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Highfields Primary Academy

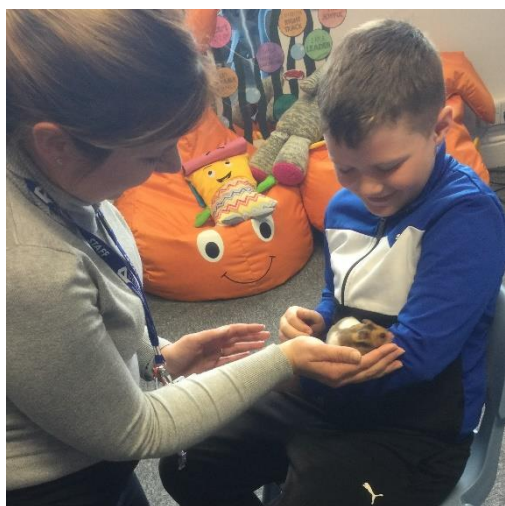
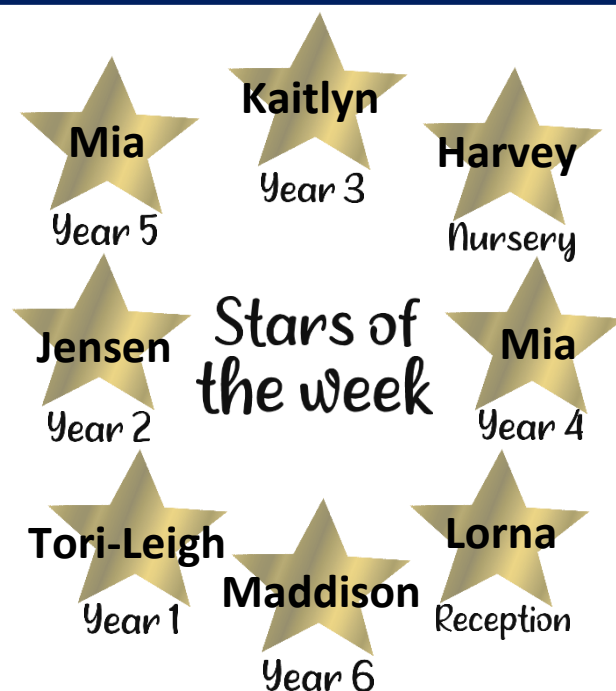
NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th April 2022

Welcoming a new friend

We welcomed a new furry friend to the Highfields family this week. Our new Syrian hamster is enjoying his new house: playing on his wheel and climbing around all his runs. To help him settle in, he has been visited by small groups of children in our Thrive Room so that he's not overwhelmed by the excitement and buzz of the academy. He has certainly won the hearts of both the children and staff alike – it's the first place the staff visit in the morning and then they're continually checking-in on him throughout the day – Miss Hepworth's office has never been so busy!

From arriving on Monday, the children have been tasked with the challenge of choosing a name for our new friend. The children have chosen the name: Henry



Mr Williams



Attendance

Rainbow Fish



Explorers

Curiosity

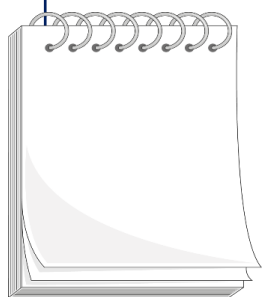


Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	97.9%	97.4%
Dinosaurs	86.0%	93.0%
Pirates Next Door	90.0%	95.0%
Curiosity	93.0%	96.7%
Ember	91.9%	95.2%
Explorers	98.9%	95.7%
Whole School	95.0%	95.5%

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.



Diary Dates

May 2nd – Bank Holiday

May 9th – May 12th - Year 6 SATs

May 16th – May 27th – Year 2 SATs

May 19th – Delta Games (Year 4-Year 6)

May 25th – Jubilee Street Party

May 26th – Royal Ball Disco (KS1/2)

May 27th – London Visit (Year 6)

May 27th – June 6th – Half term holiday

June 8th – World Ocean Day

Fire Safety Visit

Keeping our children safe is always our priority so it was a privilege to welcome South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR) into our academy this week to talk to our Year 3/4 children. The fire fighters spoke to the children preventing fires, the difference between safe and unsafe fires, the impact of fire on communities, buildings and people, how to make sure a smoke alarm is working, how to make a home escape plan and when and how to make an emergency call. All our children listened, asked questions and were able to explain how we keep ourselves safe. Thank you to SYFR for coming and speaking with our pupils!



Scan the QR code to request a home fire safety visit from SYFR to get advice on how to make your home safer, what to do in the event of a fire and what to do if you are trapped by a fire. During the visit they will also fit free smoke alarms if a home is without one and explain how to keep them working.

Fascinating Frogspawn

Since we welcomed our frogspawn to the academy before the Easter holidays, the children have been fascinated by the way these growing amphibians move, how much they grow day by day and where the tadpoles are currently at on the frog life cycle. Every lunch time big groups of children can be found looking into the waters of the tadpoles in awe – it's great to see!

These amazing creatures are now heading in to the next stage of their growth cycle. In order to help them grow and ensure that they have the best possible nutrients, we have been feeding them chopped cucumber with the hard skins removed & boiled spinach to make it easier for the tadpoles to consume. They absolutely love their new food. We have some big tadpoles now and we are beginning to see their legs grow.



'Leaders at Highfields have created a haven of calm in the heart of the community' – Highfields Primary Academy Ofsted, 2022

