



Newsletter

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'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new term.

It has been great this week to see so many parents in school to find out about their children's progress and further develop relationships with class teachers. Having spent a lot of time in classrooms this term, and seeing all the class updates in the newsletter, I am sure you will agree that the year has started in a positive manner.

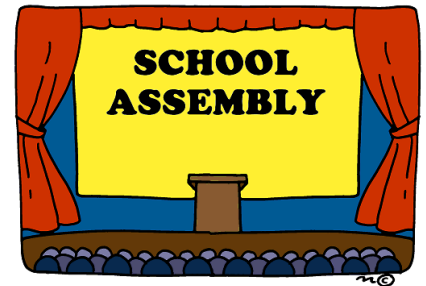
Assemblies

We have restarted some of our face to face assemblies.

The current approach is as follows:

Mondays 1:10pm - Years 1, 2 and 3 (EYFS will join during the year)

Mondays 2:50pm - Year 4, 5 and 6



These assemblies will focus on our school values and give us an opportunity to make sure the children are taught about our school ethos.

Our celebration assembly still takes place virtually, as the children wanted to continue with many of the activities we organise. These include our music quiz, our book quiz, sharing work and our 'wave into the weekend'- it also gives us the chance to still 'meet' together as a whole school, which despite being virtual, is still really important to us.

Library books

Our brand new library should be completed by the end of November. It has capacity for over 5,000 books and work is ongoing to make sure that our shelves will be full for its grand opening. There will be significant investment into the Book Band selection available to children in Key Stage 1 as well as an increase to the available texts in our Accelerated Reader bands.

WhatsApp Groups

Finally, a polite request that if parents have a concern with any aspect of Highwood, please make contact with school in the first instance. We are becoming increasingly aware of issues that are raised within parent WhatsApp groups and they escalate without the school having the opportunity to respond. Your understanding with this would be much appreciated.



Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Head Teacher

School Council

After the speeches and elections that have taken place this week, I have the pleasure of announcing our Head Students and School Council for 2022 - 2023

Head Students			
Sibi Muthukumaran		Natalie Kelly	
Deputy Head Students			
Mustafa Kuwari	Ahria Modi	Aaliyah Kishore	Sravya Vegesna
School Council Representatives			
F2H	Lucy Lovejoy		
F2P	Dylan Claridge		
1H	Edward Cash		
1BG	William Dennett		
2H	Libby Cheshire		
2S	Daathya Jetti and Thomas Lettington		
3RH	Jacob Garner		
3R	Eden Tia-okwee		
4C	Joe Cheshire		
4B	Zarifa Amin		
5M	Sannuta Kadadi		
5D	Hareem Umar Ikram		





Governing Body News

Dear Parent and Carers

This is a short introduction (or refresher) to the Governors of Highwood Primary School.

Governor Team

Mrs Wendy Sabaroche – Chair (Parent)	Mrs Kay Bridges – Vice Chair (Co-opted)
Dr Lois Beaver – QE Chair (Co-opted)	Mr Rehan Kamal – Resources Chair (Co-opted)
Mrs Zahida Younis (Co-opted)	Mrs Jen Ravindran (Parent)
Dr Anne Love (Co-opted)	

What do we do?

A school governing board has three primary duties:

1. To set the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school.
2. To hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school.
3. To oversee the financial performance and ensure that money is well spent.

We are not involved in the day-to-day management of the school.

Operational decision making is performed by the School Leadership Team (SLT) - Head Teacher, Deputy Head and senior leaders.

We are focused purely on the strategic and the longer-term objectives.

We are all volunteers and are dedicated to making Highwood a great school for pupils, parents, staff and the local community.

We have regular meetings every term, each with a specific focus to meeting our objectives:

Resources – To manage finances and school spending

Quality of Education (QE) – To review and analyse the school data and curriculum opportunities

Full Governing Board (FGB):

Monitoring the School Development Plan (SDP)

To set and review the whole school's strategy, aspirations and long-term goals

What do we plan to do this year?

There is a lot of instability in the world at the moment, and the governors are working with the SLT to anticipate and prepare for future changes, whilst ensuring school continuity and minimising impact to the children.

