



High Ash CE School  
★ Weekly Newsletter/Blog ★  
Friday 17th September 2021  
*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

I hope you have all had a good week and that you enjoy reading the highlights from school this week! So, let's see what the children have been up to!

### Learning highlights...

#### Foundation (Acorns and Saplings)-

Well done to the children for their first full week in school- I am sure they will sleep well this weekend!

They have been having lots of fun making portraits of their families and have even challenged themselves to label different family members.

Everyone enjoyed their first PE lesson and practised running, jumping, crawling and hopping. Afterwards, they went outside and created obstacle courses using different equipment to then practice the new knowledge they had learnt.

All the teaching team have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in. They have been fantastic stars in the Ash Tree at lunchtime and even impressed the Year Six children with their legendary lining up!

#### Year One and Two-

This week in Year One/Two, the classes have been looking at the features of dinosaurs and how these contributed to their purpose and abilities. Leo L, Sebastian B and Alysha put real effort into their learning on this and could explain the key features of the dinosaurs they had been learning about- great recall of knowledge!

In English, the children have written descriptive pieces on dinosaurs and applied their knowledge of adjectives. Well done to Emeilia H and Summer for sharing their learning on this.

#### Year Three and Four-

Year Three and Four have been showing off their descriptive writing skills this week by working together to describe Mr Wonka's marvellous Chocolate Room! Working in groups and using different coloured pens, they have produced fantastic setting descriptions including sentences like:



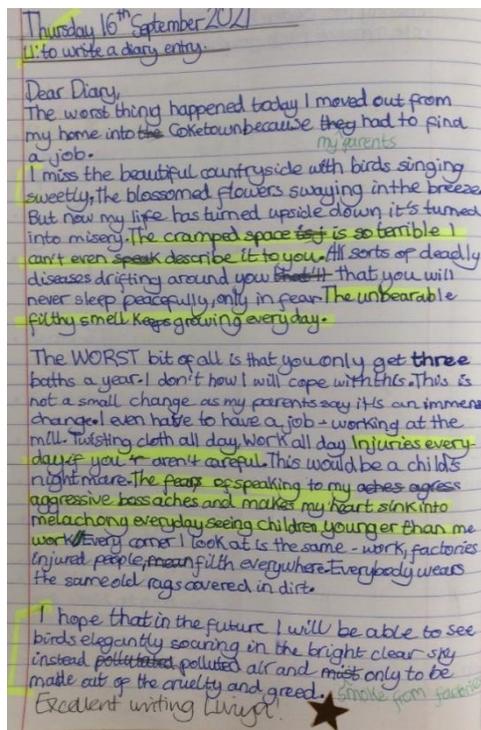
*Stepping into the dreamy chocolate world, the glistening waterfall made of chocolate caught Charlie's eye.* - George and Uma

*The juicy delightful candy apples hung like fruits that are rich and marvellous.* - Owen, Max and Ollie

*The spectacular room was as vibrant as a sparkling rainbow.* - Isobel



In History, the children are busy building their knowledge of the Industrial Revolution. Liviya wrote an impressive diary entry, imagining she was someone who had moved from the countryside to a town/city to find work during the Industrial Revolution. Amaya wrote a script to her peers in parliament having inspected the appalling conditions of the poor, hoping that changes could be made.



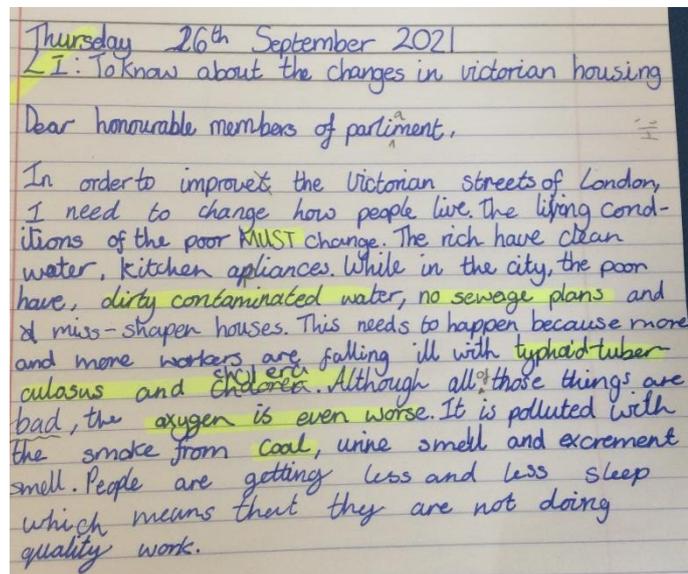
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
I: to write a diary entry.

