



# NEWSLETTER – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022



18<sup>th</sup> Feb – break up for half term

**FEBRUARY  
HALF TERM**

21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb  
2022

28<sup>th</sup> Feb –  
Children return to school

2<sup>nd</sup> March –  
World Book Day



3<sup>rd</sup> March  
– Y5 trip to Space Centre

14<sup>th</sup> March –  
– Reception Hands & Teeth talk  
– Y3 Healthy Eating talk

30<sup>th</sup> March –  
1<sup>st</sup> Apr  
Y4 Bell Heath residential

31<sup>st</sup> March  
– Y2

trip to West Midlands Safari Park

This week we have been thinking about our mental health and encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow and as always the sensitivity and caring shown by the children to 'look after each other' has really impressed me and it is something I know we will continue to demonstrate throughout the academic year – well done everyone!

Mrs Garratt

## Beautiful Bins!

We have been working hard on our Global Goals here at Highfields, one goal that is important to us, is Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Another change we have talked about is what we do with our waste here at school after lunch and dinner times and how we can reduce that waste. A local company, Trelleborg, share our views about the importance of reducing waste and contacted school to help educate children regarding recycling of plastics and paper. They kindly offered to help us by supplying some fantastic bins for our playgrounds. The children voted for their favourite bin designs and the School Council counted votes and the results were;

- Nursery children chose the frog bin
  - Reception children voted for the dolphin bin
  - KS1 children voted for the dolphin bin
  - KS2 children voted for a penguin bin
- Yesterday, two members of the Trelleborg team, Paul Garratt and Liam Brown, a former pupil from Highfields, met with some members of the School Council and delivered the winning bin designs. You will see them in your playgrounds next week!



Golden Book – Well done to you all!  
Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates. . .



4 <sup>th</sup> February		11 <sup>th</sup> February	
Nam	Rae B	Nam	Jax
Npm	Aishwarya	Npm	Phoebe-Lilly
RD	Muhammad	RD	Ivy H
RW	Alyssa	RW	Sylvia S
IM	Ishaq I	IM	Heidi P
IS	Nicholas P	IS	Reggie G
2P	Thea R	2P	Lewis S
2S	Matthew C	2S	Alayah A
3G	Marius M	3G	Lawi
3K	Ruby H-F	3K	Aisha S
4G	Frankie Mae	4G	Joe G
4W	All of 4-W	4W	Ramona
5B	Charlie P-N	5B	Zunairah
5S	Daniel L	5S	Imogen
6C	Fatima R	6C	Jacob H
6R	Sam M	6R	Callum H
PE	Sebastian F	PE	Gurman J
French	Hayden M	French	Oliver T

## Footballing Fanatic!

We want to say how proud we are of *Reggie* Y2, who was recently chosen to captain his team for the first time which meant the world to him. He led by example and bagged the team their first goal within the first 5 minutes of the game. He worked so hard was also awarded Man of the Match voted for by his team's parents! Well done Reggie what a fantastic role model!



## Number Day

Thank you to everyone who donated their £1 last week for Number Day, we raised £226.20 and we will arrange for this to be sent off to the NSPCC this week.



## Attendance and House Point Awards

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

This week's whole school attendance was **89.1%** so this week we were **below** target!

The winning classes attendance are. . . EYFS – **AM Nursery 95%** KS1 – **2P 95.5%** KS2 – **3G 97.5%**

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



Rowley  
412



Haden  
282



Clent  
373



Kinver  
395

## Nursery and Reception

### Nursery

In Nursery we have been busy learning all about 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have done Role Play pulling out a turnip, played 'Toss The Turnip' in the Outdoor Area and drew pictures from the story. This week we have begun to look at 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and talk about the characters.



### Reception



In Reception the children have continued to impress us with their writing skills when learning about the story of Elmer. They have written about what makes them special, well done! The children have enjoyed experimenting with mashing berries like Elmer did and have had some lovely discussions about the changes. Thank you for sending in the milk bottles from home, the children have created some wonderful Elmers of their own!



Miss Westwood – EYFS Phase Lead

## Year 1 and 2

### Year 1



The children in Year 1 have had a wonderful time in History learning facts about Queen Elizabeth I! They learnt about where she lived, how long she's been on the throne and what she does for the country. In addition to this, they've began learning about William the Conqueror. They read and learnt facts about him and then said whether the fact was true or false. In Maths, the children are working very hard adding and subtracting numbers to 20.

### Year 2



Over the last few weeks, the children in Year 2 have started to develop their knowledge on existing products that have wheels in DT. They were able to talk about what the product was, what it's purpose was and what audience the product was aimed at. Eventually, the children will have the skills they need to create their own African Safari truck using wheels and axles. In English, the children used iPads and research packs to find out interesting facts about a giraffe or a lion. Next week, they will use this research to create their own non-fiction information text about their chosen animal.

### Home Learning

We're currently experiencing some technical issues with EdShed at the moment. We're working with EdShed to resolve this – your child's correct spellings can be found on their class page on the website in the meantime

Mrs Lovekin – KSI Phase Lead

## Year 3 and 4

This week has been 'Children's Mental Health Week' and the children have had assemblies and in some lessons thought about mental health and strategies that can help us to feel healthy- both physically and mentally. Below are some of the children's thoughts about this.

### Year 3

*Lilli M:* 'Exercise because if you do exercise, it helps your body be stronger and this helps your mental health.'

*Idrees:* 'Eat healthily.'

*Lola P:* 'Go on a jog.'

*Fletcher H:* 'Relax, do yoga. You don't want a headache.'

### Year 4

*Charlie C:* 'Be active.'

*Olivia W:* 'Try and spend time outside getting fresh air and not being on devices all of the time.'

*Tristan J:* 'Eat more healthily- eat lots of fruit.'

*Siyanna A:* 'Spend time with your family.'

It was also 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and so this has also been thought about in school. A website that can offer parents guidance when thinking about online safety and their children is: [parentzone.org.uk](http://parentzone.org.uk) Reading rewards will be given out next week to the children who have read 3x a week this half term. Please keep encouraging your child to read at home.

Mrs Lewis – Y3/Y4 Phase Lead

## Year 5 and 6

### Year 5

In Year 5, the children really enjoyed creating their space-themed art. As you can see the results were excellent!



### Year 6

During the Spring Term so far, our English work has focussed on the book 'Spilled Water' by Sally Grindley. Although it is quite a serious book, the children engaged with the ideas contained within it and greatly enjoyed the adventures of Lu Si-yan. They wrote some excellent stories based on the book this week and greatly impressed Mrs Comery and I.

Mr Roper – Y5/Y6 Phase Lead