Vacancies

We have 2 x Governor slots available (1 Co-opted and 1 Local Authority).

Further information or questions? See school website or email the FGB Chair

wsabaroche@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk

Enjoy the half term break!

Highwood Governors



Foundation 1 News

Mrs Atkinson

Mrs Vanka, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Bailey, Miss Mair, and Miss Ryan

Welcome to our first Foundation 1 News this year. We have had a very busy start to the Autumn Term in F1. All the children have settled incredibly well and have begun making friends. We have begun exploring our termly topic 'What makes us special?' which will allow us all to get to know each other and explore ourselves as individuals.

We started off this half term by learning all about each other and discovering how we are all different and unique. The children drew their own self-portraits and were encouraged to speak about their own preferences and interests. They have also participated in circle times where they were able to use their voices to share their interests. We have been learning about our bodies and the different parts of it.



We have begun exploring our senses, starting with smell. The children have engaged in lots of activities where they have been able to explore different smells and begin to use words to describe what things smell like. The children participated in a 'sniff and guess' game to explore their sense of smell and have engaged in lots of sensory play activities such as scented playdough and making 'tea' with scented tea bags.

When continuing to explore our senses, the children learnt about using their senses in the Autumn time. We explored lots of Autumn objects such as pine cones, conkers and acorns while learning about the different things they can expect to see as the season changes. The children have become really good at noticing things by looking closely.

As we move into Autumn, we have been using the change in weather as a learning experience for the children. They have been out in their welly boots exploring the puddles, digging in the mud looking for worms and jumping in crunchy and soggy leaves.



We've also enjoyed learning about Dussehra and Diwali, two festivals which some of our children celebrate with their families.

Throughout this half of term all the children having been trying very hard to develop their independence and do things for themselves. This includes washing and drying their own hands, putting on their own coats, feeding themselves at lunch time and taking off and putting on their own shoes.

We are so proud of how well they are doing and we've loved celebrating their success.



Thank you to all the parents that have supported us during the first half of this term and we look forward to welcoming the children back after half term!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see what we are up to each week! @HighwoodPrimFS1



Foundation 2 News

Mrs Parker and Miss Hargreaves

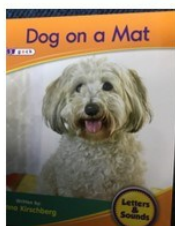
Mrs Newham, Miss Finch, Miss Webb, Mrs Alleyne

Welcome to our first F2 Newsletter! We have had a very busy first half of the term, ensuring that all our children settle into their new classrooms. We have also had some new F2 children start with us, so we have been very busy making new friends!



Our Topic this term is **Could dinosaurs live in Woodley?** We were all excited to go outside and discover some large claw marks in the outside area. The children came up with lots of theories, including that a giant T-rex had visited!

We received a very interesting letter from the institute of dinosaurs who gave us a dinosaur egg to care for. This sparked huge interest among the children which prompted them to make nests and search for food for the new born dinosaur. They are very disappointed that we cannot keep it!



The children have been enjoying phonics every day which supports them in learning to read. They have been very creative, practising their letters in sand, salt, with chalk and even with toothbrushes! Thank you for continuing to read at home with them to promote this learning.

If you missed our workshop then you can find the PowerPoint on the school website!



In maths we have been starting to learn numbers to 5. We have enjoyed recognising numbers in the environment. We have also begun comparing the numbers and representing the numbers in a variety of ways.



This term the children began their PE sessions with Mr Edwards. They have been perfecting ball skills. Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a **black tracksuit top, trousers and trainers** in their PE kit. Thank you.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported us and we look forward to another busy but enjoyable half-term in Foundation 2!

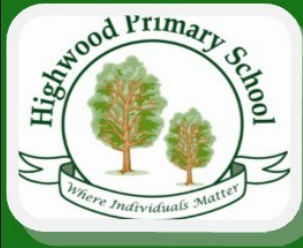
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Year 1 News -

Autumn 1

Miss Hughes, Miss Bolger and Mrs Garner

Miss Robin, Miss Mubashar, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Tiwari



What a fantastic start to Year 1 we have had. We have seen the children grow so much in confidence and independence over the past few weeks and they have settled into the new routines of Year 1 really well.

