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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

Many thanks to all the families who supported Comic Relief and Downright Special this week. In addition to dressing up and donating money today, we have raised additional monies for Downright Special through a raffle which was arranged by one of our parent governors. The winning tickets were drawn in assembly this morning. **Downright Special** is a UK charity based in Hull and East Yorkshire that supports children and young people with Down Syndrome, along with their families and the professionals who work with them. They do amazing work by empowering and supporting children with Down Syndrome to ensure they meet their true potential. The money we have raised by dressing up will be shared between this fabulous charity and Comic Relief. Next week is our last week of the spring term - we hope to see lots of you in school to support your children with our 'Decorate an egg' competition.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 March - Egg decorating Competition- (Flyers went out earlier this week)

Tuesday 24 March - Year 4 to Hull City Centre

Thursday 26 March - HS/SS & LM to MKM Stadium

Thursday 26 March - F1 to East Hull Community Farm

Friday 27 March - Easter Service and end of term assembly- **children only**

Friday 27 March 3.15pm - Break up for Easter

Tuesday 14 April - Children return to school

Monday 20 April - Year 3 Pedestrian skills

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Tuesday 28 April - Road Safety Assembly

Monday 4 May - School closed for May Day

Wk beginning 11 May - Key Stage 2 SATs

Wednesday 20 May - Year 6 to Food and Farming Day



Attendance Whole School - 94.34%

EG/CH 91.2% DS 90.1%

AG 95.1% CC 94.1% EE 93.6% JW 94.8%

ZE 94% HH 96.1% SC 95.2% BA 92.3%

ER 96% GS 97% HR 94.6% HS/SA 95.7% LM 93.2%

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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

We have welcomed the warmer weather this week as the F2 children have been learning all about spring in their science lessons. After learning all about spring, we set off on a walk around the school to look for signs. We observed the beautiful blossom on the tree in the quad and spotted ladybirds, shoots poking up and buds on the plants. Can you spot any signs of spring on your walk to school? In F1, the children have continued learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. They took part in a bread tasting session and are now innovating the story from a little red hen baking bread to a little white sheep who baked doughnuts!



Mrs Green & Miss Clark

What a busy few weeks we have had in year 1! We have loved exploring Hansel and Gretel in our writing lessons - even if thinking of the adjectives to describe the sweet house did make us a little peckish! In maths, we have moved onto exploring weight and length. We enjoyed using the balance scales and comparing the mass of objects. We created our final piece in art using Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflower as inspiration. Miss Clark and Mrs Green were very proud of the flowers we have produced. In science we have been exploring animals and have discovered some animals are carnivores, some herbivores and some are omnivores. Can you guess which one humans are?



Mr Wilson & Mrs Eskrett

The end of the term is approaching so quickly and the weather is finally turning! This half term, we've delved into how computers work. We've talked about algorithms, how they can contain bugs and how we can fix them using logical thinking.

In science, we've looked at the things that every living creature needs to live – ask your children what these three things are!

During our writing sessions, we have written some amazingly descriptive sentences about fire. Everyone should be so proud of the writing they have produced.

In maths, we continue to work hard in all sessions - we have just started our domain on measuring, using metres and centimetres.

Mrs Corcoran & Miss Appleyard

This half term has flown by! In reading, the children have been enthralled with the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, which we will be coming back to in the next half term. Why not watch the film together at home?

In English, we have written some fantastic portal stories, focusing on description. It is lovely to see how imaginative everyone is.

In DT, we are beginning to make our bridges. Our design brief states that it has to include a moving mechanism and an electrical component (a light or buzzer) and has to be aesthetically pleasing!

Next week is our visit to the High Street, which links with our history lessons on how Hull has developed. We are all really interested in learning about our city and how it has changed over time.

As always, please keep practising times tables at home.



Mrs Ellis & Miss Harrison

This week in year 3 the children have begun investigating plants in science and what they need to stay alive. The children have thought of various questions to investigate and observe whilst a plant either has no soil, water, sunlight or roots.



In history, the children have concluded their key findings of how we know about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. They were all able to discuss, with confidence, primary and secondary sources of evidence and why the event was so significant.

We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms for egg decoration. Please feel free to bring your own decorations. We will see you Wednesday 25th March 2-3 pm.



Mrs Randall, Mrs Redburn & Miss Syson

Year 5 have had a fantastic few weeks of learning. During Shared Reading, the class have been looking at real-life survivor stories. These inspiring accounts have really captured their interest, prompting thoughtful discussions and helping them develop their comprehension skills.

In english, Year 5 have been busy writing their own newspaper reports all about "The Caravan." They have been working hard to include both direct and reported speech, using these techniques to craft clear, detailed, and engaging articles.

In design technology, the children have been designing their very own animal traps. This week, they brought their ideas to life by constructing their final designs. The creativity and innovation they've shown has been fantastic—each trap was unique and carefully thought out.

Mrs Smith, Mrs Saxby & Mr Murray

The Year 6 children continue to work extremely hard as their SATs draw closer and we are incredibly proud of the determination, focus and maturity they show each day. In english, the children have been writing their own fractured traditional tales, drawing on imaginative ideas and developing their storytelling skills with great enthusiasm.



In maths, we have begun our new unit on ratio and although some of the concepts can be challenging, the children have shown fantastic resilience, approaching each lesson with positivity and perseverance. In music, the children have been using a Beatles song as inspiration to compose their own pieces, experimenting with rhythm, bass lines and melody. Their creativity and teamwork have been wonderful to see as they build confidence in developing musical structure.

Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to encourage your children to complete homework and to practise on TT Rockstars, as this makes a real difference to their SATs preparation. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. Let's keep the momentum going as we move forward this term.

Messages

Egg decorating sessions
– Please see your
child's class flyer for
timings

