



# High Ash CE School

## Weekly Newsletter/Blog

### Friday 12th November 2021



*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Thank you to all the parents who have completed our Parent Survey - the closing date is today, so there is still time to fill it in if not yet completed as we do value your feedback.

### **Christmas Events COVID letter....**

I am hoping that you have all received and been able to read the Christmas Events COVID update so that you can plan ahead and are also aware of our contingency plans. If you have not seen this letter, then it can also be found on our website at the link below:

<https://www.highashschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=3479&type=pdf>

### **HASA Christmas Card orders....**

Staying on the subject of Christmas, you will have also had an email about ordering Christmas cards if your child has designed one. If you have any questions about how to order, then please let the office know so they can contact HASA.

### **Reflections and Remembrance Service...**

This week, our Reflections have been very special as we have all been remembering relatives who fought in the World Wars as well as recent conflicts and sharing memories and writing our own Remembrance Prayers for them. We have read these to each other and also have taken some to Church to display at the Remembrance Service this Sunday at 10:30am.

We had a minute's silence at 11am on Thursday and we played 'The Last Post' in our Reflections. Commando Pete also shared his experience of serving in Afghanistan and how he honours Remembrance Day with his fellow veterans.



We are very proud that four of our children and myself will be representing the school at St Mary's Church's, Great Brickhill, Remembrance Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November and laying a wreath to remember the local residents who sacrificed so much. Thank you to Sam H, Laurence, Lottie and Finn for participating in this important event.



### **Reflections next week....**

Next week, we will be taking the key messages from our school parable of the 'Good Samaritan' and applying this to Anti-Bullying Week, which is a national campaign. This year the theme is 'One Kind Word' and our Reflection Leaders in Year Five and Six have helped me plan the week's activities, including performing their own messages about anti-bullying.

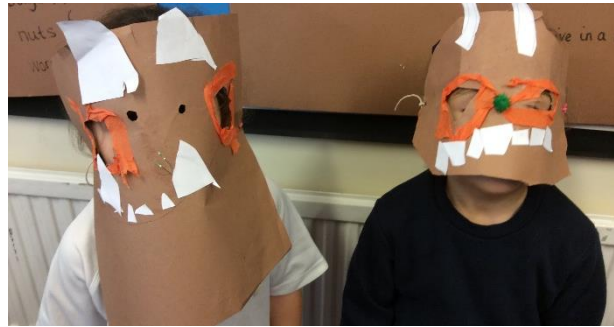


Learning highlights this week....

Foundation (Acorns and Saplings)- The children have started their 'Into the Woods' topic with a letter from the Gruffalo, asking them to help him learn more about the creatures that live in the woods. I have seen the children learning about foxes, mice and badgers and they can remember a lot of information!

Aria was very proud of the badger she had drawn as you can see in the photo!

They have also been retelling the story of 'The Gruffalo' in their role play and imaginative play and I have been really impressed with the detail they have shown in making Gruffalo masks.



Year One and Two

A special mention this week to Frankie L and Zachary for their excellent work in Topic learning all about Queen Elizabeth I. They could recall lots of interesting facts and about her parents too!

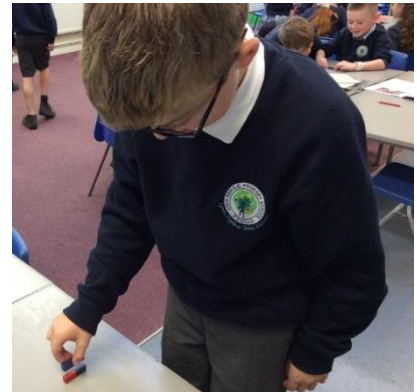
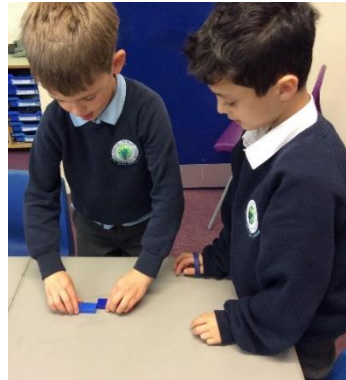
Aaliyah had also impressed Mrs Wadeson with her fantastic instruction writing which she had completed independently and made great progress- wow!

It was great to see all the children learning about instructions this week and they took their English lesson outside to find imperative verbs and time connectives as part of a giant word hunt- they really enjoyed it and I can see the impact in their writing.



### Year Three and Four

Year Three and Four have been investigating magnets this week! They found that some forces, like push or pull forces, need contact between two objects, whereas magnetic forces can act at a distance. This means magnets can be moved without actually touching them! They explored the different ways they could move magnets.



