



# High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024



*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

## Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have started this half term with a bang! So much has happened, we had the Year 6's out on residential this week, Year 2 have been at the Multi Skills festival and some Year 5's represented the school at a cricket tournament. We have also had dance teachers in to support Year 5 with their arts week work.

### *The Year 6 residential...*

The Year 6 children have had an excellent time away at Culmington Manor in Shropshire. I went to visit them on Wednesday and was greeted by many smiles and very excited children. The staff too were having a great time and it was commented on what brilliant ambassadors they are for our school. A massive thank you to the staff who have given up their time to accompany the children on the trip - Miss Whitehead, Mr Simmonds, Ms Reeves and Miss Lee.



### *Transfer Test Parents Information Evening...*

We are holding an information evening predominantly for our current Year 5 parents, although Year 4 parents are welcome to join us. This will take place on **Thursday 13th June @ 6.00pm** in the school hall. If you wish to attend, please click [here](#) to submit a google form by **Monday 10th June**.

### *Circus - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June...*

Remember to book your tickets for the circus. It was a fantastic afternoon when the National Festival Circus last visited in 2022 - a great show for all the family. Tickets available via your ParentPay account.

### *Class Group Photograph Orders...*

Your school photo images are now live and ready to view/purchase. Your child will have come home this week with their class proof photo with instructions on how to order which includes your personal access code for ordering.



**THE DEADLINE FOR FREE DELIVERY TO SCHOOL IS: THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2024**

Any orders placed after the set deadline\* will be subject to postage & packaging charges with delivery direct to your home address.

For any issue regarding Online Ordering Access Codes, please email the office for help. your

***Sports day - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June...***

Our own Ash Tree team and HASA will be working together to offer bacon and sausage rolls available from 8.50am on Sports Day. We'll be taking advance orders so you can be sure of not missing out. Orders can be made via Parentpay from Monday onwards. Michelle and her team can only offer bacon and sausage rolls until 10.30am as they'll need to focus on school lunches from that point onwards. HASA will continue to sell refreshments for the rest of the day. Vegetarian options will be available.

***Cricket Tournament...***

Going into our first game we chose to bowl. With Leo taking an early wicket for High Ash. Second in the bowling order was Max who took yet another wicket for our school. After the first innings we went into bat with six wickets taken. Opening the batting for High Ash was Max and Leo with both of us hitting boundaries for our team. Next to bat was Callum and Henry both defending their wickets and scoring runs at the time. At the end of the 1st innings we had scored 127 runs off forty balls. Winning our first group game comfortably by 95 runs and our first victory for High Ash.

In our second group game we scored 70 runs and boundaries were scored by everyone and Max hit the first six for our school. Opening the batting again was Leo and Max starting off the boundary streak. Next to bat was Henry and Callum scoring their first fours for both of them. At the end of the second innings we had scored 70 runs and fielded well with Darcey taking three catches that helped us win the game. At the end of the second innings they had scored 50 runs meaning we won by a comfortable twenty runs.

After a relaxing break we had news that we would be in the final playing Thomas Hickman. We knew it would be difficult as they were unbeaten, but we had a positive mindset. We bowled first and Max took an early wicket which was followed by Darcey taking another two catches for our team. Going into bat, we knew we were chasing a difficult score, but in the end we came second but are still proud of our achievement. Thank you to the parents for bringing your children and a big thank you to Mrs Stanley.

***Learning highlights this week....***

***Acorns and Berries -***

Welcome back to our final term in foundation! Our focus this week has been learning about Henri Matisse for Arts Week. We have looked at where he lived and how his style of painting changed into discovering a new way of art - the paper cut out. We looked at how he used brightly coloured paper and cut them into shapes and arranged them in designs. Matisse called this painting with scissors and we learned that he had begun to do art this way after becoming too unwell to paint anymore. We were so inspired by his art and his resilience that we used his Beasts of the Sea collage to create our own masterpieces. We were very proud of our wonderful work!

In provision, the children have been exploring our Aquarium and looking at what we find under the ocean! They have enjoyed being pirates and discovering treasure, also finding wonderful shells and precious stones amongst the sea creatures.

In Maths this week we continued to explore sharing and grouping by using objects within provision to reinforce concepts and understanding. We were also identifying that a number was odd or even by sharing it into two groups. Within provision we have been reinforcing our understanding of shape patterns and sharing by playing Mathematical games.



*Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb*

Year One and Two-

This week, KS1 have been enjoying arts week where we have been studying the work of Marc Chagall. The children began by exploring his paintings to see the key features which appear in all of his work. The children then began to use the painting of 'The Dream' to innovate their own version.

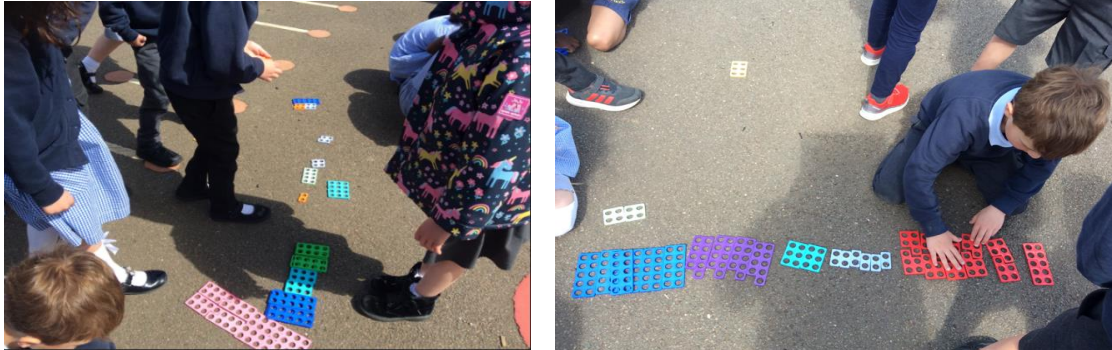
To begin the process, the children had sessions in techniques for effective sketching and the use of oil pastels. The children then used tints and tones of blue paint for the background and then sketched and used oil pastels to create their own elements appearing from a dream jar!



Year 2 then had a fun trip out to a Multi-Skills Festival at the Cottesloe School. Luckily, the sun was shining and the children enjoyed all of the activities which were being led by older Year 9 students. The children all 'let their light shine' and were excellent ambassadors for High Ash - well done all!



Whilst Year 2 were out, Year 1 had a fun outdoor session looking at doubles. Miss Webb was a little rebellious and had scattered Numicon pieces all over the playground! The children had to go on a doubles hunt to find as many as they could!



*Miss Webb, Mrs Barrasford and Mrs Boyd*

### Year Three and Four-

Inspired by our Art's Week, focus artist Anna Sheversky, the children have had a week of creativity and imagination exploring how to create texture using watercolour techniques.



We looked at using salt and wax crayons as a resist and marbling with inks and food colouring in foam.



They combined these with collage to replicate the aerial photos or underwater photos of coral reefs in their own style. We will continue to build on this next week on our Hook day.



*Miss Maylor, Mrs Gough, Mrs Wood and Mr Devitt*

Year 5 and 6

What a fantastic arts week we've had in Year 5 and 6! On Monday, we listened to the French National Anthem and learned parts of the chorus - then we rewrote the words in the verses to relate to the Olympic Games that will be taking place in Paris this summer. On Tuesday, we were visited by an ex-pupil, Peaches, who has started up a dance company with a friend. They lead the children in a beautifully choreographed dance to 'Timber' (by Pitbull). Everyone was wreathed in smiles and pulled off some very impressive dance moves!



In our art lessons, we have been learning about the life and work of Claude Monet. We were so impressed by his resilience when we found out that his eyesight was badly impacted by cataracts in his 60s, so much so that he was legally blind - but this didn't stop him painting! We used our watercolour skills to create work based on his work 'The Japanese Bridge' and are very pleased with the end results!



*Mr Simmonds, Mrs Gray and Miss Whitehead*


  


*Attendance...*

Attendance this week is 95%




*Reflections this week...*



This week we have been looking at what resilience means. We have agreed that resilience is the ability to bounce back after challenges and tough times. We have explained to the children that resilience develops when we experience challenges and learn to deal with them positively. Strong relationships are the foundation of our resilience and how sharing our feelings with others is a good way to help us. We then went on to talk about, although life may be very difficult at times, God promises he will give you the strength to bounce back. Jesus said that "a bruised reed he will not break" Matthew 12:20



*Diary dates...*



Please see attached separate document with our Countdown to Summer diary dates to the end of the term.



Have a great weekend.



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