

NEWSLETTER – 19th March 2021



Return to School

We have now done our first two weeks back at school altogether and it has been wonderful. Seeing all the children again and hearing the classrooms full of excitement has been fantastic. At last the school is alive again! Thank you to everyone for making our return to school go so smoothly. The children, as always, have made us all so proud and they have returned ready to learn and excited to see everyone!

Mrs Garratt

Book Day Winner!

Highfields would like to say a huge well done to all the children who dressed up as their favourite book characters this year, it was slightly different but we were still impressed by everyone who sent in pictures or came to school in their wonderful costumes. We also want to say a massive well done to *William* in Y1 who was a winner in the Usborne Books competition. William is the lucky recipient of a Magic Painting Sea Set and he was featured on their Facebook post. Well done William you look fab!



Spelling and Reading

Spellings are on the school website and a paper copy of these can be provided if required. Spelling tests are each Friday (Thursday in year 3 due to

trumpets on a Friday).

Now we are back at school, we will be returning to the weekly system for exchanging reading books. If children could please bring these in each Friday and they will bring home a new book each Monday. Reading is incredibly important to help a child's progress so reading at home for 10 minutes a day will support their learning. Thank you in advance for your support. For any children that enjoyed using the Oak Academy library this term, this week's offering is 'Time Travelling with a Hamster' by Ross Welford. This book can be listened to online.

Happy reading, Mrs Lewis

Diary Date – 7th May 2021

This year we are hoping to take part in the NSPCC Number Day but will send home more details nearer the time.

ASDA Oldbury

A BIG thank you to Asda Oldbury for supplying baking equipment and ingredients to the value of £400 to support our Fantastic Food Project!



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

	March 12 th	March 19 th
Nursery am	Bobby W	Muhammad Y
Nursery pm	Summer-Rose	Ira C
RG	Hugo J	Jacob H
RD	Meisha S	Mahtaab R
IS	Mason L	Jensen F
IM	Mya B-W	Toby M
2S	Amelia S-W	Betsy L
2P	Ameerah S	Emily C
3K	Hart R	Zion F
3G	Zoe H	Lexie G
4G	Daniel L	Zak H
4W	Charlie P-N	James A
5S	Callum S	Joel R
5B	Alfie S	Hayden M
6C	Jasmine R	Benjamin R
6R	Matthew H	Lara P
PE	Charlie C – 3G	Kristopher P – 2S
French	Arrmaan K – 5S	Mahya M – IS

The Rotary Club Peace Pole Competition for 7-11 year olds



Join in The Peace Pole Competition Promoting Peace and Mental Well Being. Heart of England Design A Peace Garden and Win a Peace Pole for your school. Using the Peace Pole as a focal point, design an outside area for your school that will serve as a place of Reflection and Tranquility. An area to engage all the senses and provide an interactive, learning environment. Send your design into school to Mrs. E Adams by Monday 19th April 2021 with a short paragraph explaining how the young person sees the value of the area. One design will be selected to represent our school and entered into the competition. The Rotary Club will announce the winning schools Mid May.

Mrs Adams

Brass Lessons

Mrs Matthews, our peripatetic teacher, has spaces for anyone in Years 4-6 who would like to learn how to play the trumpet. If you would like to learn a new instrument, please ask the school office for more information!

And the winning house point team this week is . .



Rowley
211



Haden
213



Clent
188



Kinver
121

Nursery and Reception

Nursery

In Nursery we have been busy working on our Mother's Day Surprise! We hope you enjoyed our little celebration and seeing our wonderful portraits of our Moms. We have started learning all about the sound 's' and the children met our new mascot 'Snakey Snake', a cuddly slithery snake. We would love to see some photographs of things beginning with the sound 's' that you can find in your home. Please send them in to us on our email address: eyfs@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

Reception

All staff in Reception are so impressed with how all of you have returned to school. It is wonderful being all back together again and looking through the fantastic work that you did at home. We have had a very exciting week this week, we have 10 new members of Reception, 10 teeny tiny caterpillars, they have all been named and growing well. The children have loved looking at them through microscopes and are very excited to see them build their chrysalis and turn into a butterfly. We have had lots of fun outdoors too, looking for mini beasts in the garden, finding a centipede and giving it a home in our bug hotel and looking at lots of non-fiction books about the wonderful world of bugs.

EYFS Phase Team



Year 1 and 2

Welcome back Key Stage One ☺

It's been wonderful to see your smiling faces in classrooms and on the playground since returning back to school last week!

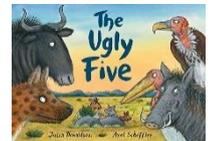
Year 1



This week, Year 1 children used real life photographs to inspire their own castle paintings. During remote learning, the children learnt about the features of a castle – this helped the children when they were painting to make sure it looked realistic! *Sallome*, in 1M, has painted this fantastic castle – I love how she's used the paint to add detail to the turrets!

Year 2

Year 2 children enjoyed a brand new book this week called 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson. The children made predictions and answered questions based on the book before they designed a new character to add to the story. Year 2 loved thinking of lots of description to make their animal sound 'ugly'. After this, the children pretended to be authors and wrote a paragraph about their new character in the style of Julia Donaldson. Their writing was brilliant!



Reminders – Please can old books be returned on a Friday. Children will receive their new book on the following Monday.
Thank you, Miss Pullinger – Y1/Y2 Phase Leader

Year 3 and 4

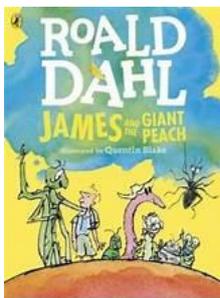
Firstly, we are so pleased to have all of the children back in school and are really proud of how well they have returned – well done years 3 and 4!

Year 3

Year 3 have been comparing Roald Dahl's 'James and the giant peach' and 'George's marvellous medicine', looking at similar and different themes and characters in the stories. We have also learnt how to cut pieces of fruit using both the bridging technique and the claw technique, and how we can use knives safely.

PE Days- Tuesdays (indoor), Wednesdays (outdoor)

Trumpet Lessons- Every Friday.



Year 4

Year 4 have started to read 'Gentle Giant' by Michael Morpurgo this week and are enjoying the story. We made circuits in Science and enjoyed making our Mother's Cards last week – we hope you liked them!

PE Days- Wednesdays (indoor), Thursdays (outdoor)

Y3/Y4 Phase Team

Year 5 and 6

Year 5

The children of Year 5 have settled back in to school very well. They have particularly enjoyed learning about levers and pulleys in DT. We used a variety of materials, included cotton reels and wooden dowels, to create mechanisms which were able to lift milk bottles.

Year 6

Both Mrs Comery and I have been so impressed with the way the children have returned to school. We have continued with our studies of China and will be moving on to consider the effects of the Three Gorges Dam. They also particularly enjoyed our Art lesson this week when we explored using different combinations of paint to create tints, shades and tones.



Mr Roper – Y5/Y6 Phase Leader