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Highfields Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th June 2022

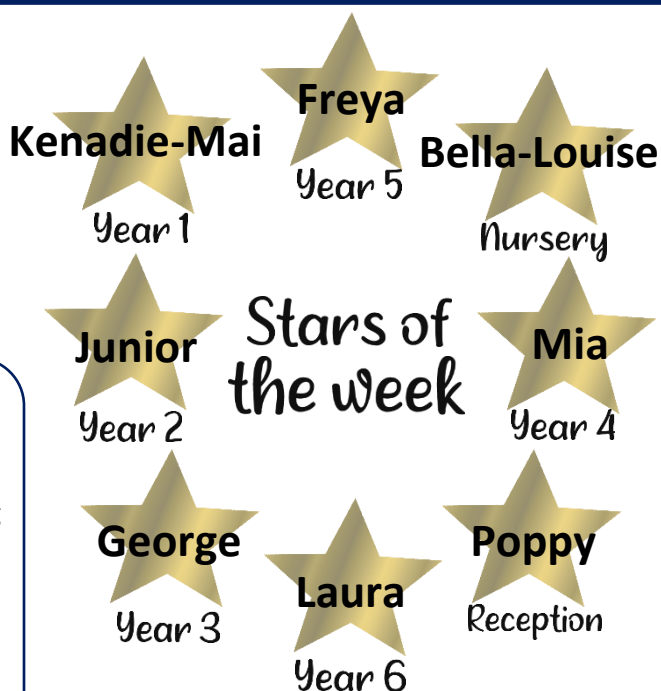


School Photos

Whole class photos will be taken on **Monday 13th June**. All children will need to come to school in full uniform. Please inform the main office or your child's teacher if you would not like your child to take part.

London Visit

Before the May Bank Holiday, the children of Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to take a very special trip to London. During their visit, we took a walking tour to see some of the wonderful sites of the capital: Buckingham Palace, Commonwealth Square, Westminster Abbey, Horse Guards Parade, Westminster Bridge and the London Eye. It was especially amazing as the capital was a buzz with visitors awaiting the Jubilee celebrations and the streets were decked with union flags. During our visit we had the chance to tour the seat of democracy in our country: The Houses of Parliament. Following our tour, we had the once in lifetime opportunity to walk down Downing Street – we knocked but we think Boris was busy!



Attendance

Pirates Next

Door



2nd



1st

Explorers

Ember

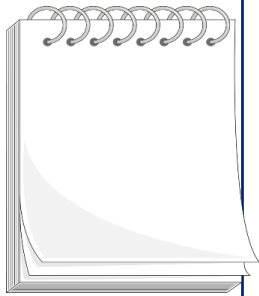


3rd

Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	90.59%	96.13%
Dinosaurs	98%	92.14%
Pirates Next Door	87.06%	94.59%
Curiosity	93.08%	95.12%
Ember	94.29%	95.74%
Explorers	93.33%	95.92%
Whole School	92.48%	95.15%

Reminders

- **PE:** Children need to bring their PE kits to school on **Monday** in order for them to get changed before and after the lesson which may take place on any day of the week.
- **Book Bags:** Children must bring their book bags along with their reading diary and staged reading book to school **every day**.



Diary Dates

Monday 13th - Friday 17th June - MTC Testing (Year 4)
Monday 20th June - Athlete Day
Monday 20th - Friday 24th June - Sports Week
Thursday 23rd June - Sport's Day (EYFS/KS1 – AM, KS2 – PM)
Monday 27th - July 1st - SRE Week (Y6)
Wednesday 29th June - Transition Morning (Whole School)
Tuesday 5th July - Phonics Breakfast
Wednesday 6th July - Transition Morning (Whole School)
July 8th – End of Year Reports
Tuesday 12th July - Reading Parent Workshop
Wednesday 13th July - Transition Day (Whole School) & Meet the Teacher Sessions
Wednesday 13th - Thursday 14th July – Year 6 Transition
Friday 15th July - Celebration Assembly (Whole School)
Friday 15th July - Year 6 Sleepover
Wednesday 20th July - Leavers Assembly

My Child at School App

As part of our move to a paper-free system, we have moved to a new management system which will include an app for parents/carers called **My Child at School**. This can be downloaded onto any Apple and Android devices. Scan the QR code to the right, to access a step-by-step guide to downloading and using the app for the first time.

To support parents/carers further in accessing and using our new app, members of staff will be available after school each day on the playground to help download and use the various features of the app which will increase and ease communication between school and parents/carers.



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Lates

Our attendance has improved significantly since one of the most considerable peaks of the pandemic in January with nearly all classes above the National average of 96% most weeks. We are often within the Top 3 academies in Trust for attendance and our persistent absence is one of the lowest in the Trust.

We have noticed in recent weeks that the number of children that are arriving after the gates have closed at 8:40 am is increasing. It really important that all children arrive promptly at 8:30 am along with the rest of their class in order for them to access the activities of their first session: English Workshop which starts at 8:30 am.

It would be great, that accompanying our excellent attendance, was no lates by any children of the academy.

Uniform

We have noticed that before the holidays and since returning to the academy that a number of children have been coming to school in non-school uniform particularly on Monday and Thursday. We appreciate that being so close to the next school year that some families may be waiting to purchase new uniform.

We have created a new store of new and second-hand uniform and PE kit which families can take whatever items of clothing they need in the interim between now and the start of the new academic year.

As we prepare for Sports Day, we ask that children bring their PE kits to school on Monday and then take them home on Friday. This is so that classes are able to practice their races throughout the week and not just during their regular PE days on Monday and Thursday.