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Highlands Primary School

# HIGHLANDS NEWS



*Highlands Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard all children and adults and has rigorous procedures in place to do so*

Welcome to the first edition of Highlands' News 2025-26. We are growing in size here at Highlands and have admitted lots of new children this term - welcome to our new families. This half term is flying past, I can't believe we have been back at school for four weeks. Children have settled well into their new classes and our first parental consultation evening is planned for a couple of weeks time. Please make sure you make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Don't forget that the photographer is visiting school on Monday of next week. The photos make lovely gifts for grandparents at Christmas. Our school council have been elected and have already had a meeting with Miss Jackson to plan projects for the term. Some of the money raised by the school council is being spent on playground equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes and the school council will be choosing this. Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan cake sale today, it was a great success.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 29 September**—Photographer in school

**Wednesday 1 October**—Group 1 x Year 5 to London

**Wednesday 8 October**—Flu immunisation day

**Wednesday 8 October**—Parental Consultation Evening

**Friday 10 October**—Harvest Festival

**Tuesday 14 October**—Yr2 to Children's book show-Hull New theatre

**Tuesday 23 October**—Group 2 x Year 5 class to London

**Friday 24 October**—Break up-Half term

**Monday 3 November**—Training day

**Tuesday 4 November**—Children return

**Wk bg 10 November**—Anti Bullying Week-Power for Good



**Attendance Whole School - 95.3%**

**EG/CH 96.22% DS 94.63%**

**AG 94.78% CC 95.2% EE 94.8% JW 94.74%**

**ZE 96.32% HH 93.26% SC 96.28% BA 94.73%**

**ER 96.72% GS 96.47% HR 92.72% HS/SA 97.15% LM 96.81%**

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

## Foundation Stage - Mrs Harris & Miss Greenham, Ms Schiele and the key worker groups in FS1

What a fantastic start to the year! The children have settled in quickly and it has been lovely to see new friendships being formed and the children getting involved



in new activities. In F1, the children have been learning 'We're going on a bear hunt' and have visited the woods to practise retelling the story. They used natural resources to make their own bears. In F2, we have enjoyed learning our new text, 'Owl Babies' and we hope the children have enjoyed performing the story for you at home. They are very good at it!



## Mrs Green & Miss Clark

The children have settled into year one so well! We are both very proud of them. We have learnt a new story all about pirates and have enjoyed innovating them into our very own stories. During our maths lessons we have explored using numbers up to 10 looking at more than, less than and equal to.

In our science lessons we have explored materials and encouraged the children to identify materials they see at home in their daily lives. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their new playground environment and have taken to sharing the climbing equipment beautifully. Thank you to those parents who are bringing in the book bags each week!

### Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

The children in year 2 have been working hard in English to innovate their own versions of our model text 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. They are including lots of super vocabulary and techniques from our 'suspense toolkit', such as similes and sentences of 3.

In music, we have been listening and appraising the song 'Don't forget your old shipmate'. The children enjoyed finding the beat and even having a go at joining in with the chorus.

In art lessons, the children have been learning about Matisse and how he used to 'paint with scissors'.

The children have enjoyed doing their own observational drawings of shells and other seaside objects, which we will use in our final piece.



### Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

Year 4 have made a great start to the year! We have enjoyed learning our model text of 'Simic and the Forest' and using it to support us with writing our own finding tales. In maths, we can now read, partition and compare four digit numbers. We are really enjoying adding two four digit numbers too! We have started our artwork inspired by Cezanne and look forward to completing our still life drawings using pencil and watercolours. In history, we have been learning about the Romans and the reasons for their invasion. We have been very impressed by how skilled the Roman soldiers were! One of the most exciting things that everyone is enjoying is our music lessons with Mr Shaw and we have already learnt a range of songs. Starting next week he will be introducing the classes to the trumpet!

Please remember to bring your books in weekly and spend some time each week on TT Rockstars. Every bit of practise helps!

### Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

The children have made an excellent start to Year 6 and we are already seeing fantastic progress across the board. They have been working hard to improve their handwriting, showing great focus and determination.

In English, we have begun writing our very own portal stories, full of exciting characters and adventures — ask your child what happens in theirs!

In maths, the children have been tackling challenging concepts such as long multiplication and division. Knowing their times tables really helps with these skills so please encourage your child to keep practicing at home using TT Rockstars.

In art, we have been creating landscape paintings inspired by the artist Paul Nash. The children have shown amazing creativity and we may well have some future artists in our midst!

Finally, a reminder that good attendance and punctuality are vital for success in Year 6. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day, ready to make the most of their learning.

### Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

We have had a great start to the term in year 3. We started the year off with a history visit to Creswell Crags. This helped us identify how the Stone Age people lived and how this has changed over time. One of our favourite activities was getting the chance to build our own den using leather and animal fur.

In literacy, the children have written a finding tale based on our text 'The Stone Age Boy'. We have been working on describing the setting. The children's descriptive phrases have been wonderful and they have even used similes too!

In science, we have begun investigating rocks and soil. The children really enjoyed being scientists and finding out that soil is made up of many different things.



### Mrs Randall, Mrs Redburn & Miss Syson

Our classes have made a fantastic start to the school year, diving into a range of exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum.

In English, the children have been exploring the structure of a finding tale, focusing on how to build tension and use vivid description to bring our stories to life.

In Maths, we have revisited key number skills, including rounding and comparing numbers.

A highlight of starting this year has been the choral project, where we have been developing our singing skills every Wednesday afternoon. Our enthusiasm and teamwork has shone through as we learn to perform together.

Recently, the children went on their first trip of the year to a local mosque. The visit was both welcoming and informative and the experience will support our learning in religion and world view lessons, helping us compare aspects of Islam with Christianity and Judaism. It's been a brilliant start to the year!

