



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th July 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

It's the time of year when we start to complete our last events... We had an amazing Y5/6 Production this week - the Year 5/6 children were truly amazing and really let their light shine. Many memories were made! This afternoon, we also had our last star assemblies of this academic year. It is always so hard to choose as the children have made so many achievements over the year and we are so proud of all our children.

Annual reports...

Your child's report has been sent home today. Please do return the parent slip and if you would like to discuss anything on the report, please do speak to the class teacher.

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns and Berries -

We have been learning more about the problems in our ocean caused by plastic this week. We began by looking at the story 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' and talked about how the plastic bag being in the ocean affected the different sea creatures that encountered it. We were relieved when a boy finally took the bag and reused it by making it into a kite that he flew on the beach.

This began our thinking about how we reuse things in our junk modelling area like the boy does and how we recycle certain things at home such as metal cans and plastic bottles. We also learned that plastic is a problem for sea birds as well as the animals that live in the sea. They can end up getting their feet tangled in plastic netting or even having it in their nests.

We have decided to make sure that we do all that we can to prevent plastic and other rubbish polluting our rivers and getting into our seas. We talked about reusing our water bottles, using paper straws, reusing bags and even buying wooden toothbrushes in the future to try to limit how much plastic we buy and use. We have become real eco-warriors!

In provision, inspired by our story of the week, we created a collage picture to show Stanley (our plastic bag) in the sea! We used paint to create a background and used mini plastic bags on which we cut out faces. We tore them up a little to show what happens to them in the sea.

In Maths this week, we have been problem solving. We have used maths stories to explore applying what we know. We used a story about hiding dinosaurs to revisit and review our number bonds to ten and used a story about penguins on a shrinking iceberg to review counting in twos.

Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb



Year One and Two-

It's been another busy week in Key Stage One! Our children have been fully engaged in learning all about plants and their growth. In particular, they have been exploring the process of germination and what plants need to thrive. We are proud to share that they have even designed their own experiment to put their knowledge into action. Working together, the children decided to test different variables on bean plants. One bean received sunlight and water, another received only sunlight, another only water, and the last received no sunlight or water. It was a great opportunity for the children to use their critical thinking skills and predict what would happen. They have been eagerly checking the progress of their experiment every day, and we are pleased to announce that their predictions are coming to fruition. The bean plant that received both sunlight and water began to germinate today and we can see roots starting to poke through.

In PE, the children have been thoroughly enjoying learning the skills to play rounders throughout the term. Finally, this week they were able to apply their skills and play a fantastic game.

During PSHE, the children have been learning about the changes that occur as they grow up. This week, they explored the concept of responsibilities and the freedom that comes with maturity. It was an eye-opening lesson for them as they sorted items into different age categories to demonstrate their understanding.



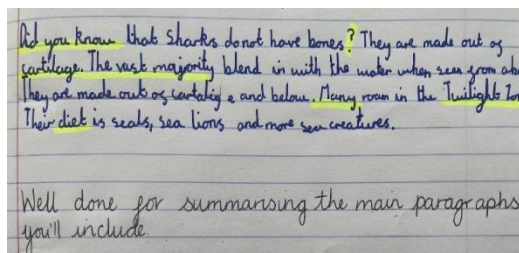
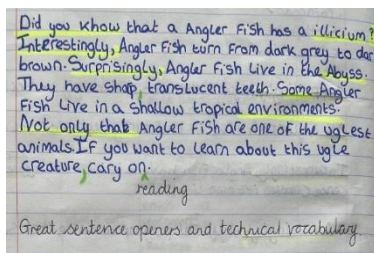
Miss Webb, Mrs Barrasford and Mrs Boyd

Year Three and Four-

This week, Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to take part in a cricket skills session. Bucks Cricket came in to lead some sessions on bowling. The children learnt how to bowl with greater accuracy, throw further distances and use their teamwork skills.

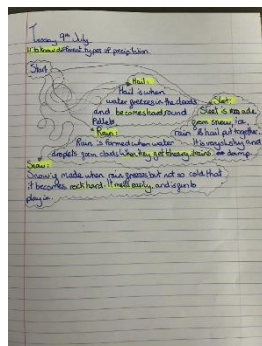


In English we have used the technical vocabulary we collected last week to begin to write information texts on marine animals. We needed to remember to include factual information, varied sentence openers and questions to engage the reader- with a shocking fact if possible!



Precipitation has been our focus in Geography this week. The weather has helped us to understand more (even if we wish it was warm and sunny). We learnt about how clouds are formed and why it rains, focusing on the different types of precipitation and why it is not heavy when it hits the ground.

