

NEWSLETTER – 29th April 2022



2nd May – Bank holiday – school closed

5th May – Voting Day – School closed for children



6th May – Y4 start swimming

9th May – KS2 SAT's week



12th May – Y4 Rainforest

Adventure workshop

16th May – 20th May –



Y5 & Y6 Plas Gwynant residential

18th May – Y3 theatre production



24th May – Class photographs

25th May – Team GB athlete visit

27th May – BREAK UP – HALF TERM

Welcome to Summer!

I cannot believe that we are already at the start of the summer term! This year is going by very quickly and we still have so much that we want to do with the children. Please look out for more dates appearing on the calendar and we are hoping to be able to start returning to parents attending our events such as sports days! For our Y6 children this is the start of their final term at Highfields and we want to make it memorable for them! In the next couple of weeks they will be sitting their SAT's and we wish them all luck – not that they need it!

Mrs Garratt



Jiu Jitsu

Congratulations go to *Henry, Y2* who competed in his first Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition over the Easter break. He won the gold medal in his category at the B.J.J Birmingham Open. He's very proud of his medal and looking

forward to his next competition in June. Well done Henry what an amazing start to your competitions!

Gymnastics Glory!

A huge well done to *Meisha, Y1* who has been working hard at gymnastics every week since the beginning of the year and has now earned her first gymnastics badge 8, we are all very proud of her



Young Voices

On behalf of the children and staff at Highfields I want to say thank you to *Miss Banyard* for the hard work and dedication she has put into YV practices over the last few months. I know you will all be amazing and it is one of my favorite experiences during our school year!

Golden Book – Well done to you all!

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



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Nam	Oliver H
Npm	Honey
RD	Ajwa
RW	Lucia
IM	Arthur
IS	Koray
2P	Seth
2S	Mya
3G	Harry B
3K	Ruby-Mae
4G	Aaris B
4W	Chloe O
5B	Tyrease W
5S	Cameron R
6C	Brandon H
6R	Armaan
PE	Joen R (6R)
French	Ellie L (5S)

Highfields Baby News

We want to say a huge congratulations to *Miss Westwood* (and her partner) who are expecting their second baby during the summer holidays.



We also want to say some huge congratulations to *Mr. Kemble* (and his partner) who are also looking forward to welcoming their first baby later this year too!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Over the next few weeks we will be planning our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We are thinking about holding our own Highfields picnic and asking the children to dress in red, white and blue and we will be decorating the playgrounds with balloons bunting – please look out for more information being sent out in the next few weeks!

Attendance and House Point Awards

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

This week's whole school attendance was **92.3%** so this week we were **below** target!

The winning classes attendance are... EYFS – RD **91%** KSI – 2P **96.9%** KS2 – **97.7%**

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



Rowley
48



Haden
43



Clent
81



Kinver
52

Nursery and Reception

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been observing how our sunflowers have grown over the Easter holidays. We have watered them and added wooden sticks to support the stems. All children will bring home their sunflowers before half term and can watch them bloom at home.



Reception

This week in Reception, we have started learning about 'Transport'. The children have been writing sentences about what different vehicles can do and where they can be used. They

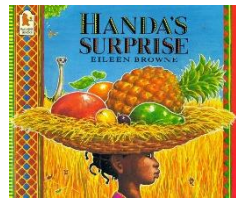
have also learnt about travel agents and how to look for holidays in different parts of the world, this has enabled them to have fun in their new Travel Agents Role Play where they have booked some fun and interesting holidays! Whilst you are out and about on the weekend, it would be lovely if you could talk about the transport you see and how they are different. We will then invite children to share what they have seen with us on Monday.

Miss Westwood – EYFS Phase Lead

Year 1 and 2

This week is Sun Safety week! The children in Key Stage One have learnt about what to wear to protect them from the sun and became familiar with UV index charts.

Year 1



The children in Year 1 this week have started their 'Yum, Yum' topic. The children were introduced to a story called 'Handa's Surprise'. In the story, Handa decides to take seven different fruits in a basket to her friend Akeyo who lives in a nearby village. To complement this story, in DT this week, the children in Year 1 have peeled and chopped vegetables.



Year 2

The children in Year 2 this week have begun their learning for their 'Buckets and Spades' topic. In English, the children labelled an image of a lighthouse, understood the function of each part and wrote sentences. This supported them, when they began learning and sequencing the events of Grace Darling and the lighthouse rescue. During History, the children learnt facts about Queen Victoria. They loved learning about her family, the clothes she wore and her relation to Queen Elizabeth II.

Reminder – The new spellings are live on EdShed and the written spelling sheets are uploaded onto the school website.

Mrs Lovekin – Y1/Y2 Phase Lead

Year 3 and 4

Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful stunning start to their topic on the Ancient Greeks. They dressed up in costume and completed a variety of activities to introduce them to aspects of Ancient Greek life. These included: tasting Greek food; completing research and using QR codes and acting out Greek myths from scripts. A wonderful day was had by all! On Wednesday 18th May, a theatre company is coming in and all of the children in year 3 will watch 'Perseus and Medusa' and have a drama workshop afterwards which will be really exciting!

Year 4

Year 4 have started their work on the theme of rainforests. On Tuesday, they thought of research questions that they would like to find the answer to about rainforests and began to find the answers to these the following day. On Thursday 12th May, we have visitors coming in to school to complete a rainforest explorer workshop with each of the year 4 classes. This will be really exciting for the children and more information about this will follow shortly.

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

This week we have begun our new topic – Vikings and Saxons. In English, we have started by focussing on myths and legends as our first few weeks of English will be based around the story of Grendel.

Year 6

We have begun our new topic in Year 6 – the United States of America. The children began by considering The American Dream and the hopes and dreams they might have for the future. They then made their own dream catcher. We will be studying different aspects of the United States of America in many of our subjects.



Mr Roper – Y5/6 Phase Lead