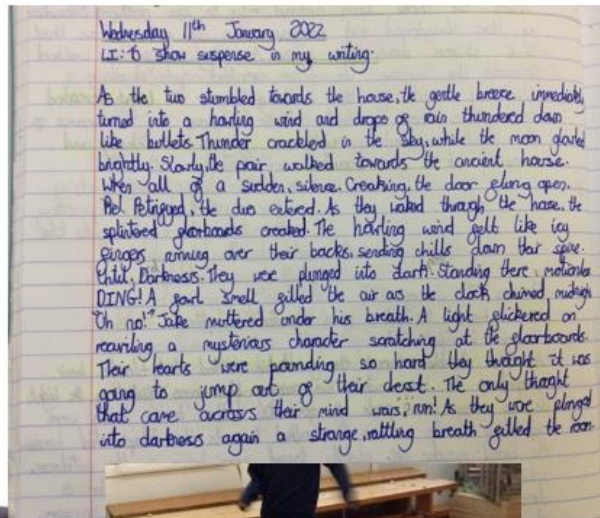
Year Three and Four have had a busy yet enjoyable first week back. During their Science lessons they have understood the different states of matter; solids, liquids and gases. They became confident with the definitions of the states of matter by acting out the different particles. As well as this, they enjoyed inferring what object was being shown by studying the particles and explaining why it would be a certain object. One activity they found thoroughly interesting this week was feeling different balloons and identifying which state of matter was in the balloon and why using scientific vocabulary. In English, they started learning about biographies and understood the difference between that and an autobiography. They developed their understanding of this text type by reading a range of celebrity biographies which had the name blacked out. Using their existing knowledge, they tried to guess which celebrity the biography belonged to.



Year Five and Six-

I was very impressed with Laurence, Alby, Isobel and Ralph who have done some really detailed ID identification keys using features of the other children in the class. Also Harry has written the most amazing piece of writing which has lots of suspense and keeps the reader hanging, wanting to know more - well done!

This week, Year Five and Six have been using the chromebooks to learn about data handling, from creating tables to converting them to charts to assist our topic ID. Also in Computing we have been looking at 3D modelling and how to manipulate 3D shapes on computer software. In Geography, we have been creating sketch maps of the areas in which we live. In PE, we have begun our gymnastics topic focusing on methods of travel and transitions. Finally, in English, we have been developing our skills of writing suspense stories and creating a tense atmosphere through our detailed descriptions.





Parent Forum...

I will be holding a **Parent Forum at 9am on Wednesday 18th January and again at 6pm via Zoom.** On the agenda this time is homework - I would like to gather your views on what your expectations are and what you feel is manageable as this is a discussion the staff have as we feel that perhaps it is time to review our homework policy as many children are not completing it. If you would like to join me, please register your attendance by clicking on the link below to submit your Google form by Monday 16th January:

<https://forms.gle/hxmfX56xzz7MYK7X7>

Finally, a New Year look ahead from the children interviewed by Lottie and Eliza, our Roving Reporters!

It may only be the first full week back at school but there has already been two trips out this week. On Monday, members of the choir went to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to sing in the Young Voices concert. There were over 6,000 other children singing in the concert. Tom and Liviya thought it was a great experience and lots of fun and Ruby thought it was a very exciting day and the concert had an amazing atmosphere. Alby was astonished by the whole experience as it was all new for him. Fleur enjoyed the concert because she saw a number of famous people and groups perform on stage and George thought it was an experience he'd remember for the rest of his life.

On Wednesday a group of nine girls from Year Five and Six were lucky enough to attend a girls Football Tournament at The Cottesloe school and we came second. Cerys thought it was a phenomenal experience, Sophie M really enjoyed it too and hopes she can do it again next year, and Lottie (...me!) thought it was great to learn to some new skills and play as a team. I think all those who attended Young Voices or the Football Tournament are really thankful that we can attend these extra activities.

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

Wednesday 18th January - Parent Forum @ 9am and repeated at 6pm via Zoom

Friday 20th January - Cherry Class Assembly @ 2.00pm, doors open at 1.50pm (Parents welcome, no need to book)

Friday 20th January - Foundation and KS1 Star Assembly @ 2.45pm, doors open at 2.30pm (Parents welcome. Please book online, <https://highash.schoolcloud.co.uk/>)

Have a good weekend!

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