

NEWSLETTER – 27th November 2020



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

We are now full steam ahead in the planning and preparation of Highfields Christmas Extravaganza, I have spent all week watching groups of wrapped up children going outside to sing songs, and practice carols and for a few minutes the rest of the issues we have going on around us literally disappear. Yesterday it was announced that from 2nd December 2020 Sandwell are now classed as being in Tier 3 – very high alert, the figures in the local area are extremely high, and so there was always going to be a chance our restrictions would be continued. I know we are all trying to work out what that means for us all, and who we can see when, but as always school will be here for all children, and we are still planning on remaining open until Friday 18th December 2020. Should there be any changes or developments then I will let you know immediately.

Mrs. Garratt



Christmas Dates for the Diary

Christmas Dinner day – Wednesday 9th December

Sparkly/Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 9th December

EY/KSI Party Day – Thursday 17th December

KS2 Party Day – Friday 18th December

(on party days your child/children can come in party clothes)



Highfields Christmas Card

Every year we send Christmas cards to members of the Highfields family that have supported us in years gone by as well as other local schools, MP's

and other figures in the local authority. The card has always been designed by a child who attends our school, and I am pleased to announce that this year the winning Christmas card (above) was designed by *Jevikah* in *6R*. Congratulations! Your beautiful design will be posted through almost 80 doors in the next week!



Blue Peter Badge

Highfields would like to mention Melyssa in *Y6* who has worked really hard to achieve a green blue peter badge. A huge well done to Melyssa who was awarded the badge for her anti-pollution/environmental poster. A fantastic effort and a fantastic message Melyssa!



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

	20 th November	27 th November
Nursery am	Lacey C	Alyssa H
Nursery pm	Ameera B	Rosie E
RG	Olivia-Rose C	River
RD	Oliver K	Toby P
IS	Mia-Leigh L	Mahya M
IM	Toby N	Dia B
2S	Aisha S	Class 2S
2P	Jack W	Class 2P
3K	Emmie P	Isabelle C
3G	Aaris B	Brooke P
4G	Imogen H	Henry L
4W	Ellie H-L	Mateus H
5S	Dexter W	Riley B
5B	Shuaib M	Callum R
6C	Jack P	Caitlyn B
6R	Jevikah N	Callum D
PE	Keyaam H	-
French	Mateus H	-

James Morris MP, Christmas Card Competition

While we are talking our Christmas cards, James Morris, MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, has also run a competition this year where all school children were asked to design the Christmas card that he sends out. I am very proud to say that *Taman* in *Y5* has been selected as a runner up. Taman receives a framed letter from James Morris and a version of his card. The runner's up's designs are also printed onto the back of the winning card so Taman's design will be shared throughout the local authority! As soon as school are sent the card I will add his design in the next newsletter.



Home Learning

Well done to *Charlotte* in *YR* this week, I love to see how hard our children work at home and this week she has been looking shapes, learning her sounds and learning numbers 1-10 this week! She also played a word game where she sounded out dog, cat, log, tog – a huge well done Charlotte!

And the winning house point team this week is . . .



Rowley
79



Haden
86



Clent
125



Kinver
101

Nursery and Reception

Nursery



This week in Nursery we have been learning all about 2D shapes. We have met some new friends, 'Sammy the Circle, Sid the Square and Terry the Triangle'. The children have been on a shape hunt in our environment, trying to spot as many shapes as they can that are hiding in our toys and furniture!

Reception

Reception have had a wonderful time learning about our feelings through the stories 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster Goes to School'. We have explored happiness, sadness, anger, fear, calmness and love. We've had lots of fun making tents and dens in the outdoor area and building our own obstacle course out of cones, crates, ropes, hoops and balancing equipment. We have been mini scientists, experimenting with magnets and discovering what sinks and floats. We enjoyed celebrating Anti-bullying week in our odd socks, learning lots about being even kinder than we already are
EYFS Phase Team



Year 1 and 2

Year 1



The children in Year 1 have been learning about the history of the circus. They have found out about when the circus started and how it has changed over the years. The children have had class discussions about how animals used to be a part of the circus and now they're not.

In English, Year 1 children have started their learning on instructional writing. The children had the opportunity to make their own jam sandwiches; they wrote a set of instructions afterwards using their own experience to support their writing.



Year 2

Learning for Year 2 has been very different this week. Firstly, on behalf of all the teachers in Year 2, I would like to say a massive well done and thank you to all of the children who have completed and sent in pictures of their home learning using the email address. The work we have received and marked has been fantastic! It's been lovely to see so many of you engaged with the loom lessons; the work you've produced from listening to them is amazing. Keep up the amazing work next week and we can't wait to see you all in the classroom again very soon.



Miss Pullinger – Y1/2 Phase Leader

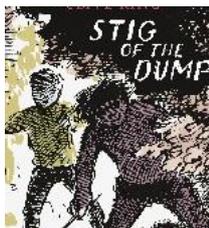
Year 3 and 4

Year 3



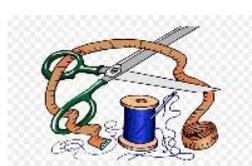
Year 3 have turned into little scientists this week and have completed a plant experiment. They learnt what plants need to grow and placed seeds in different conditions. They kept a close eye on their experiment throughout the week to see what happened.

They have also been acting out the text 'Stig of the dump' to prepare them for the writing that will follow in the next few weeks.



Year 4

Year 4 have written their own versions of the story 'Escape from Pompeii' this week and they were absolutely fantastic! They thought carefully about how to make their stories sound dramatic and added lots of detail.



Year 4 have also been practising their sewing skills over the past two weeks. They have learnt how to do a running stitch, cross stitch and how to sew simple shapes. Some children even created a house! They were excellent.

Mrs Ward – Y3/Y4 Phase Leader

Year 5 and 6

Year 5

In Year 5 the children greatly enjoyed a Geography lesson in which they had to label the countries of Europe. They really enjoyed studying an atlas and matching the countries to their own map.



They also had a lot of fun creating nets of 3D shapes, which they will use to create night lights as part of a DT project. They will be making their lamps over the next couple of weeks.

Year 6

The children of Year 6 have produced some excellent writing during the last week. They wrote a leaflet advertising a zoo using a wide range of persuasive language. We were



particularly impressed with the wide range of adjectives and sentence openers that they included and they really enjoyed imagining the features that their zoo might have.

In Science, we have been studying genetic inheritance and in particular it's use in breeding specific species of dog. During the lesson the children asked some brilliant and insightful questions and learnt a great deal.

Mr Roper – Y5/Y6 Phase Leader