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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

The autumn term is always a busy one. It is difficult to believe we only have three weeks until the end of term given that this term has been 15 weeks in total! We had a visit from Radio Humberside and Pudsey Bear on Friday 18 November some staff and children were interviewed for the radio as well as appearing on Look North. The school raised over £300.00 from collecting 1ps and 2ps, so many thanks to you all for contributing to this. Yesterday you should have all received the newsletter reminding you of the events leading up to Christmas. We are once again supporting Dove House Hospice fund raising, by taking part in their sponsored 'tinsel trot'. We hope to raise as much money as we did last year. I know Dove House is very close to many peoples' hearts and is incredibly important to the people of Hull. They rely solely on donations to continue their good work so please help out if you can.

Diary Dates

Friday 28 November - Christmas Fair

Monday 8 December - Father Christmas in his grotto

Tuesday 9 December - Father Christmas in his grotto

Friday 12 December am/pm - Year 1 Christmas Concert

Monday 15 December - Tinsel Trot run

Tuesday 16 December am/pm - FS2 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 17 December—Christmas Parties

Thursday 18 December 11am—Carols on the playground

Thursday 18 December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19 December 3.15pm - School closes for Christmas



Attendance Whole School - 94.9%

EG/CH 91.92% DS 91.21%

AG 95.07% CC 93.88% EE 94.87% JW 95.65%

ZE 93.79% HH 93.56% SC 95.88% BA 93.84%

ER 96.85% GS 97.61% HR 94.91% HS/SA 96.05% LM 95.22%
EVERY DAY COUNTS

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

We cannot believe it is the end of November already. The term is rushing by. Last week, the children were able to design and then make a smoothie. They had to choose some soft fruits to chop up, before deciding between adding milk or yogurt and then it was all whizzed up in the blender. Lots of children enjoyed their smoothie though several were not so keen! The children in FS2 have now started rehearsing for their nativity performance. Please help your child to learn their line when it is sent home next week. We are looking forward to performing 'Wriggly Nativity' to you all on Tuesday 16th December.



Mrs Green & Miss Clark

In the blink of an eye Christmas is approaching and the nativity rehearsals have begun! Thank you for supporting your child to learn their lines. The children are doing so well and we cannot wait to show you what we have created with them. We are still working hard across all areas of learning and this week we have looked at 3D shapes, how to be safe on the internet and are innovating our class story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'.

We are so looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Friday and hope all of our teddies find a new home! We look forward to seeing you there.



Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

We are going to start by mentioning our visit to Hull City Centre last half-term. The children were an absolute credit to themselves and the school. This visit helped us explore how Hull has changed over time and to understand what the city used to look like compared to today. In maths, we've moved on to identifying 2D and 3D shapes, learning their properties and spotting them in the world around us. In english, we've started writing our own *finding tale* inspired by **Emily Brown and the Thing**, using lots of creative ideas.

Finally, we're looking forward to spreading festive cheer by singing carols on the playground very soon!



Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

We have had a great few weeks back. It has flown by! In english, we have written some great warning stories and journey stories based on the model text of 'Lila and the Firework Maker's Daughter'. We have included lots of suspense in them and have enjoyed making it seem scary to the reader. In reading, we have just started analysing the story 'Tell Me a Dragon' which has beautiful illustrations that are helping us understand what is happening. In DT, we have practised our cutting skills in preparation for making a healthy alternative to chips and tomato ketchup. We found some of the cutting difficult but we were very resilient! Tasting different vegetables and dips was a thrilling experience and we were very surprised about what we liked and did not like. Sweet potato and parsnip chips were a big hit in year 4. This week we have begun our computing unit on Scratch and we cannot wait to explore more and really get to grips with coding. Remember to keep accessing TT Rockstars as this really supports the children's learning!

Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

We have just completed our flashback innovations in writing and we were absolutely blown away by the children's creativity. They worked so hard to incorporate taught features such as dashes for parenthesis and the results were amazing! In maths, the children have completed a set of past papers and we are thrilled to see that the majority of scores have improved - a true testament to everyone's effort and determination. We are now finishing our fractions unit and will soon move on to decimals.

In science, we've started our new topic on light. Why not ask your child to explain how we see things? In DT, we have designed recipes for our steamed sponge puddings, which we will be making at the end of the week. We are very excited and we can't wait to see (and taste) the results!

A quick reminder: Attendance and punctuality are so important for your child's progress - every lesson counts! Please continue to support us by ensuring your child is in school on time each day. We also encourage children to spend time on **TT Rockstars** at home. This is a fantastic way to boost their times tables knowledge, which really helps with SATs preparation. Thank you for your continued support - we couldn't do it without you!

Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

During our literacy lessons the children have innovated our model text 'Stig of The Dump'. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the children's warning stories. In science, we have investigated soil and discussed how fossils are made through fossilisation.

We all had the opportunity to look at and observe real fossils, before making our own.



Throughout our music unit we have been introduced to crochets and quavers. We are currently composing and practising our own compositions as a group using untuned instruments.

We look forward to the Christmas Fair on Friday where Year 3 will be selling sweet cones and jars. You will also have the opportunity to guess how many sweets are in a jar!

Mrs Randall, Mrs Redburn & Miss Syson

Year 5 have had an exciting and productive few weeks! In english, we have been exploring *Homecoming* by Michael Morpurgo and using it as inspiration for our own warning stories. We will be writing the resolution and ending to a model text, drawing on the author's style to create believable characters

In DT, we have started our work on plant-based burger project. After taste testing a range of plant-based products currently on the market, we discussed their flavors, textures and ingredients. Using these findings, we will design our own burger recipes while also investigating alternative binding agents, as eggs are off the menu!

We also took part in a brilliant *Skill4Bills* workshop. We learned about the importance of spending only what we can afford, the value of saving and how our earnings can be used wisely. It was an eye-opening session that really got everyone thinking.

