

NEWSLETTER – 9th October 2020



Phase Pages are Back!

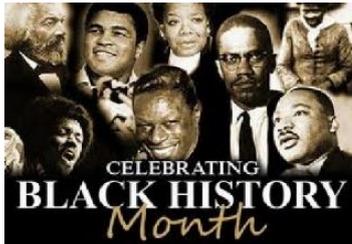
For the past few weeks our newsletters have been about bringing you the latest updates from school and the DfE but from now on we are also going to start celebrating the fabulous work that goes on in Nursery to Year 6 so have a look at page 2 to find out exactly what we have been up to for the past few weeks! A couple of weeks ago we advertised for a Parent Governor and we would like to congratulate the successful candidate, J. Foster, a Reception parent, who has been appointed this week.
Mrs Garratt



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

	October 2nd	October 9th
Nursery am	Noah	Ria
Nursery pm	Summer-Rose	Ameera
RG	Otis	Nicholas P.
RD	Khayim	Jack D.
IS	Lewis S.	Lily Ruth
IM	Luca	Ayyub
2S	Lilly C.	Betsy
2P	Charlie E.	Susan
3K	Isha	Olivia W.
3G	Darcy N.	Frankie Mae
4G	Logan W.	Archie B.
4W	Mutasim	Chloe H.
5S	Annie-May	Evie H.
5B	Fatima	Lilah J.
6C	Taylor	Jake S.
6R	Alex A.	Ethan E.
PE	Chloe O.	Matthew C.
French	Mikey B.	Labiba



Black History Month

October marks Black History Month. To help us raise awareness and celebrate the achievements, history and contribution of black people to the children of Highfields, we will be using of our favourite resources including lessons, worksheets, activities and assemblies focusing on key figures, movements and events in black history. From the Civil Rights Campaign, Windrush and Apartheid to significant figures such as Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela, we have plenty of resources ready to use with our classes so make sure you talk to your children about what they have done for Black History month.

Sports Mad Archie Smashes His Target – For his Grandad

The children at Highfields regularly do things that astound me but for anyone who did not see the article, this is one of the kindest I have seen for a long time! I was blown away by this Archie and I know your teachers and friends were too! We are all incredibly proud no wonder the Halesowen News printed this story!

Sports mad Archie Elwell decided he wanted to put his passion to good use to raise money in memory of his grandad, Paul, who died of bowel cancer. So the Rowley Regis youngster set himself the challenge of a 20 km run to raise money for cancer research. And the ten-year-old smashed his target of £500 by raising £1,075 from 51 donations through a Justgiving page. Archie, who lives at Rowley Village and goes to Highfield Primary School, has always enjoyed sports from a young age and has dedicated his time to Halesowen Town Colts Football club, Halesowen Swimming Club and Golden Gloves Boxing Gym. To raise the cash in memory of grandad Paul, who lived at Regis Road, Archie, supported by proud father Ben and mum Karen, ran 50 laps of the pitch at Halesowen Town football club non stop.



Remembrance Day 2020

Remembrance Day is an annual event, where we remember all the people who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces. It's also called Armistice Day or Poppy Day. People from different backgrounds, cultures and religions come together to honour Remembrance Day. We remember the bravery and courage of those who fought in the World Wars on Remembrance Day. Wearing a poppy throughout November is a popular way to commemorate Remembrance Day. The red poppy is a sign of remembrance and a symbol of hope for a peaceful future unfortunately this year we will not be selling poppies but we are asking all children and staff to come to school wearing something **red** on **November 11th 2020**.

Fruit is back!

Another reminder for children in Nursey, Reception, Years 1 and 2 we are now having fruit delivered in school. This means that children in these classes no longer need to bring crisps and chocolates into school for their morning snack.



Nursery and Reception

Nursery

Our topic this term is 'Marvellous Me'. We have been learning all about what we look like and have looked in a mirror to describe our features. We have painted self-portraits, trying to use the correct colours for our features. We have also begun learning our first Nursery Rhyme, 'Old McDonald'. We have learned how to sign it in Makaton sign language and have drawn some pictures of the animals on the farm. We have also collaged a big picture of Old McDonald and put him on display in our classroom.



Reception

Over the last few weeks Reception have been exploring traditional tales, including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread man. Children had a wonderful time acting out the story of Goldilocks, we have some very good actors in our year group who all used their deep and high voices to portray different characters. The children loved creating different houses for the pigs to live in, we had straw houses, stick houses and Lego block houses. We have also opened up our mud kitchen, children had lots of fun mixing up coloured water and pretending to cook their own Gingerbread men.

EYFS Phase Team

Year 1 and 2

Welcome back Year 1 and 2!

Year 1 have started their topic 'Step Right Up' this term. In English the children have been reading a story called "Clifford at the Circus". They have learnt lots of new vocabulary linked to the story, such as: obey, command, midway and finale. Year 1 have also studied the artwork of Henri Matisse. The children have designed their own clown pictures and will have the opportunity to create their own picture of an act from the circus.



Year 2 have started the part of their 'Fire and Ice' topic that focuses on the Great Fire of London. The children have learnt about the timeline of events and have started to gather lots of interesting facts, which will be included in their non-chronological report. In Geography, Year 2 have also started learning about 'hot' and 'cold' climates around the world. They loved using the iPads to safely research and look at images of these places.

Please remember to read and practise your child's spellings with them each week – their spelling tests will be on a Friday.
The spellings you will need are on the school website.

Thank you, Miss Pullinger – Y1/Y2 Phase Leader

Year 3 and 4

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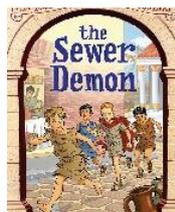
Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the school year and are all really enjoying their new topic: The Stone Age. To begin this topic, they created stone age clothing and handprints. All the children loved being creative and their work is up in their rooms for all to see.



They have also created some fantastic letters, in English, where they wrote to Mrs Garratt to let her know what they did during their time away from school.

Year 4

Year 4 have really impressed all of the staff since returning to school. They are all enjoying their English unit based on the text 'The Sewer Demon' and have created some excellent writing outcomes as a result.



They have also shown a keen interest to develop their knowledge about The Romans during our topic work. In Art, we are building up the skills required to sketch our very own ancient Roman buildings.

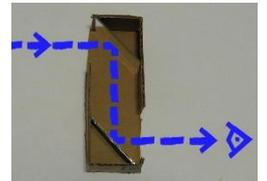


Mrs Ward – Y3/Y4 Phase Leader

Year 5 and 6

Year 5

The children of Year 5 have been greatly enjoyed reading Goodnight Mr Tom and writing about the main characters. The children also loved making a periscope, as used during the war. If your child bought their periscope home, I hope you enjoyed their handiwork. They certainly loved making them and learning that they could peer round corners!



Year 6

The children of Year 6 have really impressed Mrs Comery and I with the great standard of work they have been producing so far this year. They have recently produced a guide on how to survive in the Hunger Games arena and are currently writing dramatic recounts of an escape from a forest fire. In everything they have written to date we have enjoyed the imaginative writing of the children and we're looking forward to everything we will produce this year. In Art, we have also been working on creating paintings depicting a range of natural environments. They will be producing their final paintings next week.



Mr Roper – Y5/Y6 Phase Leader