



NEWSLETTER – 26th November 2021



Golden Book – Well done to you all!

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

19 th November		26 th November	
Nam	Amari-Rome	Nam	Harley
Npm	Connie	Npm	Yahya
RD	Abdullah S	RD	Nikolas
RW	Eliza	RW	Animae
IM	Ayana U	IM	Harrison H
IS	Maisie N	IS	Oliver H
2P	Arabella	2P	Mia-Leigh
2S	Jayden	2S	Sallome
3G	Hashim N	3G	Lawi
3K	Deborah C	3K	Archie
4G	Charlie N	4G	Lexie G
4W	Ethan-Kye	4W	Elli jah E
5B	Mateus	5B	Oliver T-S
5S	Caila-Mae	5S	Maddison N-H
6C	Seth H	6C	Shuaib
6R	Jack H	6R	Evie H
PE	Jaxson K (IS)	PE	Ellie H (5B)
French	Henry J (IM)	French	Deborah (3K)

30th Nov –
Rocksteady assembly
(to be recorded and
shared with
parents)

2nd Dec –
Christmas dinner
ordering deadline

7th & 8th Dec –
Highfields Helpers
gift sales

10th Dec – Y3 brass
assembly (to be
recorded and
shared with
parents)

15th Dec –
Christmas dinner
and
Christmas/sparkly
jumper day



16th Dec –
Christmas party
day (party
clothes/no food)

17th Dec – Y3
Stone Age Man
visit

17th Dec – Break
up for Christmas
holidays



When I Grow Up...

This week we have started talking to the children about future aspirations and what they would like to be when they grow up. Some of the answers were amazing and the jobs ranged from hairdresser, the Queen, architects, Mummy's and Daddy's... and we even had a dragon! There were also some children who didn't know what they want to be yet, so we will continue to work on aspirations over the next year and who knows we may just be teaching future RAF pilots, vets, artists and even the next Highfields Headteacher!

Mrs Garratt



Promotion!

Unfortunately, at the end of this term we will be saying bye to Mrs Ward.

Since starting at Highfields her aspirations have been to become an Assistant Headteacher and she has achieved that! She has been here at Highfields since 2013 and I know that the staff and children are really going to miss her. Good luck in your new role, you will be amazing!

Christmas Plans

Just an update for the current Christmas plans here at Highfields

Thurs 2nd Dec – Christmas dinner order deadline

Wed 15th Dec – Christmas dinner & jumper day

Thurs 16th Dec – Christmas party day – party clothes, no food to be brought in

Highfields Helpers

At the current time, because we cannot hold a Christmas Fayre this year we are looking at alternatives where parents can purchase things from the hut or on the school drive on Thursday 16th December. We will also be in school on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December to do our usual Christmas gift sales. We will send details of both events out in the next week or so.

Irish Dancing Superstar!

I am so pleased, and proud, to be able to update you on Olivia's Irish dancing competition! *Olivia* (Y5) ranked 28th in her age group at the Great Britain Championships dancing not only against British champions but dancers from around the world including Ireland, mainland Europe and the USA! She will be competing again this weekend in the Midlands Region to try and qualify a place for the World Championships being held in Belfast next year! I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best!!

Children in Need

This year Children in Need managed to raise a whopping £40,370,010 which goes to help children and young people in need around the UK. Here at Highfields, our School Council counted all of the money out and I am hugely pleased to be able to say that we raised £258.00 and we are really grateful for your support!



Attendance and House Point Awards

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

This week's whole school attendance was **92.7%** so this week we were **below** target!

The winning classes attendance are... EYFS – RW – **90.4%** KSI – IM – **98.3%** KS2 – 5B – **98%**

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



Rowley
231



Haden
279



Clent
331



Kinver
243

Nursery and Reception

Nursery

In Nursery we have been busy practicing our Nativity songs. All of the children are working hard to learn the words and actions and can't wait to show them you.

Thank you to any parents who have already sent in their child's clothing, please can these be in school by **Friday 3rd December**. Please speak to Nursery staff, if you are unsure on what to provide.

