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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

Our year 5 children have done the school proud this half term and been true ambassadors for Highlands whilst visiting London. The Children's University, who support us with this, are always very complimentary about our children, so a big well done and thank you to all our year 5 children. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan bake sale and our collection for St John's church food bank. We sent off over £200.00 to Macmillan who do wonderful work for people recovering from cancer. Our 'harvest food' collection was once again tremendous and we have received a lovely letter from St John's church thanking us for the donation. Next week is our last week of this half term and we have some Halloween activities planned. Carve a pumpkin competition will be judged on Thursday 23rd October. Please do not bring your pumpkins in too early - Thursday morning would be ideal. On Friday we are having a Halloween dress up day - we hope to see some spooktacular costumes!!

Diary Dates

Thursday 23 October— Bring in your carved pumpkin

Friday 24 October - Halloween dress up day

Friday 24 October—School closes for half term

Monday 3 November—Training day

Tuesday 4 November—Children return

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

Tuesday 11 November - Flu vaccinations -mop up

Friday 14 November - Children in need day

Monday 17 November - Skills for bills - Year 5

Wednesday 19 November - Skills for bills - HR

Friday 28 November - Christmas Fair



Attendance Whole School - 95.2%

EG/CH 96.7% DS 93.3%

AG 95.39% CC 93.44% EE 95.48% JW 96.54%

ZE 96.12% HH 93.97% SC 96.54% BA 94.64%

ER 96.76% GS 96.89% HR 91.08% HS/SA 96.56% LM 94.58%

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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

It has been very busy in the Foundation Stage this month and we cannot believe there is only one week to go until half term! In FS2 the children have completed their first phonic assessments. We are very impressed with their recognition of the taught graphemes. Remember to use them to practise blending to read 3 letter words during the holidays. In gymnastics lessons, they have been travelling around the hall in different ways and at different speeds. The FS1 children have been developing their speaking and attention skills in their group times. They have enjoyed using the pipe telephone to tell their friends about different animals and the noises they make.



Mrs Green & Miss Clark

We are thoroughly enjoying our time in year 1 and can see the progress we are making already! In English, we have been exploring instructions and loved writing our own about how to get ready for a journey. In maths, we have been exploring addition and are growing in confidence adding together 2 parts to find the whole. In history, we completed a fact file all about Amy Johnson. We loved sharing all the knowledge we have about her with others. Did you know she was the first female to fly solo to Australia? In art, we have started to create our own painting using David Hockney's Woldgate Woods as inspiration. We cannot wait to show off our final finished pieces!



Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

Year 2 had a wonderful time at the 'Children's Book Show' this week. We got to hear Owen Sheers reading his book 'Drew, Moo and Bunny Too' and saw Helen Stephens live drawing along with the book. It was amazing! As always, our children did us proud with their behaviour they showed so much respect and represented the school beautifully. Well done Year 2!

In English, we have begun writing our own instructions on 'How to Make Dragon food!' We have thought of some very imaginative ingredients and have been using adverbs and time adverbials to make our instructions precise.



Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

What a great start to year 4 we have had!

In history, the children have been enthralled with learning about the Romans. It is interesting to find out how they have influenced our lives today.

In English, we have begun writing our own instructions for 'How to be a Roman Soldier' and the children are doing a fantastic job at being clear and precise.



In art, we have produced some high quality still-life pieces inspired by Paul Cezanne. We have worked on their tonal skills to create a 3D effect and then used water colour pencils to create their final piece. We are really impressed with them!

In maths, we will be starting our multiplication and division unit. Please could you help your child by regularly logging into TT Rockstars and practising times table and division facts, as this will really support their learning in class. Thank you.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

Wow, we cannot believe we are already at the end of the half term – time really does fly when you're having fun! The children have settled into Year 6 so well and have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks – they definitely deserve a well-earned week off to rest and recharge.

In English, we have just finished writing our discussion texts linked to the book Skellig. We all worked extremely hard to include all of the skills we've been taught, from using subordinate clauses and parenthesis to structuring balanced arguments. Our final pieces showed real maturity and creativity – we are so proud of them all! In maths, we are nearing the end of our four operations unit. The children have shown great determination and resilience when tackling tricky concepts such as long division and multi-step word problems.

Over the break, we encourage everyone to keep their maths skills sharp by spending some time on TT Rockstars – it's a fun and effective way to practise times tables!

Have a wonderful and restful week!

Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

What an exciting week we have had!

In D&T, we have been exploring different types of soup. We got to taste a variety of different types and discussed which flavours were complimentary and whether we liked the texture smooth or chunky. We then used this to design our own soup recipe which we prepared and cooked ourselves. The end result was delicious.



In writing, we have been writing our own instructions related to how to care for a prehistoric animal. We have thought really hard about all the equipment we might need, and the steps needed to take, to achieve the end goal. They have all been a pleasure to read!

Mrs Randall, Mrs Redburn & Miss Syson

It was lovely to meet lots of you last week at the parents' evening and have the opportunity to let you know how your child is doing and what they need to work on.

We have just started a new unit in writing where the children have been tasked with creating instructions to 'capture a wild animal'. We have been working on rhetorical questions to hook the reader in and also exploring ways to expand the children's sentences using subordinating clauses and parenthesis.

In maths, we are coming to the end of our statistics unit and we will then move on to multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to practise their multiplication facts at home as this will support them in this unit and across many other units in maths.

Thank you for your continued support.

