



High Ash CE School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 14th June 2024



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

The topics have started with some great hook days this week. There have been some very heavy discussions about the use of artificial intelligence in Year 5 and 6 this week as they start their topic on Tomorrow's World.

Our SIAMs Inspection...

On Tuesday, we welcomed the Inspector into school to come and judge the school on 6 areas.

IQ1: How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision enable pupils and adults to flourish?

IQ2: How does the curriculum reflect the school's theologically rooted Christian vision?

IQ3: How is collective worship enabling pupils and adults to flourish spiritually?

IQ4: How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create a culture in which pupils and adults are treated well?

IQ5: How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create an active culture of justice and responsibility?

IQ6: Is the religious education curriculum effective (with reference to the expectations set out in the Church of England's Statement of Entitlement for Religious Education)?

He met with the Governors, Parents, Staff and children - he watched RE lessons and a Reflection. The day went really well and we look forward to the report which should be published within 15 working days. I was very proud of the whole school community, we certainly 'let our light shine.'

Focus Group Meeting...

Our next parents focus group meeting will take place next week, **Tuesday 18th June at 2.15pm for Year 1 and 2 parents.** If you have not yet signed up to attend this parents meeting, but would like to, please click [here](#) to book your attendance.

Sports Day - Friday 21st June...

As you know, HASA and our own Ash Tree catering team are working together to provide Breakfast Baps for Sports Day. These will be available from drop off at 8.50am through to 10.30am. Sadly we can't keep breakfast going any longer as the Ash Tree team need to concentrate on lunch for the children but HASA will continue to serve refreshments throughout the day.

We will be serving sausage, bacon and veggie sausage baps, all priced at £2.50. We ask that you pre-order via your ParentPay account so we can manage quantities. There will be limited availability to buy on the day, so please order in advance to avoid disappointment. Please order just for yourselves - the Breakfast Baps are a treat for parents/carers so don't order for your child/children.

If you have any specific dietary requirements please email Michelle, our Catering Manager, at kitchen@highashschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to accommodate.

HASA will be serving teas, coffees, soft drinks, pastries and snacks throughout the day and they will be able to take cash or card.

Here's a reminder of the schedule:
9.15-10.15am - Year 5/6
10.25-11.15am - Foundation
11.20-12.30pm - Year 3/4
1.30-2.30pm - Year 1/2

Parents are not permitted to remain on the school premises during lunch time 12.30-1.30pm.

Let's hope the sun is shining and we have a great sports day!

Reminder - There is no Star Assembly on Friday 21st June due to sports day.

Reminder - Year 3/4 Multi-Skills Festival - Wed 26 June...

Our Year 3/4 children have been invited to participate in a **Multi-Skills Festival on Wednesday 26th June to be held at The Cottesloe School from 10.00-11.30pm**. The children will be transported by coach, collected straight after morning registration leaving at 9.30am. We will return to school in time for lunch.

Please provide consent for your child to participate in this event by submitting a google form. **Please click on the link below to submit your form by Thursday 20th June:**

<https://forms.gle/2JuY7bDqAwAHyTn68>

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns and Berries -

This week in Foundation we have been using the story 'Billy's Bucket' to explore what we would find in the ocean. Using chalks, we drew a huge bucket and worked together to fill it with all the wonderful creatures that Billy could find in his bucket. They drew an amazing array of sea life! The children then drew what they would find in their buckets and wrote amazing sentences describing what they could see using the sounds they know and remembering to put in capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths this week, we have revisited learning our number bonds to ten and playing bingo games to reinforce our learning which has also continued into provision. The children enjoyed listening for the numbers and then using counters to cover their number if it was the double of the number being held up.

In PE, we have been practicing the field events for sports day in our houses, learning the skills involved and encouraging our friends to do their best. We also had to be resilient when the bean bag didn't go the way we wanted it to go. We are looking forward to competing in our houses next week and showing our PROUD principles when we compete.

Following on the theme of team work, we worked together to build a special room for a small person. We talked about what we would find in the room and collaboratively build it. We had to think of ways to make it special for them so that it would be a place that they would enjoy being in.



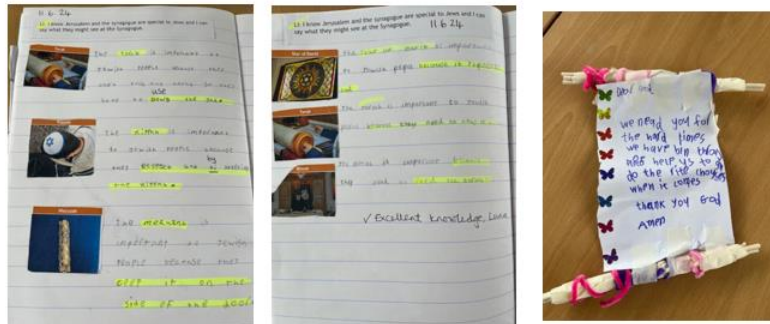
Foundation have also been busy learning our special Father's Day poem this week which we collectively wrote as well as singing our songs in readiness for our Special Men's Assembly!

Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb

Year One and Two-

Wow! What a busy week we have had in KS1. In Year 1, we have been very proud of the children's resilience in completing both their phonics screening check and their summer Maths assessments. Every child gave it their all and there was a lot of determination seen - well done!

In RE this week, we enjoyed learning all about the features of a Jewish synagogue. We learnt about the significance of the different objects you would find there and wrote all about them. Some children even took this a step further and produced their own Torah scrolls at home and brought them into school.



In Geography, we have explored the seasons of the year and why they occur when they do. The children found out how the Earth tilts closer to the sun in the summer and further away from the sun in the winter.



Miss Webb, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Barrasford

Year Three and Four-

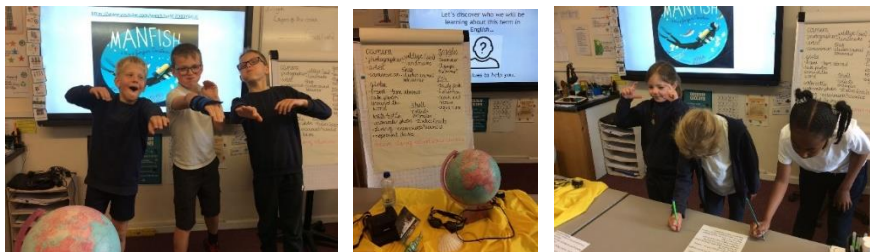
Our Blue Abyss Hook Day tied together all of our Arts Week techniques. We used quilling to create texture in coral and seaweed over our collages. Finally, we created templates and stencilled the silhouette of a sea creature into our underwater scene. We are all extremely proud of our individual creations.



Our knowledge on marine animals was tested when we named examples in the different layers of the ocean. We discussed how seaweed can't survive in the abyss layer due to a lack of light. We were able to link this to prior learning on photosynthesis. Our favourite animals were in the trenches as they have adapted with unusual features and appearance to survive with no natural light. We created posters to show our findings including measurements, explanations of why seas and oceans are different and we placed our animals in their layer.



In English, we started to research facts to use in our biography genre. We unveiled items to give us clues about someone's characteristics and job role. We inferred that they may be an artist, scientist or even a fisherman. Jacques Cousteau, who was an inventor and campaigner for animal rights, was eventually revealed. We used drama and freeze frames to chronologically order his life events.



Our Geography lesson was spent learning all about the water cycle. We combined our previous knowledge with new knowledge to understand the 4 key stages of the water cycle. To showcase our learning, we created a diagram of the water cycle on zip lock bags (which we then filled with water) to represent each stage.



Miss Maylor, Mrs Gough, Mrs Wood and Mr Devitt

Year 5 and 6 -

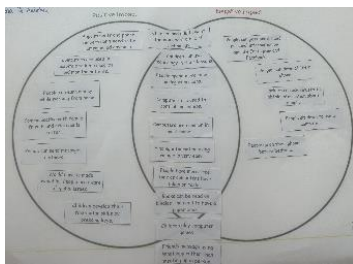
On Monday morning, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a session with a local handball coach. The children were able to pick up key skills and apply into a game scenario. Despite it being a cloudy, grey Monday, the coach commented on what fantastic skills the children had and we look forward to using these in a handball tournament next year!



This week, some members of Year 5 took part in their Bikeability training, with many achieving Level 2. They started out the week on the school playground before heading off into the village and beyond as the week progressed. They rehearsed junctions, signalling and how to react when in contact with a vehicle. The Bikeability team were really impressed with the respect, attitude and determination of all children that took part. Well done to all!



This week, the children have started to learn the history of computing. Initially, they considered the many positive and negative ways that computers have impacted their lives. Then, the children researched key figures in computing history to further understand how particular men and women have enabled us to live and enjoy computers in this digital era.



This week in computing, Year 5/6 have begun our new unit by identifying how "conditions" are used to control the flow of actions in a program. They were introduced to the blocks for using conditions in programs, using the Scratch program. The children achieved this by modifying the conditions in an existing program and identified the impact this had.

Mr Simmonds, Miss Whitehead and Mrs Gray

Attendance...

Attendance this week is 94%

Reflections this week...

This week we have been looking at the Book of Job from the bible and how Job really has his resilience tested yet his faith meant that he never once cursed God or believed he has been a bad person. We discussed that good and bad happen to everyone and it is important to be resilient and bounce back. The children have written some lovely prayers about this.

Diary dates...

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| Sun 16 June - 1.00pm, 2.30pm and 4.00pm | HASA Circus | Visit ParentPay to buy your tickets |
| Tue 18 June - 2.15-3.15pm | Year 1/2 Parents Focus Group Meeting in the hall | Please click here if you wish to attend |
| Fri 21 June - 9.00-2.00pm | Sports Day - Children will need to be wearing their PE Kit with a T-Shirt in their House Colour, if possible. Refreshments will be available all day and our Ash Tree team and HASA are working together to provide Bacon and Sausage rolls from 8.50am-10.30am. | Year 5/6 - 9.15-10.15am Foundation - 10.25-11.15am Year 3/4 - 11.20-12.30pm Year 1/2 - 1.30-2.30pm Parents are welcome to join us but we ask all parents to vacate the premises during lunch time from 12.30-1.00pm |

Have a great weekend.

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