

NEWSLETTER - 1st April 2021



Happy Easter!

It seems odd that the last newsletter I wrote started with a section saying 'welcome back to school' and now this one is already talking about the end of another term! It has been a very odd 2021 so far but that isn't stopping us planning some very exciting things for our summer term. Staff have been busy planning topics and we are also looking at the possibilities of Year 6 end of year events as well. On behalf of everyone at Highfields I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter break! Take care, stay safe and we will see you all again on Monday 19th April when we all return to school.

Mrs Garratt

Easter Competition

Thank you to all of the children and families who took part in our Easter bonnet/cape and egg decorating activities, there were some fantastic entries and I was amazed by how artistic and clever our children were! The Easter Winners were;

NAM - Ivy S	3K - Leo P
NPM - Chase E	3G - Vinnie C
RG - Otis B	4W - Harrison H
RD - Meisha S	4G - Inaya A
IM - Toby M	5S - Alfie S
IS - Henry W	5B - Alfie S
2P - Lilli M	6R - Melyssa S
2S - Rocco J	6C - Ethan M

Each winner received a large egg and every child should have come home with a crême egg as a thank you for their hard work! I also hoped parents with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 also enjoyed the virtual Easter bonnet parade!



Blue Peter Badge!

A huge well done to *Matthew T* in *IM*. Matthew was recently awarded the 'Music' Blue Peter badge. Matthew wanted to apply for a Blue Peter badge after his family spoke to him about the programme and reminisced about how they tried to get a badge! During lockdown Matthew decide to apply for a music badge and learnt to play the keyboard, he also had to write sentences about 3 types of song/music he like and why. To to finish off the application he then had to ask an adult about their favourite music/group and write about this too! I know that as well as his parents, school are very proud of this accomplishment



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

	March 26 th	April 1 st
Nursery am	Adam K	Abdullah S
Nursery pm	Ameera B	Chace E
RG	Carys J	Theodore W
RD	Adam L	Harrison P
IS	Wyatt C	Ava-Grace B
IM	Matthew T	Keyaan H
2S	Kristopher P	Lexi P
2P	Anabelle B	Boris W
3K	Sameeda N	Aneesa M
3G	Mateusz O	Riley H
4G	Ellie L	Scarlett M
4W	Oliver T-S	Oliver T
5S	Alfie S	Harry W
5B	Aamina A	Lee M
6C	Navdeep B	Harry E
6R	Melyssa S	Isabelle L
PE	Kenzie-Jay OC - 6C	Mason L - IS
French	Faith W - 5B	Kenzie-Jay OC - 6C

National Space Centre.

The children in Y5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about space this term and as they were unable to visit the National Space Centre, they thought it would be nice for them to produce National Space Centre booklets to promote the centre instead. The children sent their work off to the Space Centre and got a reply!!



Thank you for your email.

We would like to say a big thank you to the children for creating us some new leaflets for The National Space Centre. It looks like they have all worked hard and researched what we have to offer. have forwarded the email onto our education team and marketing team to look.

Kind regards, Space Centre Team

Rocksteady

Please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter if your child would like to become the newest member of a rock band! The child who have lessons already absolutely love it! For any queries please email the link rocksteadymusicschool.com or contact school

And the winning house point team this week is . .



Rowley
57



Haden
33



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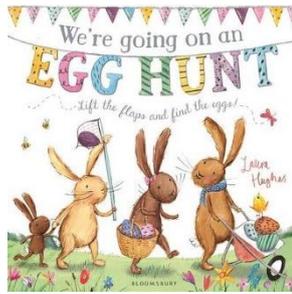


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Nursery and Reception

Nursery

We have been busy with all things Easter. Well done to all of Nursery for joining in with our Easter Bonnet parade, your bonnets looked fantastic! We have enjoyed reading a story called 'We're Going On An Egg Hunt' and have been going on our very own egg hunts too. We wish everybody a very Happy Easter and can't wait to see you all back at school to start out new topic 'Sunny Summer'!



Reception

In reception, we have continued our topic of minibeasts. The caterpillars are still growing! Each day, we are excited and amazed at how much they have grown and how they wriggle around their home. They haven't yet started to spin their cocoons, but we will be looking after them over the holidays and videoing them every day. We have loved learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and the children have enjoyed creating their own versions of the life cycle, by drawing, writing and even making it with play dough. This week we have been learning lots of new and exciting facts about Easter and we especially enjoyed taking part in the bonnet parade, showing off our lovely creations.

EYFS Phase Team

Year 1 and 2

Happy Easter! ☺

Well done to all of the children in Year 1 and 2 for your amazing Easter bonnets! They were wonderful and so unique – I could really see your individualities shine through!

Year 1

This week, Year 1 have enjoyed designing and painting their shields to end their Turrets and Tiaras topic. The children spent time designing their shield based on different symbols. For example, a cat means bravery and a flower means friendship. Year 1 then decided which of symbols they wanted to include on their shield to represent themselves.



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about instruction. The children read and explored a range of instructions so they were prepared to write their own set of instructions about 'How to clean an elephant enclosure'. They produced some lovely pieces of work. In Science, the children have been fascinated by food chains! Year 2 can talk about what a producer and predator is and where 'humans' would also fit into food chains.