Dear Diary,  
The worst thing happened today I moved out from my home into the Coketown because they had to find a job.  
I miss the beautiful countryside with birds singing sweetly, the blossomed flowers swaying in the breeze. But now my life has turned upside down it's turned into misery. The cramped space is so terrible I can't even speak describe it to you. All sorts of deadly diseases drifting around you that you will never sleep peacefully, only in fear. The unbearable filthy smell keeps growing every day.

The WORST bit of all is that you only get three baths a year! I don't know how I will cope with this. This is not a small change as my parents say it's an immense change. I even have to have a job - working at the mill, twisting cloth all day, work all day. Injuries every day if you aren't careful. This would be a child's nightmare. The people speaking to my aches and pains aggressive bossesses and makes my heart sink into melancholy everyday seeing children younger than me work. Every corner I look at is the same - work, factories, injured people, poor, filth everywhere. Everybody wears the same old rags covered in dirt.

I hope that in the future I will be able to see birds elegantly soaring in the bright clear sky instead of polluted air and mist only to be made out of the cruelty and greed. *smoke from factories*

Excellent writing Liviya! ★



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
I: To know about the changes in Victorian housing

Dear honourable members of parliament,

In order to improve the Victorian streets of London, I need to change how people live. The living conditions of the poor MUST change. The rich have clean water, kitchen appliances. While in the city, the poor have, dirty contaminated water, no sewage plans and miss-shaper houses. This needs to happen because more and more workers are falling ill with typhoid, tuberculosis and cholera. Although all those things are bad, the oxygen is even worse. It is polluted with the smoke from coal, urine smell and excrement smell. People are getting less and less sleep which means that they are not doing quality work.

Well done also to Iris, Millie and Sophia who used their knowledge gained from reading 'Street Child' to write their own diary entries about the tough conditions for children in Victorian England.

### View from the children this week....

Our roving reporter Lottie has been out and about across the whole school this week!

This week pupils from every year group have had a chance to say what they have enjoyed about our school. Arlo from Year 1/2 said he liked the maths lesson in which he counted to twenty, Callie said she enjoyed English because she likes writing and Gabby said she liked the spaghetti bolognese served on Monday.

The spaghetti was also a hit with Alissa in Year 3/4, Eliza said English was her favourite lesson, Thomas liked maths when he put large numbers on a number line and Esme said she liked geography in which she put different foods into food groups.