Where In The World Am I?

Science and Music

As part of our Key Question, in science, we have been finding out about the body. We can name different parts of the body and some organs. We did lots of activities to explore using our senses like a sound walk and trying to work out the flavour of crisps without tasting them! We have also been learning



about nocturnal and diurnal animals and why they might sleep at night. We focused on the animals that the children might see in Woodley. Our Geography has been learning about the UK and its weather. We have been keeping a weather diary. We loved making wind socks so that we could explore wind speed and direction.

In music we have been listening and appraising the music of Vivaldi's Four Seasons. The children have enjoyed keeping the pulse and finding the rhythm using glockenspiels



Check out our new Twitter feed:
@HighwoodPrim1H
(Miss Hughes)



@HighwoodPrim1BG (Miss Bolger/ Mrs Garner)

Maths

We have been working hard to represent numbers and number sentences using different resources as well as writing them down. We have moved on to comparing numbers, missing number problems and addition and subtraction. We are persevering with



explaining our thinking and proving our answers are correct.



We are also working on our mental maths with lots of different activities.

English

This term our story focus has been 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We loved reading the story and creating a story map, making up actions and retelling the story ourselves using story sack props. We were even brave enough to perform it to the other class! We have been so impressed with the stories that the children have written themselves based on The Bear Hunt. They chose their own animals and setting for their story. There was so much creativity in describing different places they might visit and a wide range of adjectives were showcased to describe their animal. The children's illustrations made the books really entertaining to share with each other.



Year 2 News - Autumn 1

Miss Hulme, Ms Sandhu

Miss Haywood, Mrs Butler and Miss Roberts

Was the Great Fire of London a total disaster?

We have had a great start to Year 2! The children have enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and still have more questions about it. We have used this historical event to inspire our writing as well as other areas of the curriculum.

Topic

This term we have started with a key question to answer, for e.g. What does it mean to be a capital city? The children had great fun using Google Earth to find their school and The River Thames. In Science, the children have been learning about materials and their properties. They then have been exploring the suitability of a material used to make a boat. In history, we have looked at the chronological order of events and researched interesting facts about the fire.



English

We have been focusing on all the skills needed to write a recount of The Great Fire of London. This includes, writing in the past tense, using their senses, writing expanded noun phrases and exclamation sentences. After half term, the children will use these skills to write their own retell of Toby and the Great Fire of London.

Maths

We started the term with place value and the children learned the value of a ten and one in a 2-digit number. They have used place value charts, part-whole models, dienes and ones to support their learning. As well as this, the children have been recapping their number bonds to 10 and 20. They have been using these to create a fact family.

Fact Family

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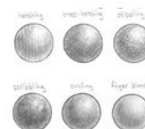
Music and Art

We have been learning the Great Fire of London song with Makaton and understanding what a round is. In Art, we have introduced the weaving technique and practised sketching skills like stippling, cross-hatching and hatching.

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Year 3 News

Miss Rumbold, Dr Read & Mrs Hartgrove

What did pre-historic people yabba dabba do?

Reading and Writing

We have really enjoyed writing our own versions of Stone Age Boy in English. The children have loved creating their own stone age characters and animals. We are working hard on neat handwriting and presentation and did very well when publishing our finished works! We have also started to read 'Boy with the Bronze Axe' in Whole Class Reading. The book is set in Skara Brae in Bronze Age times and so links to our topic very well! We are excited to carry on reading!

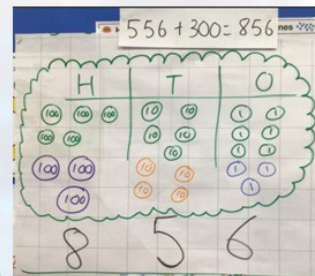


Topic

So, what did prehistoric people yabba dabba do? We began to answer this question by plotting some key events on a timeline. It helped some of us to realise that this period of time wasn't during the time of the dinosaurs! We have really enjoyed looking at the geography of Stone Age people too - we recognise the stone blocks in this picture! We know that Stone Henge is located in Salisbury, and we learnt about Avebury and Maiden Castle - all very famous Stone Age sites. We even know about the different way land was used in Stone Age times compared to today!

