



High Ash CE School  
★ Weekly Newsletter / Blog ★  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. This term we continue to support the children to make the best progress in their learning along with making learning fun and relevant to them. We have our STEM week to look forward to just before Easter: this year's theme is 'Planet Earth'. We are also focusing on pupil mental health and wellbeing. Today we have had 20 Year Six volunteers trained to be our new Play Leaders, who will be running activities at lunchtime for Foundation, Key Stage One and Years Three and Four children. We are very proud of the children who have volunteered for this role and wish them the best of luck leading games and activities at lunchtimes.

### **Termly Attainment Card...**

As you know, every term we update you on your child's attainment through a mix of Parents' Evenings and also our termly attainment report card which is sent home.

You will therefore receive your child's attainment card today. This will come home with your child and is a slip of paper showing their current reading, writing and maths attainment levels.

You will then have Parents' Evening with your child's Maths and English teacher w/c 6<sup>th</sup> February. Further information will follow in due course on how to book your Parents' Evening appointments.

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

Even though we have only had a two-day week, there has still been plenty of learning going on!

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

*It has been lovely getting to know the children. They have been eager to show me what they have learnt already in Maths by writing their numbers and sequencing their numerals in order. Within our provision the children have also been drawing pictures of what they received for Christmas or have used their phonics knowledge to write about what they have got or done over the Christmas holidays.*

*Mrs Webb*



Year One and Two-

Year One and Two had a fantastic start to the term, samba dancing, colour mixing and creating their own carnival masks. We started by looking at where in the world Rio is and looked at images from the famous carnival. The children enjoyed learning some samba moves and we took part in our own carnival parade using the steps we had learnt. We then looked at colour mixing and how the primary colours were mixed to make secondary colours and some children even had a go at making tertiary colours. We used our knowledge of colour mixing to make our own Brazilian flag.

We finished the day by making our own Rio carnival masks. Unfortunately, we did not have our samba workshop due to the trainer not being able to get to us because of the train strikes, so the children will be taking part in the workshop next Wednesday instead.

Please could all Year One and Two children come to school in their PE kits on Wednesday 11th January.

Mrs Wadson



Year Three and Four-

Year Three and Four thoroughly enjoyed their Hook Day to immerse themselves into their new topic of 'Potions'. They began their day by discovering which 'Potion House' they belonged to by randomly picking a table and pouring water into a cup and seeing what colour the liquid turned. The colour of the liquid represented the house they were going to belong to for the day. Following this, the children rotated through a carousel of experiments which they found both interesting and extremely fun. In PSHE, the children looked at their dreams after looking at how Michael Jordan achieved his success, focusing on the determination and perseverance that he used to meet his end goal.

Miss Raval



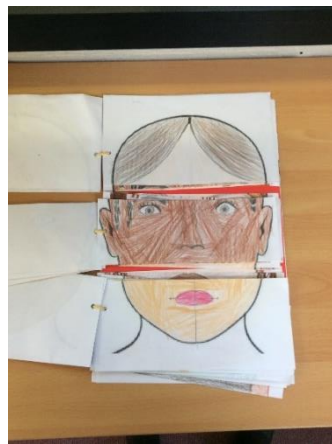




Year Five and Six-

*Year Five and Six have kicked off the new term with our Hook Day for our new topic 'ID'. We have learnt all about the features that make up our identity. We collected data from each other by measuring different things from our arm span to our foot size. We then collated these on a spreadsheet. We completed some drawings of faces paying close attention to the distance our lips are from our nose and where our eyes sit on our face in relation to our ears. Finally, we played and created our own versions of Guess Who using yes/no questions about people's identity to find the mystery card.*

Mrs Weatherall



### ***'Commando Joe' this term...***

This term, Commando Pete will be working with Year Three and Four children on Missions following the hero **Nellie Bly** who was widely known for her record-breaking trip around the world in 72 days. Children will complete missions which will test their characters skills of Resilience, Empathy, Self-Aware, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Team work (R.E.S.P.E.C.T).