Reminders - Spellings for next half term will be available for each child on the website after the holidays and new paper copies will be given to your children in the first week back.

Miss Pullinger – Phase One Coordinator

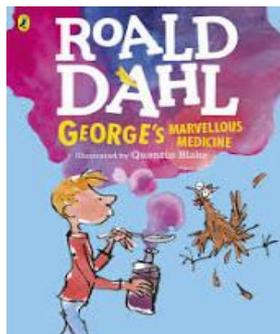
Year 3 and 4

Year 3

Year 3 have designed a healthy pizza for Aunt Sponge in 'James and the Giant Peach' and are making it from scratch on Thursday using our cutting skills from the previous week.

We created a dance inspired by insects to the 'Ugly Bug Ball'.

We have written a diary as George from 'George's marvellous medicine' explaining his exciting day, and some of us wrote a backstory for Grandma to explain why she became so evil.



Year 4

This week, year 4 have looked at melting in our Science lessons and played hockey in PE.

We also created new endings to the story 'Gentle Giant' in English and looked at different types of angles in Maths.

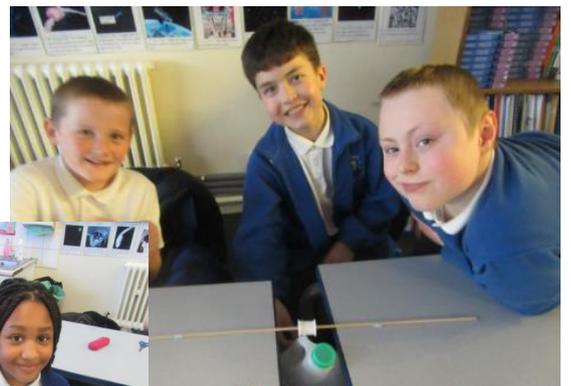
Have a wonderful Easter break!

Y3/Y4 Phase Team

Year 5 and 6

Year 5

The children have been greatly enjoying creating their models of planets using papier mache. They created a spherical shape and have begun to paint them and will continue to add detail. We have also used doweling and cotton reels to create simple pulleys and lifted milk bottles.



Year 6

The children of Year 6 have really enjoyed writing newspaper reports based on a natural disaster over the last two weeks. Mrs Comery and I were very impressed with the writing they produced.

Mr Roper – Y5/Y6 Phase Leader



Enrol online today at rocksteadymusicschool.com
anytime or call 0330 113 0330 (Local rate) 8am-5pm Mon-Fri



90% of parents said that Rocksteady lessons improve their child's wellbeing*

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Did you know, your child could learn to play an instrument in their very own Rock or Pop band during the school day? It's about more than musical progression, Rocksteady's rock and pop band lessons are a fun way to build children's confidence and help them get the most out of school life, while enhancing their overall wellbeing along the way.

You don't need an instrument or any previous experience and if you cancel within the first month, you'll get your money back, so there's no risk to giving lessons a try!

Here's all the details:

- Choose from **drums, electric guitar, keyboard, or vocals** subject to availability. Lessons take place during school time and are open to all year groups, with no experience necessary. All instruments are provided.
- Your child will learn their **favourite songs** in a ½ hour weekly band practice, led by a visiting Rocksteady Band Leader. A proven way of giving them a great musical grounding.
- Rehearsals build towards a **performance** each term. A fun way for your child to build their self-confidence and show you and their friends just how far they've come.
- A highlight of the week for £31.25 a month (No payment in August). There's a **money back guarantee** for the first month and you are **free to cancel at any time**.
- Rocksteady lessons boost confidence and promote wellbeing, while children have fun with their friends, and progress at school.

Places are offered on a **first come, first served basis**. If you would like to secure your child's place, sign up as soon as you can. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place in a band.

Find out more and **book your child's place online** at rocksteadymusicschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330.

Kind Regards,

Mark Robinson
Chairman and Founder



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WHAT DO PARENTS AND HEADTEACHERS SAY ABOUT LESSONS?

Louise isn't interested in any other extra activities at school, but she loves her Rocksteady classes.

Debbie

100% OF HEADTEACHERS

said Rocksteady lessons have a significant positive impact on their pupils*

It was mentioned in his school report that his confidence in class has grown since starting Rocksteady.

Vicki

I enrolled my daughter into Rocksteady on the last term of her infant school and wish I'd enrolled her earlier!

Victoria

96% OF HEADTEACHERS

said Rocksteady lessons boost their pupil's confidence*

Rocksteady has made him feel like he belongs. It's one of the few things he talks about outside of school.

Zoe

He is at his happiest playing with his band and it really puts a smile on his face. I know he enjoys the lessons as he rushes to get to school on Friday!

Ruth

90% OF PARENTS

told us Rocksteady lessons improve their child's wellbeing*

For a child with dyspraxia who struggles to co-ordinate herself to write in class, it's been amazing seeing her take to drumming.

Fiona

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*From a survey of 105 primary schools and over 1,100 parents whose children started lessons in Sept 2020.