



High Ash CE School
★ Weekly Newsletter / Blog ★
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'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

I hope you had a lovely half term. We have had a very busy and exciting start to school this week. Year 1 and 2 loved their hook day to start their topic 'Land Ahoy!' They all looked fabulous as pirates and enjoyed generating their pirate names. Year 3 and 4, enjoyed being an Ancient Greek and the delicious smells from the Ash Tree as they made their Greek Honey Cake were mouth-watering. Hazel class have enjoyed welcoming their new teacher Mrs Gough, according to the children 'Miss Gough is doing well!!' Year 5 and 6 have started looking at the Tudor period in their 'Off with her Head' topic and await their hook day next week, Wednesday 1st March. Acorns have had a brilliant start welcoming Mrs Bird and starting their topic on dinosaurs. The children enjoyed the Reading Breakfast where there were pancakes and books to read - heaven! The school football team were also in action this week - well done in another win!

Year 6 Football news...

On Wednesday 22nd, High Ash played St Michael's School. The game kicked off just before 16:00 and soon after High Ash took the lead with Zach scoring the first goal. A few moments later, High Ash got a follow up with Zach getting another half volley. St Michaels couldn't manage to find a goal in the first half. The second half began and 2 minutes in Jacob, our captain scored another goal. High Ash then followed with a great goal scored by Liam and then Liam got another great goal. The game ended 5-0 to High Ash and we are currently top of the league. The man of the match, voted by the opposition, was Zach.

By Liam, Jenson and Zach



Reading breakfast...

On Tuesday we had a great turn out at our reading breakfast, where children and their families joined us for a pancake breakfast. Plates were piled high with pancakes drizzled in chocolate sauce and were enjoyed over a good book. There was a real buzz in the hall and it was a fantastic start to Pancake Day! Thank you to everyone for joining us. Look out for information on our next reading breakfast soon!



World Book Day...

Don't forget **World Book Day** is next week, **Thursday 2nd March**. Children can come dressed as their favourite character from a book or wear their hair in the style of a character. **Please note, dressing up is optional.** KS1 will be having a 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' and will be finding out about the other characters the children have come dressed as. Foundation will be talking about characters from books and listening to lots of stories throughout the day and the children in both Foundation and KS1 children are welcome to bring in their favourite books to share with their class. KS2 will be taking part in a carousel of reading activities throughout the day, such as writing collaborative stories, recreating scenes from books and even illustrating their own picture books.

Learning highlights this week...

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

Acorns -

This week, Acorn's have been using their knowledge of the features we find on book covers from last term to help them explore dinosaur stories. We looked at 'If I had a Dinosaur' and from the story we roleplayed how we would care for a dinosaur in our own home. We talked about how we would describe the dinosaur from the story. We have been expanding their vocabulary using the words that have been used in other stories that we have read about dinosaurs. We also used 2D shapes to create patterns this week on our dinosaur's jumper and made habitats for dinosaurs in the sand and small world.

Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb



Year One and Two-

We had a great start to our topic this week with our Hook Day on Monday. The children looked fantastic in their pirate costumes and enjoyed lots of pirate activities throughout the day. Firstly, we discovered our pirate names and created our own pirate flags. We then learnt how to use a compass and used this to read a treasure map and gave directions to find the treasure. The children enjoyed singing sea shanties in our music lesson, where we identified the pulse and rhythm of the song. We rounded off the day by playing some pirate games using our new knowledge of compass points! This week we have also been exploring different materials in science and thinking about their properties. The children sorted the objects in different ways and could justify how they had sorted them.

Mrs Wadeson



Year Three and Four-

This week we started our topic 'Gods and Mortals', where we looked at the difference between roles of men and women in Ancient Greece and how this differs from today. As well as this, we thoroughly enjoyed our Hook Day where we took part in a range of activities such as Greek Maths, creating our own Myth or Legend and describing them, Ancient Greek Olympics and creating Greek Honey cake. As well as this, we have been learning about Sound in Science, we learnt how Sound is made using words such as 'vibrating' and 'molecules'

Miss Raval



Year Five and Six-

This week I have seen some great writing from Samina, Fleur and Liviya - super newspaper reports - well done!

