



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 7th March 2025



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Thank you to all our families who attended parent - teacher consultations this week. It was lovely to see and hear the buzz in the hall of parents being able to see and hear about the amazing achievements of their children. The teachers and a lot of parents commented on how they enjoyed the new format in the hall. On Tuesday the children really enjoyed the Pancake Flip and we know now who the expert flippers are in each class. Thank you for all the sponsorship we have raised so far for World Vision. Yesterday we had a great day with lots of book characters coming to school. The children really enjoyed the book swap and were very pleased with their new books and also working out who the masked readers were! The staff also secretly enjoyed filming the masked reader - there were some very funny characters!

Football match report...

Thanks to our captain, Max, we had the kick off. We had the majority of the ball to begin with. However, Whitchurch put up a good fight and made the score 1-0, through a long-range effort. Later on, Feranmi and Miles came on for Kimi and Darcey, Feranmi up front and Miles left-back. Eventually we got what their efforts merited, Owen crossed to the back post finding Emma, who scored a wonderful volley to make it 1-1. After a while, the half time whistle blew, ending the half as a draw. Soon after the second half began, Whitchurch made a counter attack to make the score 2-1. Our heads did not drop and continued to press forward through Henry, Jacob and Kimi making positive runs at the opposition. They managed to pass it to Feranmi who crossed it to Darcey, who was playing left wing, and she shot it into the top corner for the equaliser. We pushed on as a team, although we didn't score any more goals. Fortunately, the other team failed to score as well. The full time whistle went, concluding a great game of football. The player of the match for us was our number 10, Jacob.

Written by Feranmi and Emma



Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball...

On Wednesday, some children had the privilege of participating in a Dodgeball tournament. Our first game was against St Michaels. It was a hard game, but in the end, we were the better team. Our second game was against Swanbourne, we tried our best and won. Our third game was against Cheddington. The game tested our abilities but we came out on top.

Our fourth game was against Newton Longville, who had split themselves into two teams. Despite our good efforts, they won the game. Our fifth and final game was against the other Newton Longville team, again we tried our best, however they left with the win.

Thank you to all the parents for taking time out of their day to get us there and back. And finally, a massive thank you to Mrs Stanley for coaching us throughout the tournament.

By Darcey and Alayna



Knife Crime workshop next week for Year 5 and 6...

As part of our PSHE curriculum we will be welcoming into school Hazard Alley to run workshops for our Year 5 and 6 children. Sadly, as we all read far too frequently in the media, this is a real issue that our children may have to face. The workshop covers:

- How choices have consequences that can affect us, our future, friends, family, and the wider community.
- The risks of carrying knives.
- The consequences of being involved in Knife Crime
- The laws around knife crime.
- Where to get help and support.

The children will be taken through a 'story' of how a young person becomes involved in carrying a knife and explore each choice the character makes, and how this affects his life and the people around him. The workshop will be sensitively done and is age appropriate.

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

Another busy week in Acorns class! We had celebrated Shrove Tuesday by flipping pancakes in the playground to raise money for World Vision. We talked about the importance of helping others and how the money we raise will make a difference to other people who are less fortunate than us. We took turns and counted in our team to see how many pancake flips we could do, it was very tricky! We had lots of fun.

We looked at dinosaur fact books this week and how they are different from dinosaur story books. We read different facts about different dinosaurs and talked about them and what we found out. We have also explored the dinosaurs in continuous provision with our friends.

We reviewed 3D shapes and looked at patterns in Maths this week. We were able to look at the 'rule' in patterns, how they repeat and how we can have patterns in lots of different ways. We did patterns using actions like tapping our heads, stamping and clapping our hands. We also explored patterns of objects and colours and how we can have a simple pattern like green, blue, green, blue or a more complex one with three colours repeating.

We also celebrated World Book Day this week! We enjoyed dressing up in our costumes, talking about our favourite characters and sharing books with our friends. We got to watch the teacher Masked Reader videos and try to guess who was who, we found them all very funny! The book swap was a wonderful part of the day, we got to go to the library and choose a book to keep and take home.



Year One and Two-

KS1 have had yet another busy week! On Tuesday, the children had a lot of fun, during pancake day, seeing how many times they could flip a pancake in one minute. On Thursday, the children loved their world book day, coming in dressed in some amazing costumes! We enjoyed having time to read for pleasure and being able to choose a book at the 'book swap' to bring home.