Maths

We have really focused on place value this term and are confident working with 3-digit numbers. We've started looking at adding and subtracting and in mental maths have had a real focus on our 5 times table.



Science

Our science has also linked with our big question and the Stone Age. We can now sort rocks and soils into groups based on their properties and have tested their strength using different experiments. We've also learnt about how fossils are formed and how the mammoths became extinct.



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Year 4 News

Miss Barrett, Miss Clarke, Mrs Strong, Mrs Tindall and Mrs Chaurasia

Welcome to the first edition of the Year 4 news! We are pleased to say that we've had a fantastic start to the school year, with lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

What is More Precious: Water or Gold?

Year 4 have been busy investigating the Ancient Egyptians and how their wealth and the river Nile were important to their success.

We have learned all about the Ancient Egyptian Gods and why they were important. Year 4 even had a go at creating their own Ancient Egyptian god for a season and creating a pyramid with a tomb full of important possessions to take to the after life!



Maths

In maths this term the children explored and concreted their understanding of numbers and place value. We have been using our place value skills to partition numbers in standard and non-standard ways. They also learned how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We have also begun to use the written column addition and subtraction method to help solve problems.

Our times table knowledge is coming along well, but any extra practise that could be done at home would really benefit your children.

English

In our writing, we have learned how to write non-chronological reports and persuasive leaflets.

Year 4 researched lots of interesting facts about the River Nile and then used their writing skills to engage the reader.

In persuasive writing, the children learned how to use imperative verbs and boastful language to make Ancient Egypt sound like the most exciting trip you could go on

if you flew back in time.

Year 4 have been reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' and the class seem to be thoroughly enjoying it. We have been exploring exciting new vocabulary and summarising the sections by deciding on the key events so far.

Science

In Science, we have been looking at classifying animals scientifically and investigated the differences between Egyptian and UK animals.



Geography

In Geography we have explored the River Nile and its importance to the Ancient Egyptians. We then learnt the features of a river and how it travels from the source into mouth of seas and lakes. The children used their creativity to represent them using a range of materials.



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We hope you all have a fantastic half term break! The year 4 team



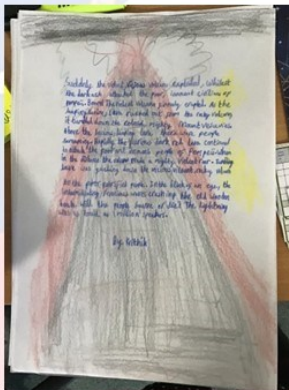
Year 5 News

Miss Majer and Mrs Downes

Has our Earth finished evolving?

Welcome to the first edition of the Year 5 news! I am pleased to say that we've had a fantastic start to the school year, with lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

English



We've spent a lot of time this term writing about volcanoes! As a stimulus, we used 'Escape from Pompeii' to elicit write some brilliant setting descriptions, using a range of descriptive vocabulary and paint some very

vivid pictures for the reader of a volcano exploding! In guided reading we have been reading 'Holes', which we've been thoroughly enjoying, before using what we've read to rewrite one of the Holes Chapters! We used our setting description knowledge to help set the scene, before causing a big raucous with Mr Sir!



Maths

This half term we have focused on place value of numbers up to a million, as well as decimals.

Through this journey we have looked at place values of digits, rounding and counting in powers of 10, before finally moving onto addition and subtraction at the end of the term. We've also done lots of problem solving and reasoning around the unit too, using our 'I know' and 'I

think that ... because' sentence stems!

Science



Our Science topic this term has been all about properties of materials. To begin with, we learnt the scientific language to group different materials and then did a series of experiments, including how to separate materials and looking at what might be soluble or insoluble!

Key Question lessons



Finally, all our topic lessons this term have been around our key question: Has our Earth finished evolving. As a 'big bang' we actually made our own papier-mâché volcanoes that we set off. Other highlights include:

learning about the Ring of Fire, using biscuits to learn about tectonic plates and learning about why people choose to live in volcanic areas. Would you like to live in a volcanic area?