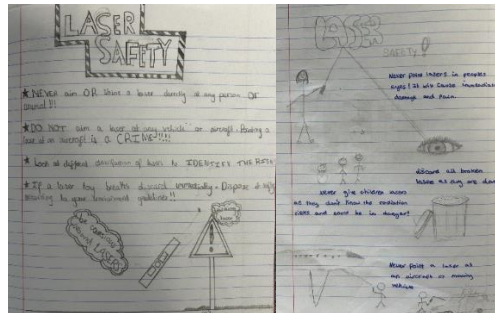
Year 3/4 are showing their innovate work off to parents on Friday 19th July at 9.05am. We would love for parents and carers to come and join us! This will be in their classrooms and it will be for 20 minutes. We hope you can join us.



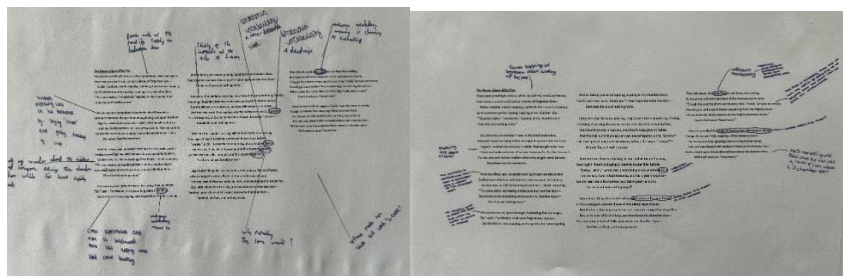
Miss Maylor, Mrs Gough and Mrs Wood

Year 5 and 6

This week, Year 5/6 have been rehearsing and performing our wonderful production of SuperStan! However, in the classroom, learning has continued. In science, we have been finishing our topic about light and considering the dangers of lasers. We also learned that lasers is an acronym for 'Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation'! Lasers have many uses, however, it is very important that they are used safely, so we designed some posters to encourage this.



In English this week, we have been exploring The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe, understanding the themes of the poem and analysing it. We have taken our understanding and inspiration from retellings of the poem such as a reading by Sir Christopher Lee and acted out different parts of the poem. We have created our own visualisation of the poem using quotes from the poem to justify our drawings.



Finally, the event of the year, the Year 6 Production of 'The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan!' The performance this year was 'amazing' indeed! We're so proud of the children for learning their lines, and bringing such energy and humour to the stage. So many children deserve a special mention: Eliza, your acting was spot on and the singing brought a tear to many eyes - what a beautiful voice you have. Elliot and Oscar made everyone laugh in every single performance, boys, you were both born for the stage! Rohan, your practise laughing was a brilliant ad lib. Blythe, your energy and humour (and pant modelling) were brilliant. All the Year 6s took our breath away - who knew you had such talent! Thanks must also go to the fantastic Year 5 choir and particularly to those who helped with the props so professionally. A big thank you to Luca for playing the thousands of sound effects so calmly. Thank you to all the parents for providing excellent costumes. What a wonderful show and great memories to cherish. Many thanks to HASA for providing the refreshments, too!



Next week, to continue our theme of Superheroes, we will be watching The Incredibles 2. As this movie has a PG rating, you have the option to withdraw your child from watching this in school. **If you do not wish for your child to watch this, please email the school office to opt them out.**

Mr Hughes, Miss Whitehead and Mrs Gough

Attendance...

Attendance this week is 94.4%

Roving Reporter...

This week the Year 6s have been very busy putting on their end of year production. We decided to ask them what their favourite scene was from the performance. Jenelle said that the bogeyman battle was very funny because of the pretend fight and all of the jokes about snot! Hayden enjoyed the part where he got shrunk down to be a mini minion and Roseanna liked the transformation of Stan into Superstan because of all of the funny stages including opera singing and animal impressions. Thomas W liked the other transformation with the 'where's your grammar?' joke!

Community Breakfast at St Luke's...

It's St Luke's **Community Breakfast tomorrow, Saturday 13th July**. This is held in the Community Centre. They start taking orders from 8.30am and last orders are at 10.30am sharp.

Later the same day they are holding a fun Quiz Night from 7.30pm in the Community Centre. £6 per head and £3 for under 16s. There will be a jacket potato supper, with various fillings, and tea/coffee etc. Your welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks if wanted. Teams can be up to six people, but if you come on your own they can pair you up. If you are interested, please contact Dave on 07711 026193.

Diary dates...

Mon 15 July - 9.30am-1.00pm	All Year 6 Transition Games at Cottesoe - Travelling by coach	All children to wear their PE Kit
Tue 16 July - 9.00am-2.30pm	Year 1/2 Waddesdon Manor Trip	All children to wear school uniform and come to school with a Packed Lunch (Nut Free) and non-fizzy drinks
Wed 17 July - 1.30-2.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Blessing at Church	Year 6 parents are welcome to join us
Thu 18 July - 10.00-11.30pm	Ice-cream van treat	
Thu 18 July - 7.30-9.30pm	Year 6 Leavers Party	This event is to held on the school premises
Friday 19 th July - 9.05-9.25am	Y3/4 Innovate work	Parents welcome to join us
Fri 19 July - 2.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly, doors open at 1.45pm	Year 6 parents are welcome to join us

Have a great weekend!

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