In English, we have been writing recounts of our pirate hook day from last week. We have been consolidating all of our skills over this year so far. Year 1 have also learnt a new time opener which is 'Then'.

In Maths, Year 1 have been completing their unit on addition and subtraction to 20. We have been exploring counting backwards on a number line as well as finding the difference between two numbers. In Year 2, the children have been completing their unit on multiplication and division where they have been looking at dividing and multiplying by 2, 5 and 10.

In Geography, the children have labelled the four countries which make up the United Kingdom and also identified the capital cities; London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

In RE, the children have explored the events leading up to Palm Sunday when Jesus was welcomed in the streets of Jerusalem. The children had to use their powers of prediction as to how they thought people might have greeted him on our own palm leaves.

Year Three and Four-

In Science, we made a string telephone to demonstrate how sound is caused by vibrations that travel to our ears. We experimented with different lengths of string to see if the sound would be louder or quieter.



In Computing we became photo editors and learnt how to use the crop and clone tools to retouch a photo. We even noticed that some of the images used in our English lessons were made by AI!



This week in History we have been learning about Greek theatre and the types of masks they would have worn and why they wore them. We explored different types of Greek plays and what each play meant and who would act in them.



As England's prosperous monarch, I have
encountered trials and troubles alike.
Yet, a being the philosophical and witty
leader that I am, I know that with a well-
bred wife by my side, I shall be
unstoppable.

I shall not accept in fidelity, as those who
commit such a crime will be beheaded, nor

will I tolerate anyickle-minded souls
if you possess any of these traits, or if you
too are looking for a wealthy companion,
please make yourself known.

In Computing we have been continuing to look at variables and understanding how they are in programs, and that they are only able to hold a single value at a time. We began by using post-it notes to fill in the gaps to a sentence to model this concept before applying their learning to a Scratch project.

This week in PSHE we have been learning about different types of drugs and their uses and effects on the body. We discussed how some drugs are good for you and the reasons behind why they are prescribed to you as well as why others are illegal.

In Art, we have been studying self-portraits and started our unit last week by creating line drawings of ourselves. We then went around the line drawings with the lyrics from some of our favourite well known songs, including, 'Proud' and 'Love, Peace and Happiness'. It was a really effective piece of work as we were able to use tracing paper to create our word portrait. This week, we have been adding these to pre-created backgrounds that reflect us.



We really enjoyed our charity pancake flipping on Shrove Tuesday too. There were some very impressive number of flips from all three classes!



Attendance...

This week's attendance is 95%, this is an improvement so keep on sending the children into school!

Reflections this week....

This week we have been looking at #bebothered to show gratitude. We talked about the start of Lent and how Shrove Tuesday is also now known as Pancake Day and the relevance to why it is always the day before Ash Wednesday - the start of Lent. We talked about how Christians believe this is the period where Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights and during this time he was tested and tempted. The children learnt that Christians use this time of Lent for the 3 R's to reflect, repent and reconcile. We also thought about how some Christians choose to do a Lenten Sacrifice whilst others choose not to. The children then learnt that after the 40 days have past and Lent ends, this signifies the start of Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in it. We will be talking more about the events of Holy Week over the next few weeks. We also hope to take worship outside next week... fingers crossed the weather holds!

I will not be at school from Wednesday next week as I am a Challenge Partner Reviewer for 3 days. This is where I get to go to another school in a different local authority and gather information on how to make High Ash even better and to support another school in developing their school. It is greatly beneficial to High Ash and to myself as a Headteacher. In my absence, the SLT will be in charge: Mr Simmonds, Mrs Northen, Miss Whitehead, Miss Webb and Mrs Bird. Please do contact them if you need anything. I will be in touch with the school daily and will be writing next week's newsletter.

MIND Morning event this March - Buckinghamshire Council...

"Are you a parent or carer interested in knowing more about ADHD? Come to our free MIND Morning event this March. To book on scan the QR code on the attached flyer or click this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Sv5XmdrmtR>"

Online Safety Newsletter...

Please click [here](#) to read this month's online safety newsletter via our website.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

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