



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 5th July 2024



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

We have had a great week - welcoming our 2024 Foundation children into High Ash, the children meeting their new teachers for next year and the Year 6's going to their secondary schools for transition. We have also had other events this week with District Athletics, the Summer Music Concert and Hazard Alley have been working with our Year 5 and 6 children on Online Safety.

District Athletics...

On Monday 1st July, some KS2 children attended the Athletics competition at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Everyone did really well in their events. Some special races people did exceedingly well especially the Year 5/6 relays, girls and boys.

Alfie and Sophie did really well in shotput coming 6th against mostly Year 6. As well as this, Cali C and Callum W did shotput coming 3rd and 4th. For long jump the Year 3/4 competitors were Arlo and Divine coming 3rd and 4th. In year 5/6, Eliza and Harry did really well just like everyone else.

Taking place in the 60m for Year 3/4, was Ralph and Summer who both showed excellent perseverance even when it was hard. Calum and Divine both showed determination coming in the top four, also competing in the 60 metres.

Our two long distance runners Cali and Noah showed amazing techniques throughout the whopping 600 metres. The Year 3/4 relay runners, boys and girls did exceptionally well against some well-prepared competitors coming 4th and 5th.

In Year 3/4 80m was Darcey and Campbell, they both smashed all of the other competitors taking first place by a mile. Eliza and Harry also took part in the event and did brilliantly.

During one of the toughest events in the competition Alissa and Thomas did amazingly while pacing themselves perfectly. For the Year 5/6 boys relay, Alfie started us off really well getting us the lead. Then Thomas did really well only dropping us down to second place. Then Harry tried his best against some well-prepared opponents. Finally, Campbell finished them off coming second overall.

In the last race of the day, the Year 5/6 girl's relay did amazing. Starting us off was Eliza, the only Year 6 on our team, did exceptionally well against the competitors. Then Eliza passed it smoothly to Sophie and ran really quick to Alissa in 3rd position. Alissa ran really fast with a smooth transition to Darcey. then coming like lightning was Darcey Wallace coming second in total.

Well done to Cali C, Arlo, Ralph, Summer, Divine, Calum, Josephine, Noah, Sophie, Alissa, Darcey, Alfie, Campbell, Eliza, Harry and Thomas.

Without the teachers help none of this would have been possible. So we thank Mr Simmonds and Miss Maylor for accompanying us and our amazing sports leader Miss whitehead. We would also like to thank all the parents that transported the children to and from this event.

By Sophie and Alissa



Summer Music Concert...

We held our Summer Music Consent on Thursday 4th July when a display of musical talents started. To begin with, every parent entered the hall to a warming solo by Alexander, then the real ceremony began with a stunning and joyous song by the High Ash Choir. After the performance from the choir, Elliot gave a beautiful rendition of Beautiful Things by Benson Boone. Afterwards we had some instrumentals before Demi sang a million dreams, but sadly Miles was away and couldn't play Harry Potter on guitar. Despite this setback, many other great performances were enjoyed. A few performances later, Oscar and Elliot played the amazing song Another One Bites the Dust by Queen. Another memorable performance was Tumbalalaika by the duo of Flora and her mum. From Another one in the fire to Fur Elise this year's summer concert was the highlight of the year which was finished off by the final songs from the High Ash Choir. This great event was solely put together by Mrs Gray, our Music Leader. In conclusion, last night's event was a memorable time for everyone to cherish.

By Malachi and Oscar B

Year 6 Leavers Festival...

The Year 6 children are all looking forward to their 'Mini Festival' on Thursday 18th July. We have opted for a more relaxed feel to this year's event. Whilst children have enjoyed a Prom in previous years we felt the costs were getting out of hand. Weather permitting, we are hoping for music, food and games outside on the field - the event will have a relaxed festival vibe! If it rains, we'll move inside but I'm sure we'll still have as much fun.

Children should arrive for 7.30pm and will enter through the black playground gate. Pick up is at 9.30pm, again from the playground gate. The dress code is more relaxed festival wear, so shorts and t-shirts are fine, but when thinking about footwear remember that we will be on the field. Please remember that phones are still not allowed in school even in the evening and should be left with parents before the children arrive at school.

Wraparound 2024-25

There are a small number of spaces available in both our morning and afternoon wraparound care from September 2024. Please see attached letter and if you are interested in booking a space please email the office.

Star Assembly - Friday 12th July

We have a double Star Assembly next week and to make sure we can squeeze everything in we're going to change the times slightly. Please see timings below:

Foundation and KS1: Doors open 2.05pm, starting at 2.15pm

KS2: Doors open 2.45pm, starting at 2.50pm

School Sports Festival Kit...