It has been a super start to the year. We look forward to continuing this hard work after half term

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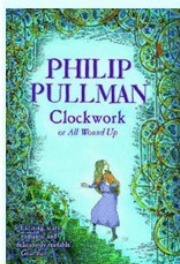
Year 6 News

Teachers: Mr Robinson, Mrs Partridge, Mrs Nice, Mrs Nielsen, Miss Yu and Mrs Rajput

Welcome to the first newsletter for Year 6. Although we have only been back in school a matter of weeks, we have already achieved a lot. Our topic this term is, '**Does Change Always Lead to Progress?**', and we have been thinking about this through English, History and Geography.

English

In English, we have been studying a fantastic book, 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. It is a gothic fairy story in which invented characters come to life. The story actually has two separate plot lines that gradually weave into each other. Each plot has its own twists and turns, and



its own element of suspense. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning the macabre and sinister vocabulary in the story, and are using it to create our own version. We have also started to read 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. This book includes many of the themes we have learnt about in Clockwork.

We have been using our perseverance learning behaviour to read lots of books and complete Accelerated Reader quizzes. **Don't forget, the expectation is for 20mins reading every night!**

In writing, we have taken the idea of 'inventions' in order to write explanation texts. The children were inspired by Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions to write an explanation of The Shopper-13!



Maths

So far in maths, we have been securing our understanding of place value. We have been learning how to read, write and compare large numbers (up to 10,000,000). We have been investigating negative numbers and rounding. We have been working hard on improving the speed and accuracy of our arithmetic. We have now moved on to understanding the core skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

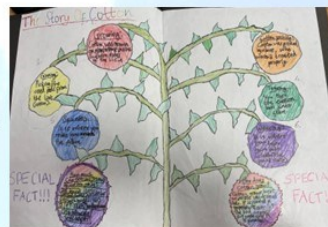
Science

In Science, we have thought about how living things are classified. We have learnt about how to create a classification key (or branching diagram), using characteristics of different living organisms.



History

We have been studying the Industrial Revolution and the changes that occurred between 1750 and 1900. So far we have concentrated on looking at population growth, urbanisation and technological changes. We have found out about the process of making cotton and really enjoyed creating a double-page spread to show our learning.



PE

In PE we have been improving our fitness through indoor athletics. We've focussed on the skills of throwing, jumping and sprinting. We may even have some future long-jumpers or triple jumpers amongst us!

Swimming

This term 6R have been swimming at Blue Coats Secondary School where they have been learning water confidence and how to swim using the correct techniques. Whatever their ability, the progress over a short period of time has been great to see. After half-term, 6P will get the chance to improve and impress.

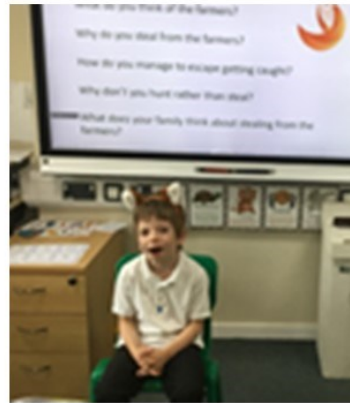
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The Orchard Speech and Language Resource News

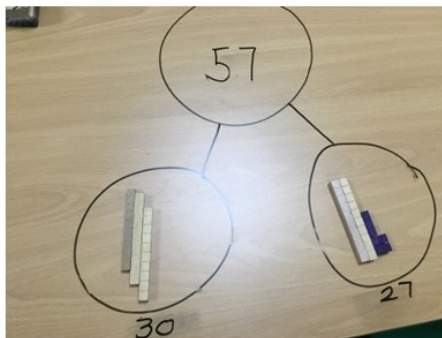
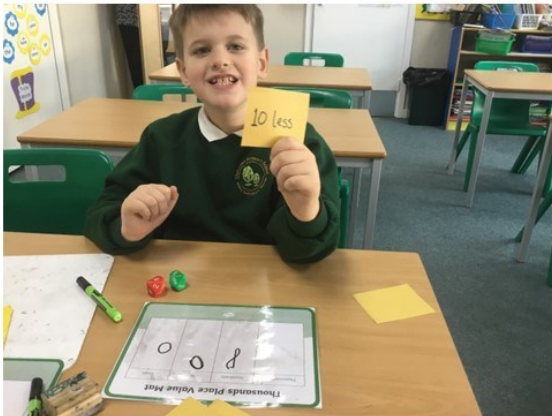
Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Payne, Mrs Khan, Mrs Pithiya, Mrs La Porte

