



High Ash CE School  
Weekly Newsletter/Blog  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023  
*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



*Grow Together Shine Forever*

To all our families,

We have had a super week at school - we even had a day's visit from Henry VIII!

Thank you to all of you for supporting World Book Day! It was amazing to see so many of our children dressed up and having fun. The children loved sharing their favourite book and talking about the character they had chosen to come as.

#### *Year 5 and 6 Bake Sale...*

Last Friday, Year Five and Six held our first bake sale to raise money for playground equipment. We successfully raised £313.07! Thank you to:

- all the Year Five and Six families who supported us by baking, making and buying delicious treats,
- those parents and children who supported us by buying the treats
- the HASA members and teachers who supported us by manning the stall.

We really appreciate it. It was great to see the school community working together. We hope to be raising more at the **next Bake sale with Year Three and Four on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

#### *Magical Maths...*

The children have been wowed by the Magical Maths Professor who visited the classrooms today introducing a new club that is offered to Years One to Six children next term. Your child will be coming home today with a leaflet providing you with booking information. However, in case the leaflet gets lost in transit, please see the attached PDF document. **Further information relating to all clubs on offer next term, will be released week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

#### *Girls Football...*

On **Wednesday 8 March 2023**, we are very lucky to be taking part in the #LetGirlsPlay event. #LetGirlsPlay is a FA and Barclays campaign to drive influence and change perceptions, showing that football can and should be played by girls as well as boys. We are going to be supporting the nationwide event and creating the biggest ever football session with the support of the MK Dons Womens Football team. On the 8th March, all girls from Years One to Six will be taking part in training sessions and games, with members of the coaching and playing team leading the sessions. They will need to wear their PE kits on this day.

**MK Dons have asked to film some footage and take pictures to make an article on this, however, we do require your consent. Therefore, if you have not already submitted a Google consent form, can you please ensure you do this by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please click on the link below:**

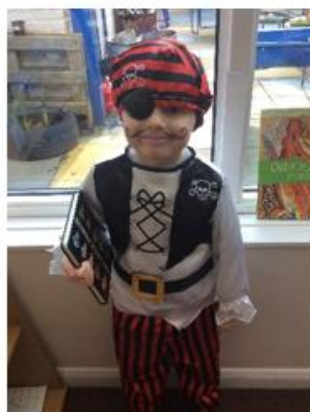
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*World Book Day...*

Wow what a fantastic World Book Day we all had! The children and staff looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and there was a real buzz around school with everyone getting to know each other's characters. Foundation enjoyed a webinar with Julia Donaldson where she read them one of her stories and Axel Scheffler was there to demonstrate how he comes up with the illustrations for Julia's books. The children enjoyed reading different stories throughout the day and exploring different characters.

Key Stage One enjoyed their character tea party, where they interviewed each other and found out more about their characters. The children listened to different stories throughout the day and made their own bookmarks for their reading at home.

Key Stage Two enjoyed a carousel of activities which included collecting data from book extracts and presenting in charts, drawing characters from picture books, writing letters pretending to be different characters and even took part in some collaborative story writing. The children had a fantastic day and a love of reading really shone through. All children were given a £1 book token to bring home in celebration of the day! Thank you for all your efforts with the children's costumes and to the staff for making the day such fun!



*Learning highlights this week...*

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

Acorns -

Acorn's have had another amazing week. We have continued to explore dinosaurs but this week we have focused on learning what non-fiction books are and some of their features. We shared 'What Dinosaur Am I?' riddle factbook. Using the facts we had to identify the dinosaur. We have been using the primary colours to mix together to make the colours they need such as green to paint images of dinosaurs. In maths we have been beginning to explore taking away and learning the correct mathematical symbol. As part of our World Book activities we enjoyed listening to Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler share their stories with us. Yesterday we were all very excited to find out which characters our friends dressed up as and listened to the stories they came from.  
Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb



Year One and Two-

This week we have been learning about the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. We explored where the borders were and labelled maps. We also explored what waterproof meant and investigated which objects were waterproof and which weren't. We then thought about why this was and gave our own explanations. The children have also been working hard on identifying the rhythm and pulse of a sea shanty and created sequences of sounds using instruments. We thought about some key vocabulary such as dynamics, timbre, texture and tempo. We will eventually be composing our own music to the words of a well-known sea shanty.

