



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 19th April 2024



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have had a really great week back after the Easter holidays. The children have settled back really quickly and there is clear purpose and a buzz about learning around the school. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their trip to Bucks Museum and learnt lots. We have also had our School Improvement Advisor, Pete Dunmall, in yesterday to review our maths curriculum and delivery and to work alongside our Phase Leaders. He was really impressed with the progress we have made towards our maths curriculum and how committed and determined the staff are to ensure our children receive the best possible education.

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns and Berries -

As every in Foundation, we are always looking to improve on our provision. During the holiday we have been busy rearranging our classroom to create more learning opportunities and have started developing our outside provision with a new sensory herb garden and re-establishing a mud kitchen! The children have also been amazing and have come back ready to learn. We have been very excited by our new topic 'Blast Off!' where we have begun learning about space. We read the book 'Whatever Next', and loved how Baby Bear used his imagination to visit the moon. It inspired the children to use their own imagination to explore space! To help us remember the sequence of the story we created a class story map and used it along with props to retell the story. We also made a list of what we would pack if we went to the moon.

In Maths this week we have begun to look at numbers to 20 and talk about the pattern of ones as we count on. Within provision we have been exploring 3D shapes and using our knowledge of their properties to make them out of playdough.





Year One and Two-

This week in Year 1 and 2, we have started our new topic 'Bounce'. We will be learning all about the importance of healthy eating and exercise over the course of this term. We had the best hook day on Monday where we started our day by making fruit kebabs. We learnt how to safely and hygienically cut up a selection of fruit to make our kebab and they were delicious! All of the teachers were impressed with the children's maturity and sensible behaviour when using the knives to chop.



In the afternoon, we had a VERY windy and blustery mini-Olympics experience. We completed a series of Olympic style sports activities including hurdles, long jump and sprinting. Everyone was very tired at the end of the session!



In our English lessons this week, we have been learning to write descriptively about our dreams and understanding the importance of maintaining a healthy mind. We have been focused on the use of expanded noun phrases and similes to add additional detail to the descriptions of our dreams. We look forward to these descriptions developing further in lessons next week!

Miss Webb, Mrs Barrasford and Mrs Boyd

Year Three and Four-

Summer Term is here and we kicked off with a fantastic trip to the Bucks Museum for our hook day! The children learnt all about the Anglo Saxons, where they came from, who their leaders were and how they lived. They even got a chance to try out some weaving to make clothes, jewellery making

and wrote their names in runes. We used our previous knowledge all about the Romans to learn more about their clothes and the Roman Army, getting to try out swords and shields. During our trip around the gallery, we used the displays to access new information about certain artefacts; we even managed to fit in a scavenger hunt!



The homework submissions from last term have been fantastic! We have seen such creativity and hard work throughout the half term. There has been a great variety of videos, sculptures, collages and more. Thank you for your hard work with the children and we look forward to seeing what you create this term!



In music this week, we have been focussing on pitch and tempo, looking at how these affect melodies. To do this, we used chime bars and created a melody of our own with our partner.



In our French lessons, Y4 have been looking at clothing. We have been working on how to explain what we are wearing using masculine and feminine.

Miss Maylor, Mrs Gough, Mrs Wood and Mr Devitt



Year 5 and 6 -

Year 5/6 have had an extremely busy week! We started off the week with Hook Day on Tuesday. We researched Ernest Shackleton and created non-chronological reports about him. We included facts such as his personal life, key explorations and important dates. We investigated ice. We knew that ice melts in drinks - but what about ice in the oceans? The basic difference is that water in the oceans is salty! We took blue ice cubes and compared their melting times in freshwater, salty water and in no water.



This week in Art we began our unit by exploring pictures by the artist Emma Burliegh and looking at different techniques she uses in her art work using watercolours. We then had a go at exploring different techniques and what effects these techniques achieved.



This week in geography we have begun to study the remarkable continent of Antarctica. We discovered that it was not always the coldest, most distant part of the world as it had once been teeming with life (as proved by the fossil record) as it was part of one vast continent, Pangea. We pieced a 'jigsaw' of the continents together and discovered, as per German scientist Alfred Wegener's theory that they all fit together with matching fossil deposits. Since then, we learned, the continents have been gradually drifting apart at approximately 6cm per year (the speed of your fingernails' growth) - and still are - right now!

