

Hannah Ball School

Weekly Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER:

Reminders

Please remember to send your children in with warm and preferably waterproof coats. The weather is changing they will go outside at playtimes and lunchtimes even if it is raining.



Census day

We have a census day next Thursday which is really important for our funding. Please order a hot meal on that day if you can do so. We have a space day themed menu and one lucky pupil could win a £5 Amazon gift voucher if they receive the lucky dinner tray on the day!.

School Meals

Please also remember that you can order hot meals through Dolce at home. If you do this at home it does cut down the time we spend in school ordering with your child.

Our meals at school are healthy and varied. If you are worried about costs, come into school and see Mrs. Sullivan for a form – you may qualify for free school meals.



Packed lunches

These should be healthy – there is lots of information on the internet about making healthy lunches for your children. Here is one site as an example

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>.

You should be sending in water, not fruit juice and the lunch itself should be balanced and filling. Some children are not eating enough at lunchtime and it makes for a long afternoon if you are hungry!

Snacks

Please send in healthy snacks for your child. KS1 are provided with free fruit but in KS2 you should send in either fruit, dried cereal, fruit bars and plain crackers. No chocolate or nuts though please.

Breakfast club

This is open to all from 8am. There is no need to book. Please speak with Mrs. Sullivan about costs – again, if you are worried we will give you a form and you might qualify for a free breakfast!

Harvest collection

For this year's harvest festival, we are collecting for a charity that is very close to our heart, **The One Can Trust** <https://onecantrust.org.uk/>. Please send in your donations with your children and we will drop them off at OneCan just before half term. We also have a collection point near our front entrance if that is more convenient.



As you can see, we have made a great start already!

Harvest Assembly

Year 3 and 4 are very excited to be sharing their harvest festival with both their parents and then the whole school tomorrow. At the time of writing, I look forward to welcoming our year 3 and 4 parents into our school and to share tea, coffee and perhaps even a few biscuits with some of you.

Highcrest Banding test Information

There are now two dates left for the Highcrest Academy banding tests:

Wednesday 13 October – 4:15pm

Tuesday 19 October – 4:15pm

For all information on how to apply please visit: <https://www.highcrest.bucks.sch.uk/>

Alternatively, if you cannot access the website please see Mrs Sullivan in the office who will print all the information you need.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr. Hingley



Star of the Week

Reception

Isma for always giving new things a go and trying her best! Well done Isma!

Year 1

Laila for a fantastic piece of independent writing during Decided Learning time which she then stuck into her Journal. I am looking forward to seeing more great writing from Laila.

Year 2

Cj'ay for his hard work writing and illustrating his boxing up plan for the first part of his story. His focus was excellent!

Year 3

Layan - for participating in lessons, trying her best in all lessons

Year 4

Lily M - For working extremely hard across all subjects. Her work is always presentable which shows that she takes pride in her work. Keep this up!

Year 5

Maria for her accurate punctuation of direct speech when writing her diary entry in English. Well done!

Year 6

Ecrin for her excellent work in explaining how to add and subtract when there is more than one exchange using manipulatives.

Messages from the Teachers and Pupils...

Reception

This week in Reception we have now started to learn our sounds. We have started with the first 4 phase 2 sounds, s a t p and you all have some homework to do related to these sounds so please make sure you continue to practise. Well done to all those children who have returned their reading books on the right days and who always keep their planners in their book bags. Parents, please remember to sign the planners so we know you have shared the book with your child at home. Please can we also remind you that we are asking for a pair of wellies to be kept in school and a set of spare clothes. Have a great weekend!

Year 1

Well the Wonder Dome visit was a great success last Friday. The children really enjoyed the experience, they learned more information about Space and they have been using the experience in their writing. In Science the children were investigating materials to see if they were absorbent or not absorbent and in Geography they have been locating the 7 Continents. The children have completed their Maths Whizz assessments and can now all practise at home. Please remember to let your children work independently as the quizzes are specific to their individual stage of learning. Also it is important that your child has a pair of named wellingtons in school as it is getting muddy outside

Year 2

Since our project is about the world, year 2 have been using compass directions to create mini maps and routes, using directional language to explain where something is in relation to somewhere else. In art this week the children drew some excellent pictures of fresh fruits and vegetables using pencil and graphite. In maths we have started our new unit, addition and subtraction, and have used number facts to show calculations to 20. In English, the time has come for the children to start to plan their own version of the story ready to begin our writing week next week, they have lots of fabulous ideas and are raring to go!

Year 3

We've had a very busy week in Year 3. We worked very hard on preparing for our Harvest Assembly, learning our lines and different songs. We have written a recount text in English called Escape from Pompeii. In Maths we are extending our understanding of place value up to thousands, ordering and comparing numbers. During science lessons we have learned how shadows are formed. We enjoy our music lessons and French lessons.

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy this week preparing for our Harvest assembly on Friday. Well done everyone for helping to prepare the props and to those who have been busy memorising their lines. We have also planned our science experiment to investigate if having a bigger pinnae helps you to hear better. We will have our results soon! In English, Year 4 have been working extremely hard on planning their chronological reports on how to become a Roman Soldier. I have read some amazing pieces of writing and look forward to these being published in their 'publishing books' over the next few days. Keep up the good work year 4! Mrs Mir:)

Year 5

Year 5 have been resilient and worked hard this week. During English lessons they have been writing their diary entries and there has been some super work, well done! I look forward to the work being published and going on display. During maths lessons the children have continued their work on place value and have extended their knowledge using negative numbers. In science the class enjoyed making clay scale models of our solar system and learning about the moon. During RE lessons we have been learning more about how Hindus worship. Mrs Simmons has been very impressed with their efforts in PE and the progress the class are making during their swimming lessons which is super to hear. Keep up the good work Year 5!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been very busy writing and finishing their own versions of 'The Hero Twins'. The stories are excellent and they will be up for display in the hall soon! In Maths we have been looking at long multiplication which is tricky but the children have shown their resilience and are determined to practice their timetables which will and has been helping them. In our history and geography lessons, we have been looking at trade and will be moving onto Fairtrade next week which is what our next writing unit will be based on. In Science we have been looking at parts of the eye and how we see things; we will be making periscopes next week so please send in empty cereal boxes if you can. Another excellent week of hard work year 6 well done!



Math-Whizz

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Year 1	Edward	Laila	Anas
Year 2	Aniela	Yasmine	Bradley
Year 3	Kyle	Logan	Anaum
Year 4	Laeq	Nicholas	Aleema
Year 5	Olivia	Ruby	Zakriya
Year 6	Araiz	Umaiza	Ameera

Class Progressions

 1st -Year 2 

 2nd -Year 1

 3rd -Year 6



This

week's Rock Legends

Year 3 - Sethun

Year 4 - Nicholas

Year 5 - Olivia

Year 6 - Ruqayyah

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 21		
Friday 8 th October	African Dance Workshop	Whole School
Friday 15 th October	African Drumming workshop	Whole School
Friday 22 nd October	Black History celebration assembly	Whole School
22 nd October	End of Term	Whole School
November 2021		
Monday 1 st November	Start of Term	Whole School
December 2021		
Friday 17 th December	End of Term	Whole School
January 2022		
Tuesday 4 th January	Inset Day	Whole School
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of Term	Whole School