Literacy: The Gruffalo and Fantastic Mr Fox



The Gruffalo group have been having fun writing and acting out the story, writing to the mouse and making Gruffalo Crumble. Meanwhile, the Fantastic Mr Fox group have been investigating conjunctions and direct speech and answering questions as Mr Fox on the Hot Seat. We hope you enjoyed our show at coffee morning this week!

Maths: Place Value and Addition and Subtraction



The children have thoroughly enjoyed all of our practical maths activities with place value, addition and subtraction this half term!

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PE/Sports News

Mr Edwards

Welcome to the first half term "PE & Sports News Page" of academic year 2022/23.

PE Lessons:

This half term the children have been learning skills such as "control, pass & receive, target, catching, throwing, reaction, speed & agility. We have done this utilising footballs and netballs. There has been some fantastic results with children improving their basic skills. The upper KS2 children have been able to utilise these skills in invasion games/matches. KS1 have had an amazing time taking on the roles of Prehistoric animals, fire, rats and the fireman linking in their Autumn topics.



Miss Hulme's class have also had an extra session taking part in Dance with Miss Coleman. I hear we have several "movers" in that class. Next half term it is Ms Sandhu's class that will have the dance session.

Swimming lessons have resumed this half term with 6R. They have been making so much progress, especially our beginner or non swimmers. In only a few weeks, they have gone from walking across the pool to even jumping into the deep end! This shows great confidence in themselves and their ability. Each class getting 5/6 weeks of lessons before the Christmas holidays. Please make sure that the swimming form and the "correct" ability group is selected. I would like to encourage our parents to take their children swimming. It is great fun for all of the family plus aiding with our overall health and fitness.

After School Clubs:

Tuesdays: Yr 5/6 Girls Football with Mr Robinson & KS1 Multisports with Mr Edwards

Wed Yr 5/6 Boys Football with Mr Edwards

Thursdays: KS2 Boys & girls Netball with Mr Edwards.

Autumn Half Term Matches & Tournaments:

This half term we have had boys and girls football teams in action in the WPSFA (Wokingham Primary Schools Football Association) league games. Our first game was the girls team Vs a very experienced St Pauls team. Our girls battled hard and worked on their passing, movement and positioning. This paid off in the second half as it was a much closer match. It was a great experience as none of our girls had played together and we couldn't be more proud. Their next game was against an equally talented Shinfield St Marys. This time the girls were much improved and started to look like a team playing some lovely passes and were very close to scoring our first goal. Our last league game of the Autumn term league will be Vs Polehampton on Friday 4th November. We are looking forward to seeing them improve further due to Mr Robinson's hard work in after school football club.

Our boys played their first game here at school Vs Colleton. It was a very close and competitive game with both teams showing respect, professionalism and fair play. Colleton won the game but it has shown that this year we have a group of boys that can be competitive this year.

Our next game is on Friday 18th November where we welcome Robert Piggott Juniors.





PE/Sports News

Mr Edwards



We have also taken part in a fabulous KS1 Multiskills event held at The Holt School run by their year 10 young leaders. Our children were amazing, upholding the Highwood values of respect and teamwork, plus trying so hard to score as many points as they could on each activity. Many of the young leaders commented on how good they were.

Yesterday we took 7 girls from yr 5/6 to represent Highwood in the "Stingers" Netball at The Holt School. Again, this was run and umpired by the 11 young leaders. Our girls were unbeaten in all of their games and won half of them with some great play and support work.