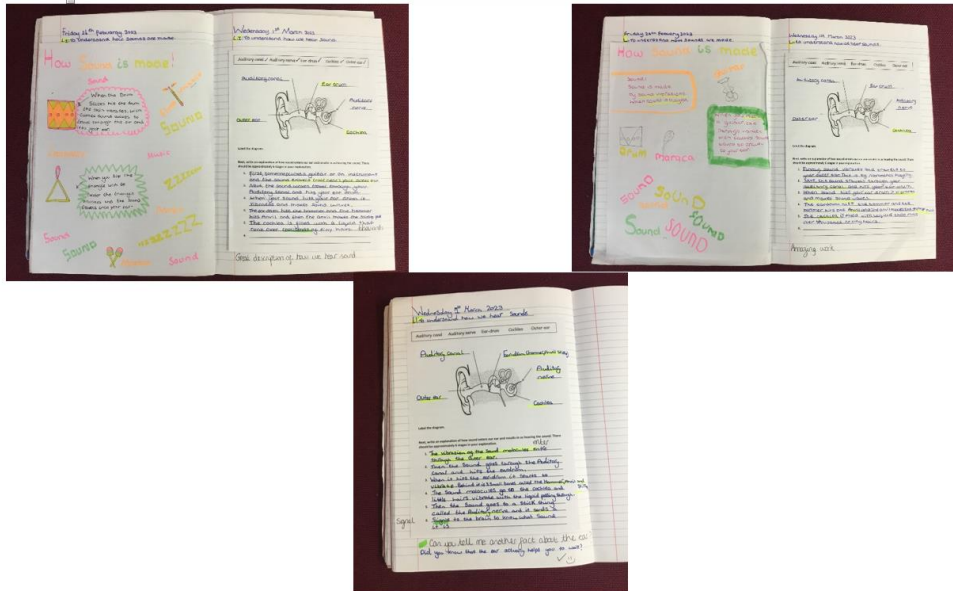
Mrs Wadeson



Year Three and Four-

Year Three and Four have continued to enjoy their topic on Ancient Greece. They have developed their understanding of the STAR Words by learning the definitions and writing these up in their own words to consolidate their understanding. They have learnt about democracy and what this looked like in Ancient Greece and how it differs today. During their Science lesson, they learnt about the parts of an ear and how this helps us hear. During Commando Pete this week, they continued to build on their resilience and perseverance skills through a range of activities.

Miss Raval



Year Five and Six-

This week in Year Five and Six we had the most amazing Hook day with our very special visitor, King Henry VIII. He told us all about his family history and his wives. We learnt how people would eat and go to school or work in the Tudor times before playing us some music on the recorder. In the afternoon, we played some Tudor sports starting with foot wrestling which was a peasant sport involving keeping one foot in the air and having to put your opponent off their balance. Then we had a grand finale of jousting using hobby horses and quoits, even the teachers had a go! Overall it was a fantastic day. As well as our Hook day we have a tremendously fun World Book Day and have been working hard in our assessments this week.

Mrs Weatherall





### *Toys in school...*

Please can you support us by not sending your child into school with toys from home. This is because we are finding that the toys end up coming out and being a distraction in learning time and also there is a lot of upset when toys go missing or there are arguments about who the toys belong to. It would be much better if toys could stay at home and be enjoyed there and the resources we have at school used to support play at school. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

### *Reflections this week...*

This week in our Lent reflections we have been thinking about 'friendship'. Woodrow Wilson (28th President of the USA) said "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." Friendship is important and brings joy and community into our lives. However, in our society many people are lonely and in need of good friends so we have been asking 'Who might be in need of a friend right now?' We have thought about what it would be like to not have any friends and how we can be a really good friend. We have thought about this Lent, let's be kind and generous friends to all those around us.

### *Parent Governor elections...*

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Ami Penolver and Mrs Jemma Clamp have been successfully elected to join our Board of Governors. In the end we had two Parent Governor vacancies as Mrs Judith Trainer has resigned. I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to the Board since she started in October 2020.

### *Finally, our Roving Reporters Lottie and Eliza!*

In Roving Reporter this week, we have asked pupils about the World Book Day, the costumes they wore and the activities they enjoyed. Starting strong in Year One/Two, Esme thought that singing was the best activity because of all the instruments and how up-beat it was. Ariana enjoyed singing the sea-shanties because it was fun and different to the songs we normally sing at school and Alby thought that dressing-up as a character from his favourite book was fun and enjoyed seeing the books other people like to read. Jumping over to Year Three/Four, Henry thought making up his own story with Miss Whitehead was amazing because he got to illustrate the book his group created. Jack thought painting with Miss Gough was incredible because he got to tell a story in a different way than normal and Senara enjoyed acting out a story with Miss Maylor. And proving nobody is too old to have fun dressing up, Lola, Isabelle and Finlay from Year Five/Six all said they had lots of fun wearing their different costumes. World Book Day was fab and the teachers and LSAs looked great too.

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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - #LetGirlsPlay event with MK Dons  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Hawthorn Class Assembly @ 2.00pm, doors open at 1.50pm  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Foundation & KS1 Assembly @ 2.45pm, doors open at 2.30pm  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March - HASA Treat Friday

Have a great weekend.

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