

NEWSLETTER – 8th May 2020



Thank you again for the wonderful video sent to staff by the children in EY & KS1 and KS2 – it brought happy tears to us all! We were so impressed that we thought we would send you another video to make you smile!

Today marks the end of our seventh week in lockdown and whilst there are again discussions in Parliament and speculation in the press in regards to school reopening I want to again reassure you all that this is not a plan for the near future. We will be taking our time to make sure that this is the right thing to do for Highfields and any decisions made will be

“ Look how much you've already managed to adapt to. Look how resilient you've already been. There's no "right" way to respond to this because it's never, ever happened before. Give yourself some credit. ☆ There's no one in the whole world who has this figured out yet. So it's absolutely okay if you don't either ♥ ”
mellow doodles



done with the children's best interests at heart!
Take care and stay safe
Mrs Garratt



VE Day celebrations

The second Friday of May will mark 75 years since VE Day as the United Kingdom remembers the end of war in Europe. The

coronavirus outbreak means that there will be no street parties, parades or concerts this year, but nonetheless there is plenty going on for us to celebrate. VE Day 2020 takes place on Friday May 8 in the United Kingdom. This year, it will be on a Bank Holiday – a decision that has been made specially to honour the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Highfields have added a tab onto their website which contains lots of VE Day activities for you to use and Picture News have also released activities we have uploaded as well. Whatever you do to celebrate this important day we hope you have fun.

Home Learning Gallery

I thought that I would start this newsletter by showcasing some of the work we have been sent. Thank you everyone, please keep sending it in we are loving seeing your work!

Phonics Whizz!

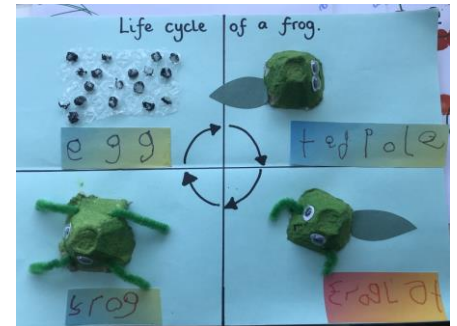
Well done to *Jensen* in *YR* who sent on a wonderful video of himself doing his phonics – he read all the words correctly and tried really hard with some very tricky words! Well done Jensen!

All Hart and Thea!

This week *Hart* and *Thea* sent in some wonderful videos of their home learning. *Hart* has decided that when she's older she wants to be a Doctor and by the video – she's well on her way. *Thea* showed us how she's been exercising with her cool dance moves! Well done girls – the videos were great!

Froggy Fun!

Well done to *Maisie* from *Nursery* who made the amazing lifecycle of a frog using bubble wrap, an egg box and some pipe cleaners! How creative and informative! Well done *Maisie*!

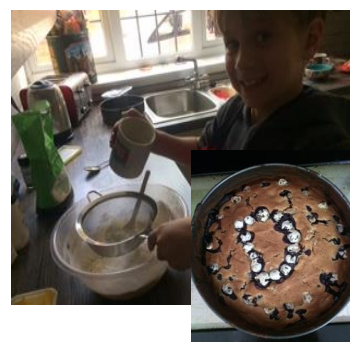


Postcard Perfection!

This week we received this fantastic postcard from *Brandon* in *2P*. As part of his 'Buckets and Spades' project he has designed and written his own postcard! I'm sure you'll all agree we'd all love to be sitting on that beach right now! Well done *Brandon*, great work!

Rainforest Realness!

Eva from *Y4* sent this amazing rainforest picture in this week. It is part of her year group's new 'Rainforest' topic and she has used art resources and natural resources found in her back garden – amazing work *Eva*!



Cake-tastic

At the start of the week, we also received this from *Dexter* in *Y3*. *Dexter* had made a lovely looking blueberry cake

USA-mazing!

Lexi and Darcy, Y6, have been learning all about America. Their brief was to paint or draw as many things as they could that were associated with America... in an hour!

They have also enjoyed creating PowerPoint

Darcy did Trump and the Solar – well done girls!



presentations, one on Donald Lexi created one on System and space

Good Greeks!

Well done to Broly in Y3. He asked his Mum to send us this fab picture to show us what he has been learning about the Ancient Greeks. He has been learning about the types of clothing they wore and made an outfit to represent this. He has also been completing mosaic pictures.



Soaps and Germs!

Rio in Y5 created a 'Soap and Germs' (Snakes and Ladders) board game last week! You need to avoid Coronavirus or you have to start again! You go up the soaps and sanitiser and down the germs. He created the dice, and a little pouch on the back to contain the counters which are also germs and sanitiser's! What

an amazingly creative idea Rio – well done!

Mayan Royalty!

Jessica in Y4 has created a Mayan headdress as part of her project. I am amazed at the range of art, DT and history skills – it is amazing and you look very regal in it Jessica! Well done.



Spelling.

We have added some spelling lists to the website that the children can practise at home. There is also a document with suggested strategies to help children learn these.

Mrs Lewis

Healthy Highfields Results!

20.0+.20	Winners	Year Group
	EY	RD and RW
	KSI	2
	KS2	5

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World Fair Trade Day

[World Fair Trade Day](#) is this Saturday 9th May 2020. It's a time to say a big 'thank you' to all the farmers and workers who work hard to produce our food and drinks. We'd like to tell you a [story](#) ahead of World Fair Trade Day. [Thank you for the chocolate](#) will take you on a journey to meet everybody involved in bringing chocolate to our shops, right from the very start of the process in the forests of West Africa. This simple photo story is suitable for even very young children to follow.

After you've enjoyed [Thank you for the chocolate](#), your Home Learning Challenge this week is

to **design** and **send** a **Thank You card** to the farmers and workers who work hard to provide us with our food and drink at this time. There are **two ways** to send your card to farmers and workers: Post your Thank You card on social media with the global hashtag [#FairtradeTogether](#) – this means that Fairtrade organisations in countries all around the world will see your message! Send a picture of your Thank You card to schools@fairtrade.org.uk and we'll send them to Fairtrade producers across the world.

Developing Experts – Science

This wee you will have received a text regarding the new Developing Experts service we have subscribed to. You will have been emailed a log on for your child. It provides a growing library of over 700 interactive online science lessons with fun science experiments, handouts and assessment for learning activities, fully mapped against multiple curricula including the Science National Curriculum KSI, KS2 and there are also lesson aimed at Early Years children. They have a library of over 700 interactive, online science lessons, each with practical investigations, worksheets and assessment for learning activities. Every lesson concludes with a simple hands-on activity designed to use everyday materials, plus every child and parent can revisit the lesson content from home.



Teachers Pet – Science Challenges

Teachers Pet have a host of science challenge cards available to download – available for EYFS, KSI and KS2. Each pack comes with teacher notes, perfect to complete at home with a parent or carer. Visit the website and search for 'investigation' to browse the selection and get started!