We appear to have a lot of school sports festival kit missing from our storage boxes. If your child has been given any of this school kit at any time this term, can you please wash and return this to school before the end of term. Thank you.

Summer Clubs finishing...

All Summer clubs will finish next week with the exception of Art club which finishes this week, the last session being today, Friday 5th July.

Home arrangements on the bus last week of term -

Please ensure you have emailed the office if your child is to go home on the bus the last week of term when all clubs have finished. Thank you.

Clubs Autumn 2024...

This information has been sent to all parents. Please click [here](#) to view all club information on our website. Online bookings will be live at 7pm tonight.

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns and Berries -

In Foundation this week we have started learning about our chosen sea creatures! It has been very exciting and we have learned some amazing facts! Did you know that starfish are not really fish? They do not have a brain and they have an eye on the end of each of their legs! We were amazed to find out that some squid can glow in the dark and they can change the colour of their skin to camouflage and catch their prey. We also found out that there is a squid with the biggest eye in the animal kingdom, the size of a basketball! Puffer fish have teeth that look like a beak and they have spikes like a hedgehog. Sharks are the only sea creature that can successfully eat a puffer fish without being affected by their toxin.

In provision, we have been creating sea creatures and painting our favourites. We have started to make paper chains to create our own huge class octopus masterpiece. We have also been using our large construction to create sea creatures out on the playground in teams.

In Maths this week, we have been learning about mapping and using mathematical positional language to describe journeys on a map. We even used the story of Little Red Riding Hood to create our own maps where we drew out landmarks that she would navigate to get to a chosen destination.

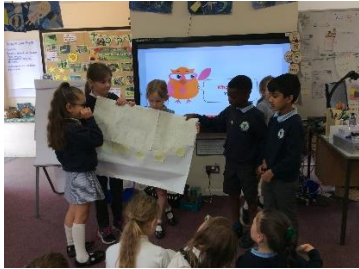


Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb

Year One and Two-

In Year 1 we have a lovely week with our children continuing their work on positioning and movement in Maths. Year 1 have also been using their knowledge of features and recount to write about our hook walk day to the foxhole.

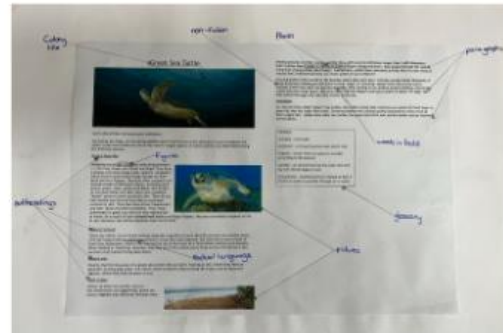
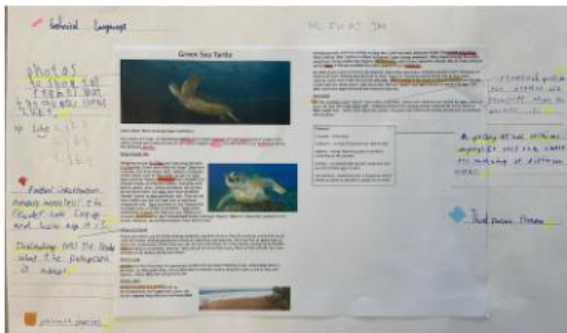
Year 2 have had a great week with the children continuing investigations into suitable conditions for plant growth, and they have really impressed us with their scientific diagrams. We started our statistics unit in Maths and the children have been using their knowledge to decide how best to present data. We have also loved seeing how our cressheads have germinated and grown.



Miss Webb, Mrs Barrasford and Mrs Boyd

Year Three and Four-

This week in English we have been learning about information texts and their features. We have looked at multiple texts and picked out the features, looking at the similarities and differences between them all. We are going to build up to writing our own information texts so this lesson has really helped us to understand what to include to have a successful piece of writing.



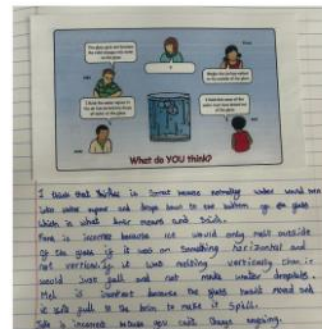
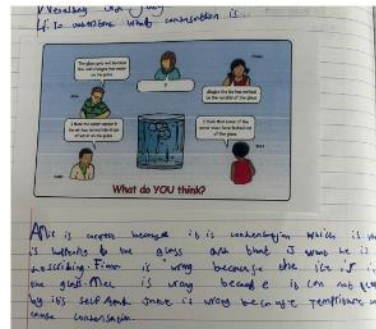
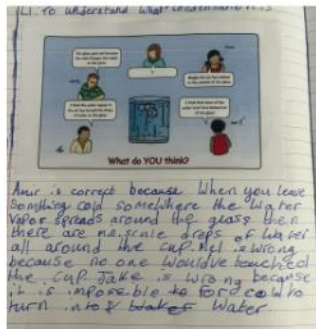
In our Science lessons we have been learning about both natural and human threats to marine life in preparation to start our innovates soon. We have learnt about natural threats and the debris it creates, which will then harm the oceans. The children took part in a class debate to decide which idea we could use to help clean up the oceans. Thinking about environmental and economical impacts and how sustainable it could be. We may have some budding debaters in our midst.



