



NEWSLETTER - 18th March 2022



22nd March - Y1
Warwick Castle trip



23rd March - 3G
Sheepwash Farm trip

24th March - 3K
Sheepwash Farm trip

28th March - YR
Animal Man visit

30th March -
1st Apr - Y4 Bell
Heath residential



31st March - Y2
trip to West Midlands Safari Park



4th April - Y5/Y6
First Aid workshops

5th April - Y5/Y6
First Aid workshops



6th April - (4.00-6.30pm) Parents Evening

7th April - (4.00-6.30pm) Parents Evening

It's Springtime!!

We are now half way through another half term here at Highfields and we are so glad to see the children going out and about on trips again, in the next few weeks we will be visiting Warwick Castle, the Safari Park and Sheepwash Farm! I'm not sure who's more excited - children or the staff! If you have any questions about trips please just get in touch!

Mrs Garratt

Food Reminders

Highfields is a **nut free school**, can I remind all parents that means we do not allow things like Nutella in school, even on a sandwich! For obvious health and safety reasons, we also do not allow hot food to be bought in from home. If your child has either, we will contact you about an alternative lunch.



Parents Evening update

This year we will be conducting face to face parents evening appointments. In the near future we will be sending out the usual paperwork for you to complete but here are the dates so you can keep them free.

- Wednesday 6th April - 4.00-6.30pm
- Thursday 7th April - 4.00-6.30pm

We run a free crèche and so teachers can talk to parents we will ask for all school age children who come to parents evening to attend crèche.

Parent Survey

During the Spring term we always ask parents to fill in a survey about Highfields. The results from this survey form part of the next year's Highfields school development plan, so it really helps if as many parents as possible can complete it. The questions are all taken from Parentview and are the questions Ofsted will use with parents when inspecting a school. You should have all received the link to the survey via School Gateway but if you haven't please let us know.

Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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



17 th March	
Nam	Harley R
Npm	Mason B
RD	Irena S
RW	Albie B
IM	Ishaq I
IS	Isobel W
2P	Dawson H
2S	Luca S
3G	Logan M
3K	Ravin G
4G	Clive H
4W	Connor B
5B	Poppy E
5S	Zak H
6C	Aamina A
6R	Eva T
PE	Broden W
French	Evie-Mai H

Easter Diary Dates

This year we will be doing our Easter parade in the same way as last year and sending a recording home for the parents to watch. We had so many lovely comments about the videos last year as it gave parents a keepsake they could always look back on. We are asking children to make their creations at home and then bring in their bonnets/capes/sash's in to school on the day of their parade. For children in KS2 (Y3-Y6) we will be running a 'decorate an egg' competition. We are asking that these eggs are decorated and brought into school to be viewed by everyone on 8th April. They will be displayed, viewed, judged and then returned home on the same day ready for the Easter holidays.

- EYFS (YN/YR) Bonnet Parade - 31st March
- KS1 (Y1/Y2) Bonnet Parade - 1st April
- KS2 (Y3-Y6) Egg Decorating - 8th April

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 - **RD 88.6%** KS1 - **2P 100%** KS2 - **3K 97.8%**

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



Rowley
286



Haden
313



Clent
294



Kinver
326

Nursery and Reception

Nursery

This half term in Nursery, we have been working hard to recognise our names. Now we have moved onto building our names, matching the letters and putting them in the correct order. All children have a name card at home and can practice tracing over the letters. If you would like a name building activity or new name card for use at home, please speak to a member of Nursery staff.



Reception

In Reception, we have been thinking about what career we would like to have when we are older and what skills we need to achieve this. The children have enjoyed sharing their ambitions with each other and have completed some lovely matching activities and drawings for their chosen occupation! Can we please ask that children's clothing, personal items, hats, scarves etc are all named. It makes it a lot easier to find them if they have a name. We would also appreciate it if you could send your child's school books and diary into school each day so we can record any reading notes in school.

RW are missing a lot of the library books which were sent out weekly for you to share with your child, could you please search at home and return any that you find.

Thank you!

Miss Westwood – EYFS Phase Lead

Year 1 and 2

Year 1



In Year 1 this week, the children have practised joining techniques in DT. The Year 1 children then had to choose if they wanted to use glue or cello tape and explain



why. In Art, we have designed our own coat of arms to go on our shield. In History, children have learnt parts of the castle ready for our visit to Warwick Castle. The Warwick Castle trip is going ahead on Tuesday 22nd March and the children are really looking forward to it!

Year 2



In Year 2 this week, the children have used all of the skills they've learnt in Art to create their own African Mask using clay. The children used ideas from their mood board, their sketched mask design and other existing African mask images. The children had to make sure they used the tools effectively to create the patterns they desired. Here you can see Eesa and Arabella's African masks! In Maths, the children have started learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



Year 2 will be going on their trip to the Safari Park on Thursday 31st March – they can't wait!

Mrs Lovekin – Phase One Coordinator

Year 3 and 4

Year 3

Year 3 have started reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' in English and are really enjoying this so far. They are also looking at the illustrations of Quentin Blake and will be producing their own illustrations in his style as part of their Art lessons. In DT, the children have started research ready for them to design the pasta dish that they will be making in D.T. They have started by thinking of possible ingredients and surveying the class to see which of these are the most popular. In Maths, year 3 are focussing on fractions.

Year 4

Year 4 have started to write the script for their news report about the Loch Ness monster. They will be rehearsing, acting out and recording these over the next week and the children's enthusiasm is wonderful to see. In Science, year 4 have been learning about electricity. They have used equipment to build circuits and, in their most recent learning, have tested which materials are insulators and which are conductors.

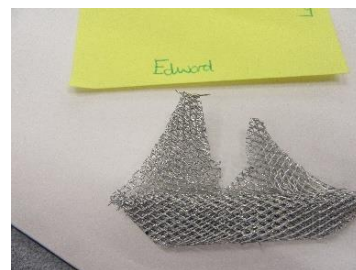


In Maths, the children are focussing on decimals and have been learning about hundredths and thousandths.

Just a reminder to keep practising times tables on TT Rockstars and spellings on Spelling Shed. Also to keep reading at home 3 x a week to receive rewards!

Mrs Lewis – Y3/Y4 Phase Lead

Year 5 and 6



Year 5

The children of Year 5 have really enjoyed working with wire to create frames which will eventually be used to create a model of a planet. They experimented by manipulated the wire into a variety of shapes. We also experimented with water resistance in Science by dropping different shapes into water. Ask your child which shapes created the most/least water resistance.



Year 6

We have been learning about renewable and non-renewable energy sources in Geography. The children produced some excellent posters which are full of great information and have brightened up the walls of the classroom.

Mr Roper – Y5/6 Phase Lead