



HALF TERM

28th October - 1st November

4th November - Back to school

Value of the Month -

Kindness

6th November - Y4-Y6 cinema trip

11th November - Magical Maths Club starts

12th November - Y6 trip to Chester Zoo

15th November - Y4 assembly

18th November - Creativity n ICT week

20th November - Y1-Y3 Cinema trip

21st November - Reception trip to Thinktank

21st November - Y4 trip to Wroxeter

26th November - Y3 trip to Creswell Craggs

28th November - Nursery Play and Stay (9-10am and 12.24-1.45)

29th November - Nursery Play and Stay (9-10am and 12.24-1.45)

NEWSLETTER - 25th October 2019

Last week we had a tremendous time when Wolverhampton Grand came into school to perform Dick Whittington and his cat. The children joined in with all the booing and hissing for King Rat and cheered when Dick and his cat saved the day! The children behaved fantastically and we'll definitely be having them back to perform again next year.

Thank you for all your help and support this term and from everyone at Highfields, we hope you have a lovely half term break!

Mrs Garratt

Good luck!

This week we will be losing two members of staff. Mrs Naveed will be beginning her maternity leave and Mrs Freer will be leaving us to start a new adventure.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

School Council will be selling merchandise to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



Poppies, zip pull and reflectors 50p each (suggested donation) Silicon wristband and snap bands £1.00 each (suggested donation). These will be on sale from Monday 4th November 2019 during Key Stage 2 break time. If your child is in Early Years or Key Stage 1 then please send money in an envelope stating clearly child's name and class and the item they would like to purchase. Please note that we have limited supply of these items and will be first come first served.

Thank you
School Council

Medal winner!!

A huge well done to *Sophie* who recently took part in a Sports Cruise which saw her winning medals for her acrobatics, running and dance. As well as taking part in the activities she visited some amazing places, such as Gibraltar and Rome!



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates...



	11.10.19	18.10.19	25.10.19
Nam	Hugo	-	Jeevan
Npm	Freddie	-	Isabelle
RW	Jayden	Ameera	Gracie
RD	Les	Lewis	Mason
IM	Lily	Prabneet	Aiden
IS	Idrees	Rocco	Harry S
2P	Elijah	On a trip	Zion
2S	Nathan	On a trip	Joseph
3B	Phoebe	Archie	Broly
3G	Abdullah	Lottie	Ellie-Mae
4G	Dion	Sara	Benjamin
4R	Gurman	Anastarsia	Faith
5K	Lily-May	Melyssa	Lucy
5S	Amber	Abbie	Sophie
6C	Ria	Alexia	Millie
6W	Darcey	Amrit	Orlaith
PE	Harrison	Jake	Vincent

Great British Irish Dancing Champion!

Everyone at Highfields would also like to wish *Olivia* good luck for her upcoming competition. We are extremely proud to have been told that Olivia has been selected to represent her school of Irish Dancing (Scanlon School) in the Great Britain Championship in Torquay this week. Well done Olivia, we know you will do tremendously and you look absolutely fantastic! Good luck and we can't wait to hear all about the competition.



Rights Respecting British Values Song

Thank you to *Mary* who has written a Rights Respecting British Values song for Highfields. She will be performing the piece in the first Golden Book assembly after half term! Well done Mary, Can't wait to sing along with your lyrics!

Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**. This week's whole school attendance was **95.2%** so this week we were **below target!** The winning classes attendance are...
EYFS - RW - 94% KSI - 1M - 96.7% KS2 - 3G - 99.7%

Rowley 734	Haden 352	Clent 312	Kinver 735
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Nursery and Reception

In **Reception** we learned all about Martin Luther King Jr. and what his dream was. We talked about what we want for people in the world and created our own dreams. We also read about Rosa Parks, created pictures of her and built a bus using construction materials.



In **Nursery** we talked about how we are different to each other but should all be treated nicely. We learnt about famous black people and African necklaces which some women in Africa might wear. We then chose a famous person to paint or designed our own African necklace! The children had lots of fun.