Our French lesson has been helping us to get ready for the summer holidays! We have been learning how to order Ice-cream, how to say our likes and dislikes and know the names of each flavour. Get ready for some fantastic french ordering!



Geography has been exciting too! We have been understanding the different stages of the water cycle, the stage we have been diving deeper into this week is condensation. Looking at what happens when things evaporate and turn into water vapour.

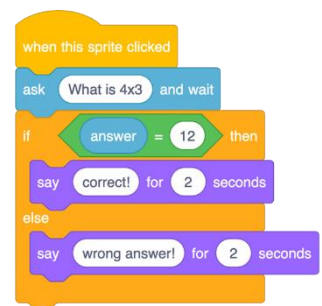


Miss Maylor, Mrs Gough and Mrs Wood

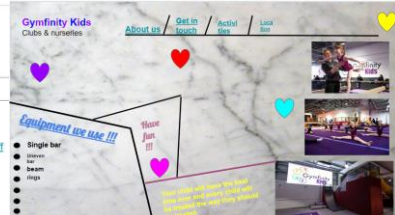
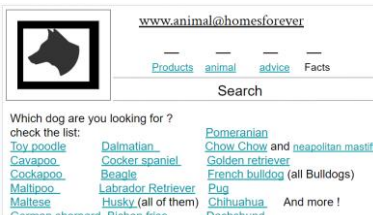
Year 5 and 6

This week has been full of events for Year 5/6. Year 6s have enjoyed visiting their new schools in their transition days throughout the week and on Tuesday we welcomed Year 4 children to the Year 5/6 team in our transition day. On Monday, some children went to an Athletics festival and on Thursday, we were lucky enough to have some visitors from Hazard Alley discuss online safety. Regrettably the Rounders Festival was cancelled today due to wet weather. Meanwhile, we have been doing lots of learning.

This week in Computing we have used algorithms with a branching structure to represent the actions that will be carried out. We have designed a program on Scratch to ask a question and have designed it to have different outcomes, i.e. if the answer is correct or incorrect. An example is shown here.



In our topic work, we have been applying the features of websites that we have recognised to our own webpages. At the moment, we have been simply using Google Slides to design a homepage, complete with a banner, relevant images and information, useful links and a logo. Next week, for our innovate, we will be creating a website for a 'School of the Future' using Google Slides.



We had a very interesting and important visitor in school on Thursday. Catherine from Hazard Alley came to speak to us about internet safety. We started off by looking at some true or false questions, then the lesson moved on to age requirements. Catherine gave us a sheet with app logos and we had to work out the age requirements to set up an account with each. We all gasped when we found out that Disney + is an 18! Then we learned about the importance of secure passwords and were told that three unconnected words together, with the odd capital and symbols was a good idea. We also looked at scenarios where a young girl agreed to meet up with someone she had met online who turned out not to be a local 13 year old boy, but a grown man - this was scary. We also learned about taking and sending pictures of each other and that we all have a digital footprint. It gave us all plenty of food for thought.



Attendance...

Attendance this week is 93.1%

Reflections this week...

We had great fun in reflections this week - we were looking at what a challenge is... We asked for volunteers to come and sing in front of the whole school, balance a book on their head whilst taking 10 paces and many other challenges. The children then thought about the answer to this question 'What skills have we got to face new challenges?' With all this in mind we then talked about the bible reading from Roman 5:3-5 *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.* We explained to the children that challenges are not meant to be easy and actually through the struggle we learn new things about ourselves and the skills we have to overcome challenges.

Diary dates for next week...

W-C Mon 8 July	Annual Reports to be sent home	These will be sent home with your child towards the end of this week
Tue 9 July - 2.00-3.00pm and 6.00-7.00pm	Year 5/6 EoY Production	There at seats available for all performances. Please book and pay via ParentPay
Tue 9 July	Y3/4 Cricket event at school	Run by Bucks Cricket. All children to wear their PE kit
Wed 10 July - 6.00-7.00pm	Year 5/6 EoY Production	As above
Fri 12 July - 2.15pm	Final F/KS1 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.05pm	Invitation only
FRI 12 July - 2.50pm	Final KS2 Star Assembly, doors open at 2.45pm	Invitation only

Have a great weekend.

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