

...Changing lives

Highfields Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th March 2022

We won!

On Wednesday, children from Curiosity Class (Year 3 and 4) took part in a Basketball tournament with other local schools hosted by Active Fusion. Playing as a boys team and girls team, the children played over eight matches and even won by 7-1 in one match. The girls clinched the trophy for Highfields in their last match winning 5-3. We couldn't be prouder of their win. They showed determination and teamwork throughout the tournament and showed how much they had learnt during their basketball skills lessons as well as through their practicing break time.

Well done to our winners! Now on to the Delta Games!

Mr Williams



Attendance

Pirates Next Door



Curiosity

Rainbow Fish

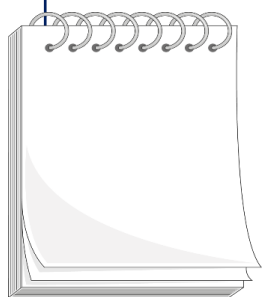


| Class | Week % | Year % |
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| Rainbow Fish | 97.4% | 95.8% |
| Dinosaurs | 93.0% | 91.5% |
| Pirates Next Door | 98.8% | 95.1% |
| Curiosity | 100% | 94.9% |
| Ember | 93.3% | 95.8% |
| Explorers | 87.2% | 95.5% |
| Whole School | 95.6% | 95.1% |

Reminders

- **PE:** PE is held every **Monday** and every **Thursday**. Children need to bring their PE kits to school in order for them to get changed before and after the lesson.
- **Book Bags:** Children must bring their book bags along with their reading diary and staged reading book to school **every day**.
- **Reading:** We ask that all children read **at least three times** (or five times in Year 6) to an adult at home. Please can you ensure that you record the date, title of

the book and the pages read to and from in your child's reading diary once you have heard them read.



That paper is going, going, gone!

A reminder that after the Easter holidays we will be going paper-free. This will mean that all letters, newsletters, consent forms and all other correspondence will be sent electronic. Please ensure that the main office knows the mobile numbers and email addresses of all parents/carers of your child so that they are able to receive correspondence.

As part of our move to a paper-free system, we will be moving to a new management system which will include a communication app for parents called My Child At School. This can be downloaded onto Apple and Android devices and training workshop will be provided to support parents/carers with this change.

Coppice Road Access Gate

Following discussions with parents/carers and staff, we are happy to announce that the side gate to the playground will be open for children to enter and exit the playground at the start and end of the school day. This will allow children access from Coppice Road rather than all children entering through the South Street entrance. The gate at the top of the playground (from Market Street) will remain closed as we feel that this entrance is too dangerous for children and families to access as it leads directly on to an access road.

As with the South Street entrance parents/carers will leave and collect their children from the gate. It was agreed to continue to only allow children onto the playground as this is significantly enhancing the safety of our children entering and leaving the school building.



Diary Dates

March 30th – March 31st
Bikeability (Year 6)

March 31st - Easter Disco

April 1st – Egg-travagant Easter Competitions: Egg Spalt, Egg Rolling and Egg Decoration Competition

April 1st – School Closes for Easter

April 1st – 18th - Easter Holidays

April 21st – 22nd – Sponsored No Screen 24 hours

April 22nd – Earth Day

April 26th – Fire Safety Talk
(Year 3/4)

The Importance of Sleep

I have recently undergone training with The Sleep Charity which gives us the opportunity to now offer Sleep Tight Workshops to families within school, this means that you won't have to wait for a referral to go through and you can complete the workshop with a familiar face, in a familiar place.

Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. I understand how difficult life can be when your child has a sleep issue and as an Accredited Sleep Tight Practitioner, I can support families to get a better night's sleep by offering workshops, clinics and written materials. The Sleep Charity uses a behavioural approach to sleep and works in partnership with families, because you are the expert on your child.

If you are experiencing problems with sleep in your home, and you would like to explore the support that I can provide, please contact me in school or via email: hepworthc@highfieldspa.org.uk

