



High Ash CE School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 13th June 2025



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

HASA Summer Fayre June 21st - 11am-2pm...

We are looking forward to our first High Ash Summer Fayre for many years now. This will take place on Saturday 21st June. There will be inflatables, games, bbq, bar, refreshments, & loads of fun. The whole school community will be there and we hope you will too, helping your children with their stint on the stall their class is running, or just coming along for a burger and a go at the tombola! Entrance is free, with an option to buy an unlimited bouncing wristband, plenty of 50p games, tombolas for all ages, food & drink. We look forward to seeing you all there for a real community spirited day.

Please do support this event - the classes are having a competition for who raises the most money on their stall - every year HASA donate money to the school to enable your children to have the 'extras' in school. They help us buy more books, pay for visitors as well as lots of other things. Next year, HASA will help contribute to the new playground activities which will benefit all. It is a great way to be a part of our community and to give something back - whether that is your time or to donate a little money. Please remember **'Everyone is welcome'** and as is our theme all year **#bebothered**, get involved. Thank you.

Reminder - Sports Day next Friday 20th June...

The schedule is as follows:

Y5/6 - 9.15-10.15am

Foundation - 10.25-11.15am

Years 3/4 - 11.30-12.30pm

Years 1/2 (KS1) - 1.30-2.30pm

HASA will be serving teas, coffees, soft drinks, pastries and snacks throughout the day. Card or cash are accepted.

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

All children are to come in PE kit and if at all possible wearing a colour of their house. (If they don't have a top in that colour their normal white PE top is fine). Here is a quick reminder for the colours:

Adams: Blue

Glennie: Orange

Henry: Red

Lewis: Green

Turing: Purple

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

Reminder - There will be NO Star Assembly on Friday 20th June.

Staffing update...

We shall be saying goodbye to Miss Webb at the end of this term, as she has secured a SENCo role at Winslow Primary School. I am sure you will join me wishing her well with her new career path.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we are fully staffed next year. In the current climate of education, it is becoming increasingly harder to recruit quality teachers as so many are leaving the profession. I am happy to say that I have employed Miss Bright to take over Miss Webb's teaching commitment and she will be in school on transition day - 1st July - to meet the children.

Today and on Monday, I am holding interviews for a part-time SENCo position. The board of Governors and I believe that this is the best way forward to ensure that all of our SEN children receive the best support in school. The SENCo will be supported by Mrs Kim Ward, our Family Liaison Officer.

Next year, the teachers will be in the following classes:

Acorns	Mrs Cate Bird
Apples	Mrs Mel Fox
Cherry	Miss Megan Bright
Chestnut	Mrs Natalie Barrasford
Hawthorn	Miss Charlotte Maylor
Hazel	Mrs Rebecca Boyd
Holly	Mrs Jessica Weatherall and Mrs Jessica Underwood
Maple	Miss Emily Jolliffe
Oak	Mrs Rachel Gray
Willow	Mrs Ella Derham

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

In Acorns this week we have been busy learning, practicing and performing our class poem and songs for the Special Men's Assembly! We have also been busy making our cards ready for the special men in our lives. We talked about who is special to us and why; we used our writing skills to write out our cards.



We have also had fun applying our counting and measuring skills and language in our learning play. We have used our knowledge of the numbers to ten, ordering them and using that knowledge to find a mystery missing number. This week we also learned how to use Rekenreks! These help us with our number knowledge.



We have continued to explore space! We have begun learning about 'gravity' and how it holds objects and even us onto our planet so we do not float off! We have begun naming the planets in our solar system and talking about what makes them the same and different from Earth.



Thank you to all of our family members for donating things to help us with our bingo card! It has been wonderful to receive so many donations to help us improve provision for all children at High Ash.

Year One and Two-

What a fun-packed and creative week we've had in Key Stage one!

Year 1 made all of the adults proud in their phonics screening this week where all of the children showcased all of their hard work with their reading. We have also been working hard to perfect our singing voices and our performance skills in preparation for our Special Men's Assembly. The children have made us very proud with their determination to improve and their enthusiasm for this.

Year 2 had a great morning out at a Multi-Skills Festival at Cottesloe School on Wednesday morning. The children took part in a range of activities and were excellent ambassadors for the school - well done!



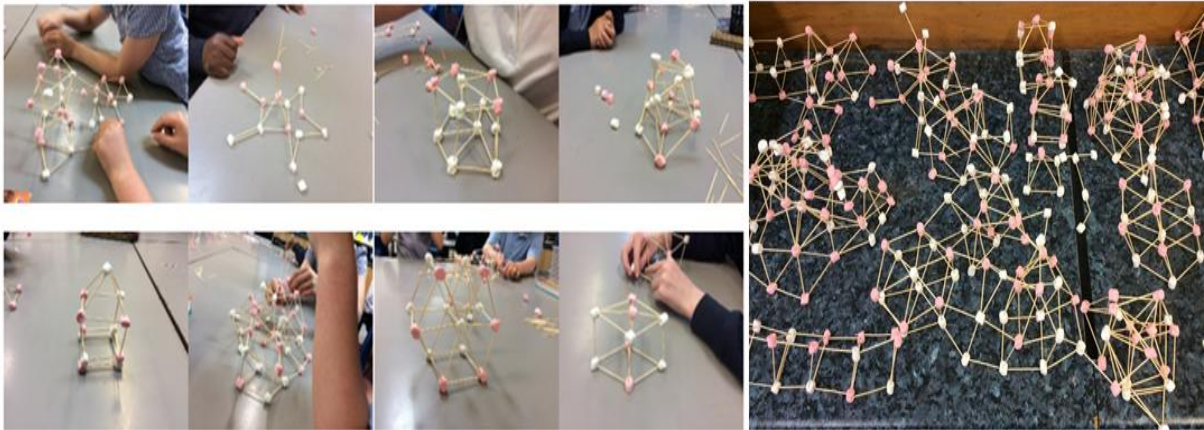
In English, the children have started a unit looking at instruction writing where they are creating their own disgusting sandwich! The children have thought of some incredibly revolting ideas and have been learning how to structure their work using time words, numbered steps and using imperative verbs to command the reader with what to do.