Next Half Term PE Lessons: - Tag Rugby & Netball.

PE Kit required: -Winter Gear. Shorts, Highwood PE T-Shirt, Black Plain Tracksuit, sturdy trainers or Football Boots not plimsolls. **No Earrings!**

Please ensure your child has plain tracksuits, both long trousers and long sleeved top as it is too cold for them this time of year to be dressed in shorts and t-shirt! Unless it is heavy rain or deep snow they will still do PE outdoors. Too many children are expecting to do PE without long sleeves and trousers.

Next Half Term Tournaments

3/4 Sportshall Athletics

5/6 Sportshall Athletics

Boccia

New Age Kurling

Achievements outside of school:



Please feel free to send in pictures of your children enjoying taking part in activities outside of school or achievements in their clubs in their own time. This time we have George whose Ice Hockey team won a national tournament & Robbie picking up "Player of the week" award in rugby. We have had pictures of awards for various sports such as football, rugby, athletics etc.

Mr Edwards Message For The Half Term.

It seems from chatting to many children this term that there is an increase in the amount of children taking part in activities and clubs out of school. This is so pleasing. I will be collating a report after half term to see how many children that is and what sports they are attending. It just remains for me to wish you all a great half term break. Stay safe but stay active! Mr Edwards.









SENCo & Parent Support Adviser

The first half term has already come to an end – it has been great to meet all our new students and their families, as well as welcoming back familiar faces!

We have held a few coffee mornings and events since returning to school, and will continue to do so in the coming terms. Our next event in the family centre will be a coffee morning with Communicare on 15th November, looking at supporting families with finances, budgeting and benefits. We will also be having a mobile advice unit from the CAB visiting school on 10th November, where an adviser will be available for drop-in sessions with parents and families of Highwood. Please keep an eye out for more information to come.

Lucy & Mrs Padbury

 <p>Information, support & what's on locally for SEND families.</p> <p>https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/local-offer-for-0-25-year-olds-with-additional-needs/</p>	 <p>Provide free, confidential, impartial SEND advice, guidance and support.</p> <p>www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk</p>	 <p>Specialist support for local Families who have Children & Young People with Special Needs parentingspecialchildren.co.uk</p>	 <p>ASSIST Team Autism Spectrum Service for Information Support and Training</p>
<p>Who we are:</p>			
	<p>Lucy Sayer - Parent Support Advisor (PSA)</p> <p>I support the pupils in school and their families. This includes putting together a timetable of information events, training and social events that we can all, (current restrictions allowing!), enjoy as a school community. I'd also welcome any ideas you have about events, so please get in touch if there is anything you think would benefit the families of</p>		
	<p>Mrs Padbury - Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)</p> <p>A special educational need/ and or disability (SEND) can cause barriers to a child's learning. My role in school is to identify the children's strengths and manage any extra needs they may have. I liaise with teachers and teaching assistants to help support the pupil's needs and discuss appropriate actions that will help reduce any barriers to their learning. If you have any SEND concerns please talk to your child's class teacher.</p>		

SENCo & Parent Support Adviser (continued)

Half Term Information

The companies listed below are offering the opportunity to eat out for less over half term, (though please check they are participating before you order!);



The following local organisations are still offering support to families:

Woodley Food Bank

We are the only food bank in Berkshire that does not require food vouchers or referrals to be able to support people. You can just turn up at Woodley Baptist Church between 9.30 - 12.30 on weekdays to collect a parcel or if you are unable to get to there, you can call 07806 658995 to request a delivery.

Woodley Share

The community engagement team hub in Woodley is based at Emmanuel Church on Southlake Crescent. The hub offers a dedicated space where people can meet with the team and each other and get support.

There will be a drop-in session each Monday between 3.30pm and 5pm. It is run in partnership with Emmanuel Church, Share Wokingham, Woodley Lunch Bunch and Woodley Foodbank.