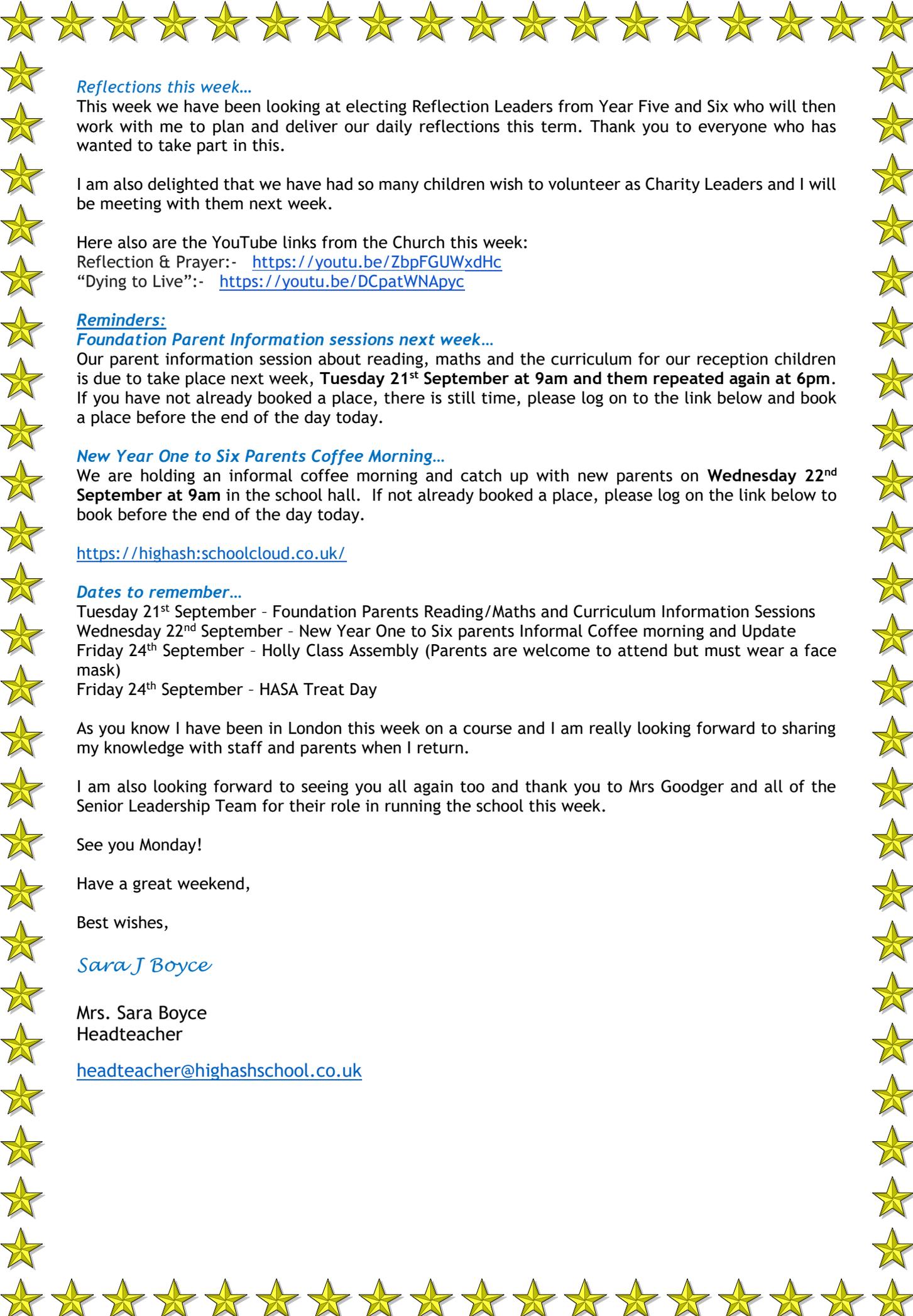
Topic and science were popular in Year 5/6. Lola R said she liked learning about the Victorians and Lola G said learning about electricity in science was interesting, especially thinking about how much power a light bulb or generator could have.

And finally, after just one full week Ariya from Saplings believes High Ash is really fun and a good place to be - how great is that!?

### HASA News...

Thank you to everyone who came to support the preloved uniform sale last week. After assessing the most popular items from these sales from now on we will only have jumpers and cardigans with the school logo available. HASA will hold sales at the start and end of every term, though should you need something between sales please email [highashschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:highashschoolassociation@gmail.com) or look at the selection listed on the school website and we are happy to help.

Lollies are on sale in the playground today. We will return with another Treat Friday stall next Friday as long as the rain stays away! Those children who are taking the bus home will have the chance to choose something if they wish to do so before getting on the bus. The same will apply to any wraparound care children.



*Reflections this week...*

This week we have been looking at electing Reflection Leaders from Year Five and Six who will then work with me to plan and deliver our daily reflections this term. Thank you to everyone who has wanted to take part in this.

I am also delighted that we have had so many children wish to volunteer as Charity Leaders and I will be meeting with them next week.

Here also are the YouTube links from the Church this week:

Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/ZbpFGUWxdHc>

“Dying to Live”:- <https://youtu.be/DCpatWNApyc>

*Reminders:*

*Foundation Parent Information sessions next week...*

Our parent information session about reading, maths and the curriculum for our reception children is due to take place next week, **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9am and them repeated again at 6pm.** If you have not already booked a place, there is still time, please log on to the link below and book a place before the end of the day today.

*New Year One to Six Parents Coffee Morning...*

We are holding an informal coffee morning and catch up with new parents on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9am** in the school hall. If not already booked a place, please log on the link below to book before the end of the day today.

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

*Dates to remember...*

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Foundation Parents Reading/Maths and Curriculum Information Sessions

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - New Year One to Six parents Informal Coffee morning and Update

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Holly Class Assembly (Parents are welcome to attend but must wear a face mask)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - HASA Treat Day

As you know I have been in London this week on a course and I am really looking forward to sharing my knowledge with staff and parents when I return.

I am also looking forward to seeing you all again too and thank you to Mrs Goodger and all of the Senior Leadership Team for their role in running the school this week.

See you Monday!

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

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