In Maths, Year 1 have finished their unit on multiplication and division and are starting to look at fractions. The children have started by looking at finding halves and quarters.

In RE, the children have started to explore symbols linked to the Sanatana Dharma religion. We learnt how the 'Om' symbol is used when Sanatanis pray and represents four things; Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma and the concept of being calm and at peace. We all had a go at drawing this symbol on our whiteboards.

Year Three and Four-

In DT, we started our work on structures. The first lesson involved using cocktail sticks and marshmallows to create different shaped frames. To do this we had to decide which shapes to create so that we had a sturdy structure. We worked in pairs to make our masterpieces!



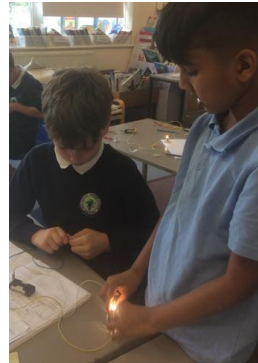
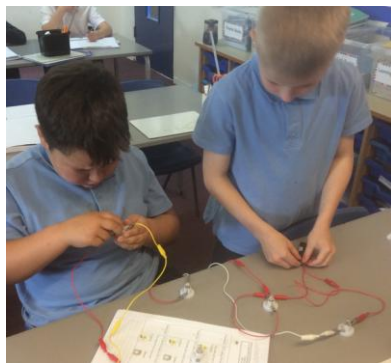
On Wednesday, we had some visitors from Cottesloe school! The head of Art and some Year 12 students came to give the children in Hawthorn class a lesson all about drawing portraits. We learnt how to use mirrors to draw ourselves, looking at what to draw first and building on that small step. We can't wait for them to come back and teach Holly and Hazel.



In Geography our topic is rivers. We have been learning about what the features of rivers are and where they start and end. To help us understand the features better, we created our own rivers from cardboard and other materials and labelled the source, meanders, waterfalls, oxbow lakes, mouth, floodplain, delta, estuary, valley and tributary.



In science, the children made predictions about what would happen when different components were added to their circuits, such as whether the lamp would get brighter, dimmer or switch off. They then tested their ideas to see if their predictions were correct and were very good at explaining why the changes happened.



Year Five and Six-

This week, we started our art topic looking at photography, specifically in the style of Dada. Children used images of household items to create a piece of art that represented a skyline, which looked fantastic! We took inspiration from Metropolis: Cheese Grater City by Chris Plowman.



In French, the children are beginning to learn how to write in the future tense. Our topic is based around an imagined forthcoming holiday. We're considering where in the world we would like to go, what we will be packing and what activities we are looking forward to when we get there!

This week, the children in Years 5 and 6 have been exploring light. We are building on our previous learning about the eye and how we see. This week, we focused on how light travels. To investigate this, we carried out an experiment to observe the direction in which light moves. We were given three pieces of card and asked to punch a hole in each one. We then used a torch to shine light through the three aligned holes. We discovered that light travels in a straight line and only changes direction when it is reflected off an object. We had lots of fun working together.



Rugby Match Report...

We ALL had an amazing time at the rugby tournament on Tuesday. Everyone who participated is so very grateful that we get to have many opportunities like this. Whether it was playing matches (Year 5/6) or practicing important skills (Year 3/4) we all loved being there.

All of the hosts were **VERY** comforting and made sure that we knew what we were doing. Although slightly competitive at times, we all were very polite and made sure we showed our **PROUD** principles. We made sure we represented our school in the best way possible.

We played 6, 10 minute matches against 2 other schools. We made sure that everybody got the ball and had a go, showing the 'U' in **PROUD** (understanding the feelings of others). When something did

not go as planned, we made sure that we did not take it out on others, but instead we kept it to ourselves and told a teacher.

During the awards, if we did not get an award, we made sure that we cheered on the people that did and made them feel special. Overall it was a lovely atmosphere and we are all so grateful for amazing opportunities. A special thank you to Mrs Stanely and Mrs Williams for looking after us.

By Jessica



Reflections this week...

We are continuing our study of God's armour. This week we have looked at 'truth'. Why this is important and the effect it has on others when we are truthful. The children enjoyed playing 2 truths and a lie game and finding out things about their friends that they never knew. ***Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.*** Ephesians 6:14.

Attendance...

This week's attendance is 96%, please keep on sending the children into school, remember every day counts!

Diary dates w-c 16 June...

Mon 16 - Thu 19 June - Year 5 Bikeability Training

Tue 17 June, 3.45-5.00pm - KS1 Football Tournament. Invitation only.

***Apologies, parents are NOT permitted to stay and watch as the event takes place on Bierton School premises.**

Wed 18 June, 2.45-3.20pm - SEND Parents Tea and Cake Event. Invitation only.

Thu 19 June, 3.45-5.00pm - LKS2 Football Tournament. Invitation only.

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Fri 20 June from 9.15am - Sports Day

Sat 21 June, 11.00-2.00pm - HASA Summer Fayre. Community event, all welcome.

Have a great weekend.

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