Miss Westwood – Phase Co-ordinator

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 4

This week we have been celebrating Black History Month and the children have studied the lives of Rosa Parks and Josephine Baker, producing some excellent posters. The children particularly enjoyed learning about Baker and her incredible and inspiring life as a dancer, film star and spy!



Year 3

The children in Year 3 have learned about the life of Mary Seacole and her pioneering work in nursing. The children have learnt a lot of facts including...

Full name: Mary Jane Grant
Born: 1805
Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica
Occupation: Nurse and business woman



Died: 14 May 1881

Best known for: Her work in helping the sick and wounded – particularly during the Crimean War.

Mr Roper – Phase Co-ordinator

Year 1 and Year 2

Phase Assembly

In our phase assembly, the reasons for Black History Month and some important historical figures were introduced to the children.



Year 1

Year one focussed on the life of Rosa Parks and how she became an inspiration for millions by refusing to give up her seat on the bus. This led in to some very important discussions about everyone having the same rights and that no one should be discriminated against.

Year 2

Year two read about different significant people from a range of backgrounds including Ben jamin Zephaniah, Barack Obama, Alice Coachman, Nelson Mandela and Jesse Owens. The children then completed a collaborative activity where they matched facts to the correct person.

Mrs Lewis – Phase Co-ordinator

Year 5 and Year 6

Over the last few weeks the children have developed their knowledge and completed activities based on Black History month. To begin, the children enjoyed a phase assembly the opportunity to learn about famous people from history. There was lots of fantastic conversation about Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela and what they did to improve the lives of citizens in both the UK and America.

Year 5 – then focused on the Windrush and its importance in Black history. The children took on the role of someone on the ship and wrote a letter home to their family. *“We’ve been cooped up inside all day and it’s still raining now. I’ve been banging on the windows and wiping the steamy trail away. I’ve made friends but I just hope we get to England soon.”* – part of a Y5 piece

Year 6 – activity to celebrate this month also included learning about the Windrush. Children learnt all about this ship and how and where they had significant it was in supporting others after the War. They then wrote their own diary as if they were on the Windrush, travelling from Jamaica to Britain. *“As I stepped on the Windrush, anxiety consumed me but I knew what awaited me in Britain was a better life. A chance to prove that I could work and to be treated as equal. Disembarking the ship, I knew my life was about to change forever.”* – part of a Y6 piece

Mrs Ward – Phase Co-ordinator

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It's that time of year again where communities will be enjoying celebrations including Halloween, Diwali and Bonfire night. These celebrations provide opportunities for us all to enjoy time with our families and friends.

Children and young people will break up from school this week and I want to remind you all to keep your child safe over this busy holiday period. The darker nights are now upon us, so do you know where your child is going, who they're with and what they're doing?

Fireworks provide wonderful entertainment when they are let off correctly at an organised display. They can, however, be very dangerous when used inappropriately. Remember that in order to buy fireworks you must be over the age of 18 and they can only be purchased from registered sellers. Please remind your child of this: any child or young person found in possession of, or letting off, fireworks in public will face legal action. They will also place themselves and members of the public in great danger.

Also, please be mindful of those vulnerable members of society who may be fearful at this time of year. I would ask you to ensure that your child does not cause unnecessary distress through their actions, whether by involving themselves in anti-social behaviour or associating with those engaging in such behaviour.

Any child or young person found to be involved in anti-social behaviour will face legal action.

I want to be clear that where legal action for anti-social behaviour is taken against any child, there may also be repercussions for parents/guardians and other members of the family.

Sandwell Police are very proud of our relationship with the young people of Sandwell and our wider communities. We encourage families to spend time with each other and enjoy this season of the year.

At the same time I would ask you, as parents/guardians, to ensure that the whole of Sandwell can enjoy this time together, and that the actions of a few do not spoil the enjoyment of many. If we all ensure our own child is safe, then we can be sure others are safe too.

Regards

C Galler

Inspector Colin Galler
Sandwell Partnerships Inspector