In Year Five and Six we have started our new topic: Off with her head. In Art we have had a go at drawing portraits of the most prominent Tudor monarchs including Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. In Geography we used google maps to compare a part of London in Tudor times and the same area today. In Maths, Mrs Weatherall's group have done some fantastic work on coordinates and reflection. In our Rounders lessons in PE we have been building our throwing and catching skills.

Our **Hook Day, Wednesday 1st March**, we will have a Tudor expert visiting us. We will be given a short task and then complete a range of activities from a Tudor quiz to look at Tudor artefacts. In the afternoon, we will have a demonstration of King Henry VIII's musical skills and a Q and A session with him.

Mrs Weatherall



Reflections this week....

This week we have started Look in, Look out for Lent. Lent is a time to 'Look in' - Christians use their time to reflect on their faith and the Easter story. 'Look out' - Many Christians also use Lent as a way of giving to others, making a fresh start, or taking on new challenges. Each week will focus on a different community that the children are a part of: Family - Friends - School - Local Community - Country - World. We will be challenging the children to Look IN and think about each theme, reflecting on words from the Bible, and then to Look OUT, to speak, give, act and pray.

Industrial Action 1st, 15th and 16th March...

Please see the letter sent out yesterday.

1st March - school open as usual

15th and 16th March - Cherry, Cedar, Holly and Hawthorn closed.

Comic Relief...

Don't forget - on **Friday 17th March** it is '**Red Nose Day**'. We would like to support this charity by inviting the children to come to school wearing their Red Noses for a £1 donation. The children will be asked to remove the Red Noses during lessons yet are welcome to wear them at playtime and lunchtime. Classes will take a photo of their class (if the children have permission) when they arrive in the morning so we can share them on the newsletter.

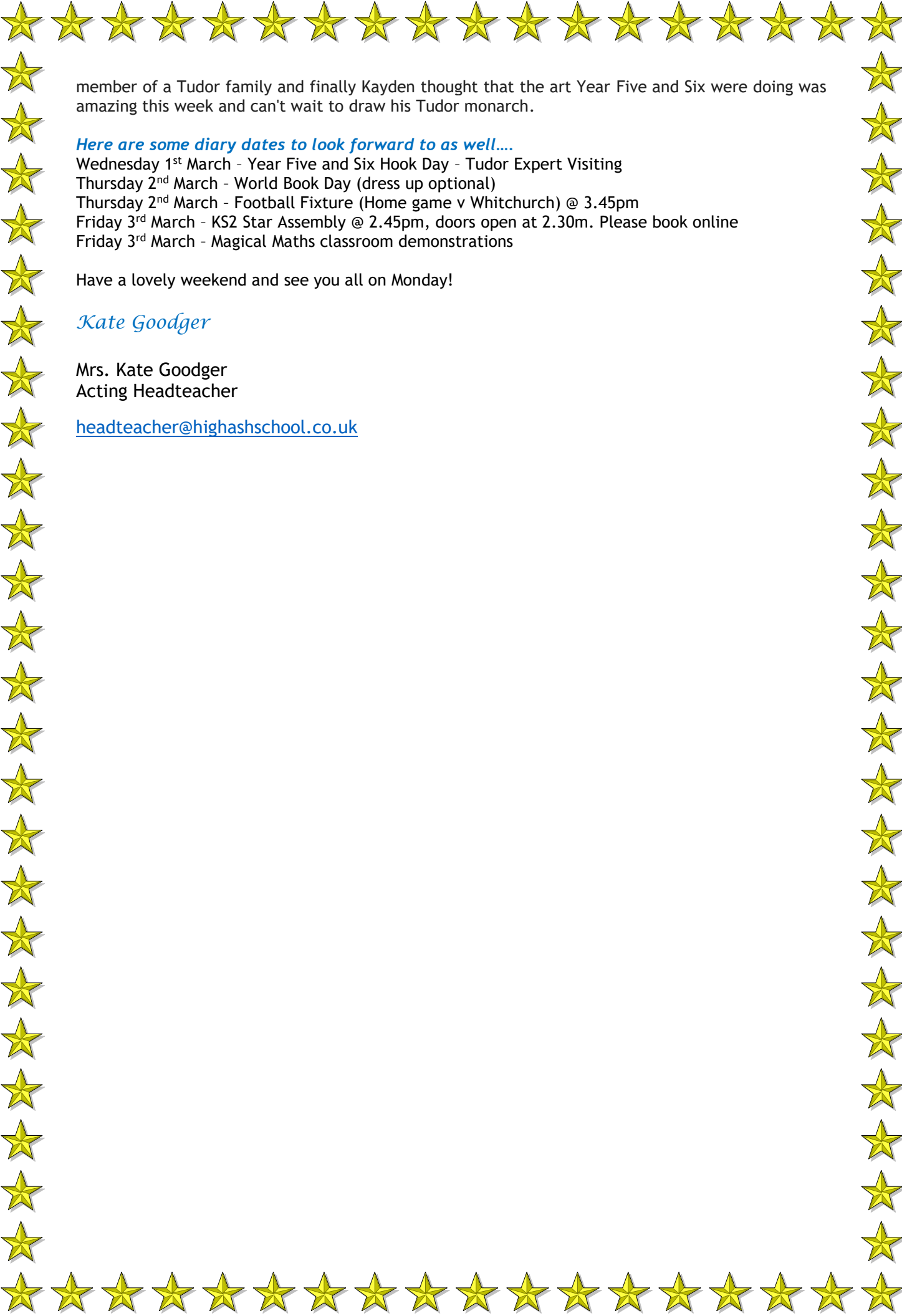
Red noses are being sold through Amazon this year so you may need to order early so you have them in time!

