



High Ash CE School
Weekly Newsletter/Blog
Friday 24th March 2023



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have been very busy this week with showcasing all our learning over the half term in our innovates. I have seen lots of good work and children really are knowing more, remembering more and being able to apply it to their final pieces.

Easter Services at St. Mary's Church...

Foundation and KS1 - Wednesday 29th March @ 1.45pm

KS2 - Thursday 30th March @ 1.45pm

Parents are invited to these events but spaces are limited. To allow for all families the opportunity to book for these events, it would be appreciated if you could please book only 1 adult per family to attend. To book, please click on the link below:

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

We aim to leave school by 1.30pm and require parent volunteers to help walk the children to and from church. If you are booking yourself a seat at one of the church services and are able to help walk the children to and from the church, please indicate Yes or No at the time of booking your seat online.

Please book your seats by 10am Monday 27th March. Thank you.

Learning highlights this week...

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

Acorns -

This week, Acorns have compared dinosaurs with woodland animals that they learned about in Autumn term. They have talked about what makes them the same and what makes them different. We've also learned about how dinosaurs are extinct which is why we don't find them in the wild anymore. We have been learning about the story of Easter, understanding that it is not just about the treats we receive. The children have beautifully decorated crosses as part of our learning about Jesus. Acorns have continued their work in measure this week by learning about height, measuring their own height, comparing who is taller and who is shorter in our class. They have also measured height using cubes and dinosaurs. Using what they have learned, the children have ordered objects from shortest to longest. We have continued to share our learning in class on ClassDojo. Our class story has helped us to share group and whole class work and in the portfolios we are posting the work of individuals for parents to see directly. If you have not joined yet, please let us know.

Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb



Year One and Two-

This week in KS1 we have been completing our Innovates and followed our designs to make our own boats. We then had great fun testing whether they would float or sink! The children really demonstrated their subject knowledge when they were choosing to cover their cardboard flag with tin foil because they knew this was waterproof, or choosing to fill their bottles with air, showcasing their understanding of density! They did a great job.

Year Two really enjoyed using the Chromebooks for the first time in Maths this week and had great fun competing against each other in a fractions quiz! We also all wrote our own acrostics poems about High Ash and performed these to the class!

Mrs Wadeson



Year Three and Four-

This week, the children have been drawing on all their knowledge of Ancient Greeks for their innovates. The children began by ranking different elements of the Ancient Greek era into a diamond nine. Once doing so, they wrote a detailed explanation of which area they felt has had the most impact on today's society. We were also very lucky to have Charlie dog visit all the classes while we were writing our innovates.

Miss Raval



Year Five and Six-

This week, Year Five and Six have been busy completing our Innovates: A discussion essay on whether or not Henry VIII would have made a good head teacher. All students have worked hard to show off their understanding of the positive and negative traits of Henry as the King of this country. In PE we have been continuing to develop our skills in Rugby. In Art, we have completed our Tudor portraits and spent time appreciating and giving feedback on each other's pieces. Year 6 went to Easter Cracked on Thursday morning which was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the Easter story. All the children were brilliant representatives and made the school very proud.

Mrs Weatherall



Reflections this week...

This week our big question: 'Was the Easter Story shock or surprise?' The children discussed the difference between a shock and a surprise. We talked about how surprised the people were to see Jesus riding through Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. People were shocked on Good Friday as they were not expecting the son of God to be crucified. Then on Easter Sunday they were surprised to see Jesus had risen.

Parking around school...

We have received complaints from our neighbours in the village about parking at drop off and pick up times. I will be meeting with our PCSO, our Community Governor and the local residents on Monday at pick up time to see if there is any more we can do. Please can I ask you all to park considerately and to use the Parish Hall car park. You may even be able to car share which will reduce the traffic into the village and the issue with parking. As always I appreciate your support with this.

Hello from HASA...

The Virtual Balloon race is shaping up nicely with lots of fun & colourful choices being made. £3 per balloon and prizes to be won for the first 3 balloons over the line!

You still have until just before midday on Friday 31st March to buy your virtual balloons so please visit...

www.balloonrace.net/HASA OR SCAN QR CODE



Thanks to a generous parent donation, we have been able to purchase Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Quiz Hunt, so please do not forget to book a £2.50 place via ParentPay for your child/ren to attend the quiz immediately after school on **Thursday 30th March**. Younger non High Ash siblings are very welcome to take part, but a ticket must be purchased in advance please. Every child booked on will receive a chocolate egg before they leave. **The online bookings will close on Tuesday 28th March.**

Please remember, parents are to arrive at normal pick up time and are to supervise their child during the hunt.

We look forward to seeing you there.
HASA

Finally, our Roving Reporters Lottie and Eliza!

This week in Roving Reporter we have asked Year Sixes what they liked about this week's Easter Cracked trip. Year Six take part in this trip every year. Starting off with Oak class, Mollie and Beau both loved doing origami because the end piece made a cross and spelled out the word love. Moving to Willow, Jenson liked all the games and crafts and learning something new. Last but not least, from Maple, Emilia enjoyed answering quiz questions, but she enjoyed searching round the room to find the answers and Tom enjoyed learning new craft skills.

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

Tuesday 28th March @ 6pm - Year Six Residential Parents Information Evening
Wednesday 29th March - Year Three and Four Have Fun, Be Active Sports Festival
Wednesday 29th March @ 1.45pm - F/KS1 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 30th March @ 1.45pm - KS2 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church
Thursday 30th March @ 3.30pm - HASA Easter Egg Quiz Hunt

Have a super weekend.

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