SENCo & Parent Support Adviser (continued)



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of 2022

TOBY CARVERY

The Kids Eat For £1 offer will be available from October 24th to 28th with the App

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Adults Eat Free with every under 11 child throughout all the UK Half terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TESCO CAFES

Kids Eat Free with any purchase of fresh fruit by an adult throughout all the UK Half Terms

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat for £1 when you sign up to their email list before October 26th 2022

YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

IKEA

From October 11th kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

Reminders

SCHOOL UNIFORM



School uniform can be purchased direct from our supplier Michael Hope at the following link [Highwood Primary School \(michaelhope.co.uk\)](http://michaelhope.co.uk)

We do still have a few items of uniform in school which can be ordered via SCOPAY.

ABSENCE



Please contact the school office by 9.30am if your child is absent stating the reason for the absence. This can be done via Iris Parent-Mail or by phone on 0118 9265493.

If your child is going to be late and requires a hot dinner this **MUST** be booked by 9.30am.

All requests for leave of absence must be made on the absence form available from the school office. Routine appointments should be made outside of school time.

Please see the latest Attendance Policy on the school website regarding Penalty Notices.

SCHOOL DINNERS



Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, funded by the government. If your child would like a school dinner please let the class teacher know and this will be booked for them.

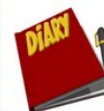
Children in Nursery, Years 3 to 6 are required to pay for dinners. The price of a school dinner is **£2.30 per day**. Payment should be made via SCOPAY in advance. Dinners are booked in the morning in class when the register is taken and booking closes at 9.30am.

If you think your child may be eligible for benefits related free school meals please contact the school office for a form.

Applicants in receipt of Universal credit must receive a net earned income of less than £7,400 to be entitled to free school meals. Please note that if you receive Working Tax Credit then you will not be eligible for free school meals.

This may also entitle your child to other benefits in school i.e. free trips etc.

Diary Dates



Monday 24th - Fri 28th Oct 2022	Half term
Thursday 3rd November 2022	FOH Fun Night - Years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm to 5.15pm
Thursday 3rd November 2022	Individual School Photos
Friday 4th November 2022	Non-uniform day for gifts for the Secrets Room for Winter Fair
Tuesday 8th Nov 2022	Prospective new parent tours 9.30am, 1.30pm or 6pm
Thursday 10th Nov 2022	Prospective new parent tours 9.30am, 1.30pm or 6pm
Tuesday 15th Nov 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00am	Family Centre Coffee Morning with Communicare
Tuesday 15th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	Upper KS2 Maths SPLAT
Wednesday 16th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	Lower KS2 Maths SPLAT
Friday 18th Nov 2022	Children in Need Day (wear spots or merchandise, with uniform)
Wednesday 23rd Nov 2022 - 10.00 - 11.30am	F1 Maths SPLAT
Wednesday 23rd Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	F2 Maths SPLAT
Thursday 24th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 3.15pm	KS1 Maths SPLAT
Friday 25th Nov 2022	Non-uniform day for donations for Chocolates & Bottles for the Winter Fair
Monday 28th Nov 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	F2 Maths Workshop
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 9.30 - 11.00am	Family Centre Coffee Morning with The Cowshed
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 1.30 - 2.30pm	New to Nursery Parents meeting for January starters.
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 3 Maths workshop
Tuesday 29th Nov 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 4 Maths workshop
Thursday 1st Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 5 Maths workshop
Thursday 1st Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 6 Maths workshop
Saturday 3rd Dec 2022	Winter Fair
Tuesday 6th Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 1 Maths workshop
Tuesday 6th Dec 2022 - 3.30 - 4.30pm	Year 2 Maths workshop
Wednesday 7th Dec 2022 - 9.15 - 9.45am	FS Nativity (morning)
Wednesday 7th Dec 2022 - 9.45 - 10.30am	KS1 Nativity (morning)
Thursday 8th Dec 2022 - 1.45 - 2.15pm	FS Nativity (afternoon)
Thursday 8th Dec 2022 - 2.15 - 3.00pm	KS1 Nativity (afternoon)
Friday 9th Dec 2022 - 9.15 - 9.45am	FS Nativity (morning)
Friday 9th Dec 2022 - 9.45 - 10.30am	KS1 Nativity (morning)
Tuesday 20th Dec 2022 - 1.30pm	Last day of term - School finishes at 1.30pm