Reception

Following on from Anti-Bullying week where we learnt about kindness, this week in Reception we have been learning about 'The Colour Monster' and exploring our feelings. The children have created some lovely art pictures of feelings jars by making collages and they have also really impressed us by trying to write some of the feelings. Here are some of the children showing off their odd socks and some of their wonderful work!



Miss Westwood – EYFS Phase Lead

Year 1 and 2

Well done to all of KS1 with all of their hard work learning their lines and learning their songs for the Christmas play! Keep it up!

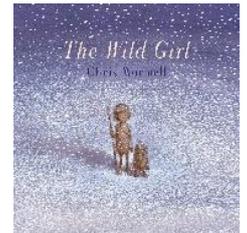
Year 1



In English, the Year 1 children have been looking at poetry and have written their own poem with a repeating pattern about a circus character! Next week, in DT Year 1 will be starting to look at sliders and levers. Eventually, they will build up their skills to enable them to create a circus tent with a moving character.

Year 2

The children in Year 2 this week, have started reading a new story called 'The Wild Girl' as part of the 'Ice' element of their 'Fire and Ice' topic. The story is about a little girl and a dog all alone in the cold, icy wilderness. The children have sequenced the story, answered questions and wrote a setting description based on a setting from the story. In PSHE, the children in Year 2 have started learning about risks and hazards around school and home.



Please could you send your child's Christmas play costume into school on Friday 3rd December. If you don't have a costume, please let a member of staff know as soon as possible.

Mrs Lovekin – Y1/Y2 Phase Lead

Year 3 and 4

Year 3

In English this week, year 3 have been working hard to create their own adventure stories based on their class text 'Stig of the Dump.'



Their stories will have a storm that causes them a problem that they have to solve- I am looking forward to reading some of their dramatic writing! This week, year 3 are also making treasure boxes in D.T. Stone age people used to make these to carry their jewellery in them. The children are going to have lots of fun building and decorating these!

Year 4



In English, year 4 are currently learning about volcanoes and how and why these erupt. They will be writing about this learning in a report.

The children have also enjoyed completing a Science experiment to learn about tooth decay. They observed the effect on egg shells ('tooth enamel') when left in cola, milk and water. The healthiest teeth were definitely the ones left in water and have made us all think a bit more about healthy food and drink!

Mrs Ward – Y3/Y4 Phase Lead

Year 5 and 6

Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic time at Cosford last week. They loved looking at the planes, particularly those which were used during World War II. The children were wonderfully behaved all day and it was a pleasure to take them.



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 also greatly enjoyed Art where we used pens to draw animal features, there were certainly some impressive results.

Mr Roper – Y5/6 Phase Lead

Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Church

Highfields has taken part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Church again this year by creating a visual display.

A group of children have created a very special display piece called Donkey of Hope, not only is it an amazing piece of art work with a very special message but it also has an extraordinary back story!

We would like to introduce you to our Highfields Donkey! During the summer holidays this donkey was rescued from a local canal by a member of the public who restored it and donated it our school to use. We have named him Hope.



The donkey in the Nativity story carried Mary, pregnant with baby Jesus – The Light and Hope of the World all the way to Bethlehem where he was born.

Our Donkey has been decorated by a small group of pupils who came up with an idea of having messages in bottles. Therefore, our Donkey is carrying the individual messages of hope from every pupil at Highfields inside the bottles.

The plastic bottles have all been recycled as a reminder of the hope for climate change.

The stars represent the light shining in the darkness and that they are always shining even when we can't see them.

The donkey was designed and created by our nurture group with the support of Mrs Smith and Mrs Adams!

If you would like to see our Donkey, then please visit;

St Paul's Church Blackheath Long Lane

Christmas Tree Festival Friday 26th November to Sunday 28th November 2021

The Christmas Tree Festival will include visiting Father Christmas in his grotto (Friday and Sunday 4-6pm Saturday 3-6pm)

Opening Times

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November 10.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday 28th November 11.30am - 6.00pm

Mrs Adams - Learning Mentor