They have also been working hard in English, writing newspaper reports about metal thefts committed by the Iron Man! They had to watch police interviews with key eyewitnesses and practise writing quotes using direct speech. They had fun experimenting with this using macaroni pasta in place of the inverted commas! ☺



a) Mr Priestley commented "I was just completing my routine walk around the school when I noticed a huge pile of metal."

b) The site manager at High Ash stated "There were huge chunks of metal scattered across the field."

c) "There are plenty of rumours going around the village," he explained.

d) "If it is the Iron Man, he needs to be caught quickly," Mr Priestley added.

Well done to Zoe, Harrison H, Eliza and Edward for their hard work in Maths solving perimeter problems. Alfie M and Pixie shared with me their amazing final drafts of their writing this week- awesome progress!

### Year Five and Six

I have seen a lot of super learning in Maths this week from Year Five/Six too who have been solving fraction problems. Thank you to Harry J, Liam, Samina, Erin, Lola and Dulcie for your hard work!

It was also great to see the progress of Sam H, Alex L and Oscar who had cracked long division and Herbert was also very proud of his Maths learning too!

In Topic and English, they have started to write letters to Shackleton to persuade him to take them on his expeditions. I have seen some great first drafts from Finn, Bobbi and Annalise- keep up the hard work as you do your second and third drafts!

#### **WRAP...**

The WRAP team wanted to share with you some photos of the children taking part in the range of activities we offer in our wraparound afterschool provision. We are really pleased we can provide this service to working parents and it continues to be very popular!



#### **Our Roving Reporter, Lottie, has been in WRAP this week...**

*'If you go to work early and need somewhere for your kids or finish work late it is now scientifically proven ...by me!! that Wraparound is the place to be. Food is often a hot topic when I talk to children in school. Arthur, Millie, and Alfie seem to love the food Wrap provides and I agree with their opinion. When it comes to what people enjoy doing at Wrap, Millie and Arthur are stealing the show again saying they just love drawing and chatting with the staff in Wrap. Let's wrap up Wrap with a comment from Tilly who says she finds nothing more fun than spending time playing with her friends when she's in Wrap...and I agree with that too!'*



### *HASA news...*

#### *Balloon Race -*

Thank you to everyone for your support - our balloon race had a whopping 56 entries vying to take the prize over the last week! Many congratulations to 99RedBalloons, who not only put the song in all of our heads when checking the leader board in the last few hours, but also won the race with a narrow 3km lead. The winning balloon was purchased by Mrs Hankins-Lewis.

#### *Christmas Cards/Cook Book/T-Towels -*

Please remember that the deadline for ordering Christmas cards is Monday 15th at midnight - not long we know, but it is quick and easy at [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) with the code attached to your child's artwork. Whilst on the subject of Christmas, we have now reopened orders on ParentPay for the High Ash cook book and portrait tea-towels created last term, if you are thinking of extra gifts for family and friends. With Black Friday coming up soon a hopeful reminder that both [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) and [Smile@amazon.co.uk](mailto:Smile@amazon.co.uk) are easy ways to help raise funds when shopping online -thank you.

#### *Christmas Raffle & Christmas Jumpers -*

As the start of December draws closer we are starting to assemble prizes for the ever-popular Christmas raffle, and would appreciate any donations towards the 3 hampers. These can be left in the HASA box in the School foyer opposite the lost property boxes. We will also be running the Christmas jumper stall with Treat Fridays soon, so if you find your child has had a huge growth spurt and won't fit into last year's, please donate it (in the same place) then come and choose a preloved one!

#### *KS2 Film Night & KS1 Christmas Crafternoon -*

Last but not least the ParentPay options for the **KS2 Film Night on Wednesday 24th November** and **KS1 Christmas Crafternoon on Wednesday 1st December** are now available to book. Each event costs £5 per child, which includes a drink and snack. The existing year groups will not be mixed for these events (i.e. there will be a Year 3&4 showing in one classroom with a Year 5&6 in another) and all children should be collected from the office not the playground after the events. It has been quite a long time since we have been able to hold events like these and we hope the pupils will all enjoy themselves.

#### *Mrs Crawley baby news...*

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Crawley gave birth to a baby girl this week and mother and baby are doing well!

Mrs Burrow's baby is due within the next couple of weeks and we will let you know as soon as we do!



#### *Diary dates...*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 8.45am - Individual and in school sibling photographs  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November @ 2.30pm - KS2 Star Assembly (No parents)

Best wishes,

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