Clubs Summer 2023...

We hope to include a Magical Maths club to all Years one to six children after Easter along with our existing clubs on offer. Magical Maths have a team of well trained and enhanced DBS certified session leaders who are passionate about getting primary school pupils to really enjoy their Maths. They have already visited High Ash having given a brief demonstration to the office staff who were wowed by his magical maths skills. They are visiting our school once again on Friday 3rd March to wow all Years one to six children in their 15 minute demonstrations by class. After this, further information will follow within our termly clubs letter to be sent to all parents two weeks prior to the end of term.

Finally, our Roving Reporters Lottie and Eliza!

This week in Roving Reporter we have asked students what they think is the most interesting part of the topic so far. Starting off in Year One and Two. Their topic is called 'Land Ahoy'. Ellie thought it was interesting to dance like pirates - it was fun and entertaining too. Year One and Two dressed up as pirates on their Hook Day and Lulu thought this was fascinating because they got to experience what pirates would wear. Avir thought that learning about what a pirate's life was like was really interesting. Hopping over to Year three and four, their topic is called Gods and Mortals. Oliver thought learning about the rivalry between Sparta and Athens and the war they had was a real highlight. Gabby thought learning about all the Greek Gods was interesting because of the impact that they had on later Roman lives and Azalea loved learning about the different types of art and mosaics the Greeks would make to put on walls and floors. Finally, Year Five and Six topic is about the Tudor's and is called 'Off With Her Head'. Alexander thought learning about the names and history of Henry VIII's six wives was very interesting. Lola liked researching the different roles of each



member of a Tudor family and finally Kayden thought that the art Year Five and Six were doing was amazing this week and can't wait to draw his Tudor monarch.

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

Wednesday 1st March - Year Five and Six Hook Day - Tudor Expert Visiting

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (dress up optional)

Thursday 2nd March - Football Fixture (Home game v Whitchurch) @ 3.45pm

Friday 3rd March - KS2 Star Assembly @ 2.45pm, doors open at 2.30m. Please book online

Friday 3rd March - Magical Maths classroom demonstrations

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday!

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