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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 June edition of Highlands news. This half term is very busy and you should all have had the significant dates for the half term already. Look in the diary dates below for reminders. I want to share a tremendous achievement with you all, Sebastian in year 6 has singlehandedly raised £1600.00 for Dove House Hospice - a charity close to many of your hearts - by cycling from Southport on the west coast to Hornsea on the east coast, over the half term holiday. He successfully completed this during some of the hottest days of the year so far, I'm sure you will join me in congratulating him. Thank you to all the 87 children who entered our road safety poster competition. The school council have shortlisted the entries so that Councilor Harper can choose a winner to be made into a poster or sign to display around the local area. He will be coming into school next week to select the final design.

Diary Dates

Monday 1 June- Multiplication check-year 4 starts- 2 weeks

Wk bg 8 June - Phonics screening check week for year 1 children

Thursday 11 June—F1 Stay & Play

Friday 12 June - School closed—staff training day

Monday 22 June-pm—Swimming for year 5 classes starts for next 2 weeks

Wk bg 29 June—Letter to 2s and FS1 parents confirming place for September 2026

Thursday 2 July -am - Year 4 Sports

Thursday 2 July -pm - EYFS Sports

Friday 3 July - am - Year 2 Sports

Friday 3 July- pm - Year 6 Sports

Monday 6 July - am - Year 3 Sports

Monday 6 July - pm - Year 1 Sports

Tuesday 7 July - am - Year 5 Sports

Wednesday 8 July - Year 3 and 4 to music concert at Connex arena

Wednesday 8 July—F2 to Hornsea

Wednesday 8 July—Parental Consultation Evening-reports out

Tuesday 14 July—Year 6 Leavers' Performance -am and pm performance

Friday 17 July - End of term assemblies EYFS/KS1 9.30am KS2 10.30am

Friday 17 July—Break up for summer holidays



Attendance

Whole School - 94.54%

EG/CH 92.22% DS 90.84%

AG 95.31% CC 94.37% EE 93% JW 94.75%

ZE 94.5% HH 96% SC 94.75% BA 92.97%

ER 96.13% GS 96.86% HS/SA 95.14% LM 94.26%

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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

The caterpillars have arrived in F1! The children are very excited and will be carefully observing them while they grow and releasing them once they have turned into beautiful butterflies. In F2, we have begun our DT lessons, preparing to design and make a hand puppet. We have been practising the threading technique and have been so impressed by how confident some of the children are at doing a running stitch.



Mrs Green & Miss Clark

In year 1 we have once again been very busy! We have moved onto exploring our new class text Rumpelstiltskin and we are loving it. We particularly enjoyed completing some hot seating in which we pretended to be a character from the text and had to answer questions. It was such fun! We are still enjoying watching our radishes grow. We cannot believe how big the leaves are getting. We just hope the radishes are as big when we finally pull them up! In design and technology, Mrs Grinling has asked us to make a hand puppet to scare away the greedy seagulls. We will need to use a running stitch to join our felt and have been busy practicing. We cannot wait to make the final pieces.



Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

The children enjoyed our visit to the Hull Street life Museum on the first day back. We looked at many incredible vehicles and began to explore how transport has changed over time. When we were there we met 'Dotty', who had lost her vehicle. The children had to search for clues to help her find it. As always, the children demonstrated our school values wonderfully and were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done year two!

In music, the children have been listening to 'The Circle of Life' by Elton John. We especially enjoyed listening to the African drums at the start! In art lessons this term we will be exploring still life paintings by Cezanne.



Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

What a great start to our final term! The children have taken part in the multiplication check and should be proud of themselves, after months of hard work!

In maths, the children have been working hard to tell the time. We have looked at analogue and digital clocks and the children are beginning to be more confident. Please continue to help practise this skill at home.

In English, the children have been learning the text 'Adventure at Sandy Cove' and will be writing their own versions in first person.

In PSHRE, we have begun our topic on 'Changing Me' where the children have been learning about the male and female parts of the body involved in making a baby, so your child may come home with some questions. They have all been so mature and sensible in these lessons.

Thank you for your continued support, as we head into our final weeks of year four!

Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

We are all incredibly proud of the Year 6s and how hard they continue to work. It is hard to believe that there are only a few weeks left of primary school – they will be flying the Highlands nest before we know it!

In English, the children have been exploring 'The Highwayman' and have enjoyed creating their own riddles inspired by the poem. They have shown great creativity and have worked hard to engage their readers through carefully chosen clues and descriptive language. In geography, we have been learning about climate change and investigating the causes of this important global issue. The children have taken part in thoughtful discussions and demonstrated a growing understanding of how human actions can impact the environment. In DT, we have started investigating different embroidery techniques and designs, preparing for our own textile project later this term.

Thank you for your continued support as we head towards the final weeks of Year 6.



Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

Wow! How are we now so close to the end of the term, we are so proud of all the hard work the children have put into their learning this year. So far this term in DT, the children have investigated different cushions and what a cushion needs to be comfortable, appealing and durable. The children have recapped using a cross stitch and running stitch using a back tack technique to secure in place. We have also introduced the children to an over stitch to add extra detail to their cushion. In geography, we have located England and Spain on a map and globe and have discussed how living closer to the equator makes your country's climate hotter. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at where we live through online maps. The children have also shown great resilience when working with time this term. They can now tell the time to quarter to and quarter past.



Mrs Randall & Miss Syson

Year 5 have been working hard across the curriculum and showing a fantastic attitude to their learning. In DT, the children have demonstrated great resilience and perseverance while sewing their own ditty bags, inspired by the practical bags used by sailors on long voyages. This learning has been closely linked to their history topic, where they have been studying the life and achievements of Captain Cook. In English, pupils have begun their exciting new unit on *The Nightmare Man*, where they are exploring how authors build tension and suspense to engage the reader. They have already started identifying key techniques and are beginning to experiment with these in their own writing. In maths, the class has just completed their unit on position and direction, where they developed their understanding of coordinates, translation and movement on a grid.

Messages

School closed

Friday 12 June