Millions of years ago all the continents we know were connected together yet slow gradually they all drifted apart and still are drifting this second. Did you know the continents are moving approximately the same speed as our fingernails! They drift apart as volcanoes are forming within the sea pushing everything outwards that fore maybe in thousands of year the continents will meet up again on the other side of the earth this is called pangea



Miss Whitehead, Mr Simmonds and Mrs Gray

Attendance...

Attendance this week is 97%.

Reflections this week...

This term we are looking at our own mental health and wellbeing. We started this term thinking about how we look after ourselves and what things we do to keep healthy. We recognised that before we can serve others we have to look after ourselves yet not be selfish. We also looked at Proverb 3: 5,6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

High Ash School Association - Disco...



With the start of a new term we're planning a variety of ways to have fun whilst fundraising for High Ash, starting with a **School Disco** on the **Wednesday 22nd May**. There will be two sessions: **F/KS1** running from **3.30-4.30pm** and **KS2** from **4.45-5.45pm**. Tickets will be **£6 per child**, which includes a drink and snack. **Spaces are limited, so please do not delay booking a space for your child via your ParentPay account**. Parent volunteers are needed. If you are able to help at either (or both!) sessions please email highashschoolassociation@gmail.com.

Online bookings will close on Wednesday 15th May.

Thank you in advance.

St Luke's Community Breakfast...

It's St Luke's Community Breakfast this **Saturday 13th April** in the Community Centre. We start taking orders from **8.30am** and last orders are at **10.30am sharp**.

It would be lovely to see you, especially if you've not been before. You're assured of a warm welcome and are bound to know someone there.

We cater for all types of diet Vegetarian/GF/Healthy/Full on. There is no charge, but you may donate what you wish.

We are very happy to receive items for the **Food Bank** (which is being very heavily used at present) at the breakfast, but we would equally appreciate any financial contribution for the food bank fund. Thanks to everyone who helps with it in any way. Let me know if you'd like to help out financially and feel free to get back to me if you'd like to play a part in the breakfast, or with any of St Luke's other community activities.

Then on **Sunday 14th April**, I am leading a **Family Service** at St Luke's at **11am**. All are welcome.

Dave Webber.

Finally, our Roving Reporters Eliza and Oscar!

This week we asked Year 3/4 what they learnt on their Hook day for their new topic 'Traders and Raiders' where they went to the Museum of Buckinghamshire in Aylesbury. Azalea enjoyed learning about the Romans' everyday life: especially how they all went to the bathroom together! Josephine and Daisy told us about their diet and that they ate dormice. James remembers the dates that started and ended this period; 410 AD-1066 and Demi learnt that the Romans were skilled metal workers.

Diary dates for next week commencing 22nd April...

Wednesday 24th April, 6.00-7.00pm – Year 6 Residential meeting for parents

Friday 26th April, 2.55pm – F/KS1 Star Assembly (invitation only), doors open at 2.45pm

Community...



DYNAMOS CRICKET

GREAT BRICKHILL CRICKET CLUB

SUN 12 MAY - SUN 7 JULY

Dynamos cricket starting soon at Great Brickhill CC.
New skills, teamwork and friendship this summer.

Weekly sessions for all 8-11yr olds: 10am - 11am girls only
11am - 12pm boys.

Sign up today to confirm your place!

ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket



GREAT BRICKHILL CRICKET CLUB

BADGERS COACHING

Badgers coaching is for children aged 5-9 years. Offering an early introduction to the game of cricket using the fundamentals of:

- ✓ Basic sports skills
- ✓ Staying healthy
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ Developing power & endurance
- ✓ Agility, balance, co-ordination

Cost includes a t-shirt, 10 x Badgers sessions and family social membership to the Club. Participation medals are also awarded at the final session.

18:30 - 19:30 PM
AT GREAT BRICKHILL

COST £80

10 WEEKLY SESSIONS FRIDAY 3 MAY - FRIDAY 5 JULY 2024

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