



November - Value of the month - Kindness

1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Staff INSET day - School closed for children

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Y2 trip to Aston Hall

8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y4 Roman Workshop (in school hall)

10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu vaccinations (YR-Y6)

12<sup>th</sup> Nov - HH Disco (Further details to follow)

16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y5 trip to Cosford

18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y4 Bell Heath parents meeting 3.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Rocksteady assembly

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y3 brass assembly 9am

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Fayre (details to follow)

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y3 Stone Age Man visit

These events will now be recorded and sent to all parents due to the new Sandwell Covid guidance

# NEWSLETTER - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021



Happy Half Term!

Well what a half term that was! Its seems to have gone by so quickly but the children have learnt so much already. We have been so proud of how the children returned to school in September and as always they have taken everything in their stride. I would like to wish you all, on behalf of myself and all staff here, a happy half term, stay safe, enjoy your breaks and we look forward to welcoming you all back on 2<sup>nd</sup> November for the countdown to Christmas!  
Mrs Garratt

## Covid Update

When schools returned in September we were hoping that we were well on the way to returning to normal however, if you have a child in a Sandwell/Dudley primary/secondary school you will already be aware there are increasing concerns in our local area as the majority of positive cases currently are in school aged children and young people. As yet the Government guidelines have not changed, but Sandwell local authority has written out to all schools being proactive in the steps schools can use to help reduce the spread of infection and reduce disruption to education. For Highfields this means we have to return to applying **some** of the previous measures we put into place last academic year and you will receive further information via email today.

## Crazy Hair Day

We had some amazing hair styles today – thank you to all the children who came with spooky and food inspired hair – you have some very creative (and patient) parents! As soon as we know how much was raised by Highfields Helpers we will let you know. The winners today were...

- KS2 - Winner - *Danielle R 5B*
- KS2 - Runner Up - *Ibrahim M 4W*
- EY/KS1 - Winner - *Sylvia RW*
- EY/KS2 - Runner Up - *Isabelle T 2S*



You all win an amazing prize for your fabulous creations!

Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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



15 <sup>th</sup> October		22 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Nam	James S	Nam	Layla
Npm	Mohammed K	Npm	Oliver
RD	Jaxson	RD	Ajay
RW	Chace	RW	Ebony K
IM	Pixie	IM	Carys
IS	Layla S-W	IS	Zavier
2P	Joshua L	2P	Riyad
2S	Zoe M	2S	Sallome
3G	Boris W	3G	Fletcher
3K	Idrees R	3K	Jennifer
4G	Taleah	4G	Ashley
4W	Jasmine J	4W	Taylor H
5B	Cameron A	5B	Amelia W
5S	Joshua S	5S	Phoebe C
6C	Lilah	6C	Star
6R	William HH	6R	Labibah
PE	Jack T - Y2	PE	Dexter - 6R
French	Brandon - Y4	French	Idrees R - 3K

## Our Irish Champion!

Highfields would like to wish

*Olivia* in *5B*, a huge amount of luck as this week she will be attending and competing in the Great Britain Irish Dancing Championships in London. I am



sure you will agree she certainly looks the part and I know she will do well as she has worked incredibly hard to prepare for it. We are all very proud of you Olivia and cannot wait for a school performance one day!

## Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**.

This week's whole school attendance was **90.7%** so this week we were **below** target!

The winning classes attendance are... EYFS - **NAM 94.9%** KS1 - **IM 92.3%** KS2 - **3K 98.8%**

These are our house point teams, ask your child which team they are in



Rowley  
88



Haden  
73



Clent  
118



Kinver  
69

## Nursery and Reception

### Nursery



In Nursery this week we have been celebrating Black History Month. We learned all about Dave Benson Phillips, who was a children's TV presenter and uses lots of Makaton. We have followed Dave on his journeys to a farm and to school and joined in with his singing and signing

### Reception

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend parents evening, we really enjoyed sharing how the children have settled into school life!

The children have been enjoying learning about Autumn and Harvest.

They have made vegetable muddy soup in the mud kitchen and art work using crops such as pasta, rice and seeds. After half term we will be exploring some non-fiction texts when learning about Diwali and Bonfire Night. We hope the children enjoy finding out facts about these events.



Miss Westwood – EYFS Phase Lead

## Year 1 and 2

### Year 1



Year 1 were lucky enough to be visited by the circus last week! They had a wonderful time learning how to juggle, spin plates, hoopla-hoop and lots more! Here are a couple of

photos to show just some of the fun they had

### Year 2

The children in Year 2 watched videos, completed research and read about Samuel Pepys. After half term, they'll continue to learn about diary features and have the opportunity to write in the role of Samuel Pepys to complete their own diary entry. Year 2 children will be travelling to Aston Hall for their school trip on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>



November. They will experience a great fire of London workshop and learn more about what life was like in 1666.

Keep your eyes peeled for the pictures of Year 1 Circus Day and the Year 2 trip to Aston Hall on the class pages on our school website!

Mrs Lovekin – Y1/Y2 Phase Lead

## Year 3 and 4

### Year 3

Year 3 will soon be developing their knowledge and understanding on The Bronze Age. They will create fact-files to show different elements of this time period and are also looking forward to completing work on The Bronze Age in Art.



$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \times 4 = 4 \\ 2 \times 4 = 8 \\ 3 \times 4 = 12 \end{array}$$

They have also been working very hard on their times tables this half term and are now gaining more confidence with their 4 and 8 times table. Keep practising these Year 3!

### Year 4

Year 4 have read the myth 'Romulus and Remus'. They have made comparisons between this myth and a text that we read earlier in the term and have enjoyed exploring the character, plot and events.



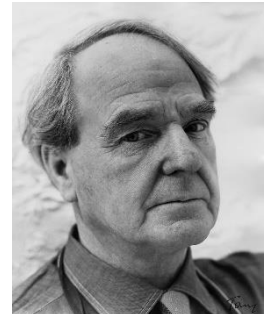
They have also been working very hard in DT to develop their sewing skills. They have learnt how to do a running stitch, cross stitch and even how to thread their own needle.

Mrs Ward – Y3/Y4 Phase Lead

## Year 5 and 6

### Year 5

The children of Year 5 are still very much enjoying studying World War II. We have learned about the wartime pictures of Henry Moore and the children have created their own pictures in the same style. They enjoyed working in chalk and the finished pictures are full of atmosphere.



### Year 6

The children have enjoyed producing their acrylic paintings based on different natural environments and we were impressed with the results. They are currently on display in the classroom but the children will be able to bring them home at Christmas.



Mr Roper – Y5/Y6 Phase Lead