Year Five and Six will be completing missions following in the footsteps of the hero **Harriet Tubman**. Harriet Tubman was born into slavery and grew up working in the cotton fields in Maryland, America. After fleeing, she returned to Maryland reportedly rescuing more than 70 enslaved people. Later becoming a spy during the Civil War. Leaving no person behind, children will work together as a team, showing resilience and good communication throughout the top-secret missions.

### ***Reflections this half term...***

This half term we are using the parable 'The Good Samaritan' to help us with our campaign to be a Good Samaritan ourselves. We will be looking at what makes a Good Samaritan and answering questions such as: How do we put things right when they go wrong? How do we show kindness when it's not popular? How do we show love to those who might not be our friends?

### ***Parent Forum...***

I will be holding a Parent Forum at 9am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and again at 6pm via Zoom. If you would like to join me, please register your attendance at by completing a short Google form. Please click on the link below to submit your Google form by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January:

<https://forms.gle/hxmfX56xzz7MYK7X7>

### ***Star Assemblies...***

We start this term off with our KS2 Star Assembly next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm with the doors opening at 2.30pm. If you wish to attend, please remember to book by clicking the link below by 10am Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January:

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

### ***Active in the Community...***

From January, Active in the Community (AIRC) are launching a number of sports sessions across Aylesbury and Wendover for children aged 5-16. The aim of these sessions is to encourage children and young people to become more physically active. All the sessions are low-cost and offer an alternative to club affiliated sport.

There is a wide range of sports, such as basketball, tennis and even 'Fight Klub!' Take a look at the website to find out more information about the sessions including location and cost.

<https://www.activeinthecommunity.org.uk/children-and-young-people/>

Children & Young People Programme  
New sessions Launching in 2023.  
For children aged 5-16 years

- Multisports & Games**  
Different sports & games to gain confidence and learn a range of skills
- Basketball**  
Exciting session combining individual skills & drills, and team games
- Handball**  
Get involved in one of the most popular sports you've never played before
- Fight Klub**  
A fusion of boxing, kick boxing & Thai boxing with great music to work to
- Tennis**  
Learn about the fast paced and highly competitive world of Tennis
- Netball**  
Learn how to play one of the fastest growing sports in a friendly environment
- Badminton**  
Play the fastest racquet sport in the world at your own pace whilst learning the game
- Football**  
Make new friends whilst learning new skills and having fun

All abilities welcome. Online booking required.  
Keep up to date by subscribing to our website.  
For more details contact:  
07939350052

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

This week Roving Reporter has been thinking about New Year Resolutions. Starting in Year One and Two, Lisa's New Year's resolution is to help her mum and be more supportive at home. Niamh's resolution is to take care of her brother and Charlie's is to help more at home, especially by doing the dishes. From Year Three and Four, Alayna's resolution is to start growing her own vegetables in the garden and Harry is thinking about others and his resolution is to help other people become more confident if they feel a bit shy. Riley's resolution relates to school and he is going to try and keep the playground tidy and be respectful at school. Finally from Year Five and Six, Isabelle wants to help more in the classroom and Elliot's resolution is to be a great role model, at home and at school.

Let's hope everyone sticks to their New Year's resolutions!

*Here are some diary dates to look forward to for the next two weeks...*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Year One and Two Carnival Dance Workshop

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January - KS2 Star Assembly @ 2.45pm, doors open at 2.30pm -  
(parents welcome, please book online)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Parent Forum with Mrs Goodger at 9am in the hall and repeated at 6pm via Zoom - (Please submit a Google form if you wish to attend)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Cherry Class Assembly at 2.00pm, doors open at 1.50pm -  
(parents welcome, no need to book)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Foundation & KS2 Star assembly at 2.45pm, doors opening at 2.30pm -  
(parents welcome to book online)

Have a good weekend!

*Kate Goodger*

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