



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

10TH NOVEMBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13th November - PTA Non-Uniform Day
- 13th - 17th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 14th & 16th November - Y3/4 DT Workshops
- 17th November - Children In Need
- 20th - 24th November - DT Week
- 23rd November - KSI Cinema Trip
- 30th November - Open Morning -YR 2024
- 1st December - Christmas Fayre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Wednesday - KS2 Dodgeball
- Thursday- KS2 Writing Club
- Thursday - Choir

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 13th November
Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter @highley_school
- Facebook @highleyprimary
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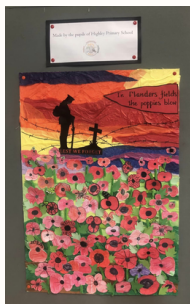
MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! Our trees around school are a fabulous array of autumn colours at the moment and to help children name some of the most common tree types at school, we have started to put signs around the grounds, which look amazing - thank you again to Heidi and Pippa's Granddad! I have popped a picture of one of the signs below to help children learn some of the tree names and recognise their leaves.

In our assemblies on Monday we talked about remembrance, that it is easy to remember things we have done in the last few days, but as we go further and further back in time, it becomes more and more difficult to hold onto our memories. This is why the poppy is a symbol to help us all remember what it represents. We looked at how poppies have changed over-time and the children were excited to learn that

this year's 'plastic-free' poppy is the first time the poppy design has been changed in 28 years! Key Stage 2 have been learning 'In Flanders Fields', the poem written by Canadian soldier and doctor, John McCrae. We have been amazed with how quickly children have learnt the poem and those attending the service at St Marys this Remembrance Sunday will be reciting the poem, reading the names of the local soldiers who lost their lives, and they will also be laying a wreath on behalf of the school community.



If you pop into the Severn Centre, you will see the poppy wall, a community display marking remembrance (see pictures above). Our school contribution is a piece of art-work with poppies from each class in school. A big thank you to Mrs Cook and Miss Watkins who put it all together - it really looks fantastic!

I have really enjoyed logging onto Seesaw and looking at some of the photos of children over half term, doing lots of activities that they can tick off on their new 'Highley 100+' activity passports.

On the note being outside, there will be a letter coming out to you shortly to introduce our lunchtime plans for OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning), which is going to slowly over time change how lunchtime looks for the children. The aim is that every child has access to a fantastic lunchtime of play opportunities!

My watch buzzes when it is 10 minutes until sunset - it never fails to shock me after the clocks go back, just how early the sun starts to set - it is a reminder that it won't be long before the children leave school and it is already getting dark. With this in mind, please remember if children are out in the evenings, please make sure they are wearing clothing that is visible, i.e. bright colours and preferably reflective. *Attendance has been brilliant this week - 96.53% overall, thank you everybody!*

Warm regards,
Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES



Reece



Lara

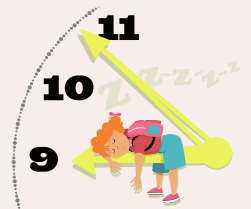


Carter





Attendance



96.53% overall school attendance this week - this is great to see in the first week back! It would be brilliant for this to continue throughout this very busy half term.

There have been another 16 late arrivals this week, but these have mostly been before the registers have closed. Thank you for continuing to encourage children to arrive to school on time each day.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Clee	97.78%	Hazelwells	98.25%
Miners	99.56%	Ironbridge	98.41%
Arley	95.83%	Severn	98.35%
Netherton	96.77%	Hitchens	89.32%
Station	94.69%	Wrekin	97.01%

RED = Under 90%  AMBER = Under 96%  GREEN = Above 96% 



HEROES



Arley - Extra Play!

Netherton -

Severn - Golden Time!

Golden Time!





Stars of the Week

Miners

Clee

The star on Clee this week is Ella. She has worked hard to learn her first set of tricky words by practising lots at home. She is also making great progress in kinetic handwriting, forming her letters beautifully and remembering the correct pen grip.

Well done Ella!

Miners Star of the week is Dougie! Dougie has returned to class after the half term break with a renewed enthusiasm for learning. You have really impressed us with your focus and contribution during carpet time, and your hard work generally,

Dougie. Well done you!

Arley

The star of the weeks for Arley class is Blue-Belle! She has blown us away this week with her progress in writing. She wrote a lovely independent story based on the Three Little Pigs by sounding out words she needed and adding lots of adjectives and verbs.

Brilliant, Blue-Belle!

Netherton

Netherton's star this week is Tilda!

Tilda is always ready to learn, always doing the right thing and always trying her best! Tilda is also making amazing progress with her reading. Well done Tilda, Keep it up! :)

Station

Station's star of the week is Oliver. Oliver has had a fantastic week; his behaviour has been excellent, and he has been working hard in all our lessons with great focus. Oliver is showing resilience in improving his reading and writing and we know that the hard work will pay off. Oliver has really impressed us with his maths understanding and is giving great explanations when solving calculations. Well done, Oliver!



Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

Ironbridge

This week we have chosen Harriet as Hazelwell's star. She is a very kind and caring person who tries to cheer everyone up. Her lovely smile and sunny personality brightens up the classroom every day! We are also very proud of her growing confidence and beautifully neat presentation. Harriet is real superstar!

This week our star is Reece. He is always a star but this week he has impressed not just his class teachers but other teachers around the school too. Reece impressed Mrs Hinkinson with his fantastic writing in English, we are writing a persuasive holiday brochure. He has worked hard in all his lessons, been helpful in class and has made excellent progress with his reading... Becoming a 'Free Reader' this week! Well done, Reece!

Severn

The star of the week in Severn this week is Will! Will can be quiet in class and then suddenly comes out with gems of genius! His writing is really coming on with phrases like 'paralysed with excitement'! Keep it up Will, we can't wait to see what you come up with next!

Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens class is Porsche. We have really noticed you answering lots of questions lately and really being willing to 'have a go.' She seems to be really enjoying helping out in Calm Class and is always extremely polite and helpful. We can always rely on Porsche to represent Hitchens' class really well!

Wrekin

The star in Wrekin class this week is Bea. Bea is a very mature and hardworking member of Wrekin class who can always be trusted to be doing the right thing! She is a happy, friendly person to be around and makes great contributions to our class! Keep shining, Bea!

