



NEWSLETTER - 13th March 2020



Value of the Month **CHARITY**

13th March - Reception class assembly

13th March - PTA Disco
Y1-Y2 - 5.00-6.15pm
Y3-Y6 - 6.30-7.45pm

16th March - PTA Mother's Day gift sales

17th March - PTA Mother's Day gift sales

18th - 20th March Y4 Residential

20th March - Nursery Mother's Day assemblies (10.45am & 2.45pm)



26th March - Wear purple for Epilepsy Awareness day

27th March - Y1 class assembly

3rd April - Break up for Easter holidays

I just wanted to say a huge thanks you to all of the children (and staff) who took part in World Book Day this year, there were some fantastic costumes inspired by the books you have been reading both at home and in school and it was lovely to hear you all reading with children in other year groups.

Mrs Garratt



Happy Birthday Highfields!

School Council are presently working on recording some of our school history and **NEED YOUR HELP!** We are appealing for any stories, memories and photographs that you would be willing to share with our community about the history of our school and are planning to set up a history tab on our school website. We have set up a dedicated email address for you to send these in to us and ask you to share this with anyone you know who attended Highfields Primary School or Beeches Road Junior School as it was previously named. If you require any further information about this project, then please contact Mrs Adams. 125years@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

Attendance

Just a reminder to parents that they need to contact school by phone, text or email on the first day that their child is absent with a full reason by 9.30am. School will also try to contact any parents we have not heard from but when we do not have a reason for the absence then these will be recorded as unauthorised. **Mrs Adams**

E-Safety

Parents of pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will have received a booklet 'Keeping your child safe online' published by the NSPCC. A digital copy of this book in the following languages Arabic, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Polish and Urdu is now on our school website and can be found on the Parent Page under E-Safety.

Coronavirus Update - Website updated - 13th March 2020. For the most up to date advice and guidance being given to schools please see the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

| | 6 th March | 13 th March |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| RW | Mia-Leigh | Amelia |
| RD | Eesa | Sophia |
| IM | Isabelle | Fletcher |
| IS | Abrar | Amelia |
| 2P | Leah-Rose | Emmie |
| 2S | Isla | Isabelle |
| 3B | Amber | Imogen |
| 3G | Mateus | Danielle |
| 4G | Na jma | Carlos |
| 4R | Haider | Taman |
| 5K | Navdeep | Taylor |
| 5S | Ethan | Kenzie |
| 6C | Fariha | Millie |
| 6W | Alfie | Keira |
| PE | Haider | Ryan HF |

Epilepsy Awareness day!



On Thursday 26th March we are asking all children to come to school wearing something purple and donate £1.00 to help raise vital funds and awareness to support children and young people with epilepsy **#GoPurple**.

Books for Schools

Thank you to everyone who sent in 'Books for Schools' tokens from The Sun newspaper. A box of over 150 brand new reading books arrived for school on World Book Day. These will be put in the home reading books and the children will be bringing them home soon!

NSPCC - thank you!

We have received a lovely certificate from NSPCC following Number Day 2020. Highfields parents and children raised £284.23 for a fantastic cause so thank you all for generosity in supporting us.

Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**. This week's whole school attendance was **94.5%** so this week we were **below** target! The winning classes attendance are...

EYFS RW - 96.3% KSI IM - 96.7% KS2 5S - 99%



Rowley
376



Haden
434



Clent
417



Kinver
465



Nursery and Reception

A big well done to Reception class for their wonderful assembly! We hope you all enjoyed it.

Last week, the children enjoyed World Book Day and they all looked fantastic. It was lovely to hear them sharing their favourite books with their friends.



You should have received a letter about the Nursery trip, if you haven't then please ask at the office for a copy.

If you have any of the school reading books at home, we would really appreciate it if you could please return them to school so we can swap them for the children.

Dates:

Friday 20th March – Nursery Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 27th March – AM Nursery trip

Monday 30th March – Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 3rd April – PM Nursery trip

Thank you!

Miss Westwood - Phase Co-ordinator

Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 – Thank you to all of the parents who attended the year 1 workshop on Monday the 2nd. We hope you enjoyed seeing how your children learn phonics and that the packs that came home were useful. If you have any questions regarding phonics, please see your child's teacher.

Just a reminder that Year 1 class assembly is **27th March**

Year 2 – Year 2 had a great, if a little soggy, day at the Safari Park last Friday.

Amelie – 'I loved everything!'

Brooke – 'I liked when we saw the meerkats because they're my favourite animal.'

Tristan – 'I liked the spotted hyenas.'

Isabelle – 'I liked the penguins because one was swimming underwater.'

Easter Bonnets

Key Stage 1's Easter bonnet will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 2.30pm. All children from years 1 and 2 are invited to bring in a decorated bonnet on the morning of the 31st. These will be displayed in the hall and winning bonnets judged over the course of the morning. All children will then wear their bonnets during the parade in the afternoon. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mrs Lewis- Phase Co-ordinator

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 4

We are fast approaching our trip to Bell Heath. On the morning of Wednesday 18th please bring your children and their luggage to the hall. Can you make sure any medication is clearly labelled and handed into Mrs Pearson, who is the 1st aider accompanying us on the trip. Can you also hand in any spending money your child may be bringing which needs to be in a sealed envelope or purse labelled with your child's name. If you have any questions about any of the arrangements for Bell Heath, please speak to Mr Roper or Miss Groves.

Children not going to Bell Heath will be together in a class and we have planned an enjoyable three days for them.

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed producing drawings in the style of Quentin Blake and there were some excellent outcomes.



Mr Roper - Phase Co-ordinator

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5

Well done to Leah and Amber who wrote a fantastic story about a journey into space! It was a wonderfully, creative piece which included lots of features they have learnt in lessons! Well done girls.



Year 6

Year 6 SATS booster sessions are well underway with Maths clubs running on Mondays and English clubs running on Tuesdays! All staff are very impressed with the children's attitude towards their learning.

Important dates

On Thursday 19th, the Netball team will take part in their first tournament of the year at St Michaels.

On Thursday 26th, both football teams will be playing away at Milking Bank. Good luck to both teams!



Mrs Ward – Phase Co-ordinator