



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9th February - Y4 Return From Pioneer Trip
- 12th - 16th February - Half Term
- 19th February - Return To School
- 21st February - Rec & Y6 Height & Weight Screening
- 22nd February - Y6 Parent SATs Meeting @ 3.30pm
- 23rd February - OPAL Cake Sale
- 24th February - Table Top Sale
- 26th February - 4 & 5 Year Old Dental Survey by invitation
- 28th February - LKS2 Sportshall Athletics by invitation
- 5th March - KS2 Tag Rugby by invitation
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 11th March - STEM Week
- 13th & 14th March Parent Consultations

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y6 Maths Booster - Tuesday

Stageworkz - Thursdays

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 19th February

Week 2 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley\_school

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[School App](#)

## 9TH FEBRUARY 2024 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week in school focusing on children's mental health, we started with an assembly on Monday to share this year's theme 'Your Voice Matters' and then every day, children have been doing all sorts of activities around mental health. We had a wonderful time on Wednesday afternoon with children participating in workshops around school - we will put some pictures onto the school Facebook page, it really was a great sight to see our oldest and youngest children working together in yoga to peer massage to colouring to clay modelling!

As we break up for half term, just sending out a reminder about our 'Highley 100+ Passport to Success'. Half term is a great time to have a go at some of the activities and we have attached a pdf copy of the passport just in case it has been misplaced. We have loved seeing children's experiences uploaded to Seesaw since its launch! Alternatively, you can email anything to children's class teachers if this is easier.

Over half term, as well as looking at things to tick off children's Highley 100+ passports, we have also been approached by the group setting up the new Doctors surgery being built at the Severn Centre. The grand opening of the surgery is scheduled to be the 20th April (all being well) and they have asked school to launch an art competition along the theme of 'What does living in and around Highley mean to you?'

The competition is open to all pupils and all you have to do is produce some art-work along the theme of Highley and the local surroundings - thinking about the heritage, history, culture and environment etc. They are aiming to pick a number of pieces to have made into prints and displayed on the wall in the new Health Centre! They are also hoping to use ALL of the art submitted to create wallpaper to be used in the revamped library space! How exciting does that sound?

So...they have set a deadline for this as the end of the Spring Term with a closing date of 22nd March - remember to include your name, age, parent/carer's name, and contact number on the back of your artwork. You can hand it into school or directly to the Severn Centre. The winner will also be invited to cut the ribbon and officially open the new Health Centre to remind everybody that it is something for not just adults but for the next generation of Highley residents.

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school and children learnt about the importance of being safe online - most year groups also wrote and recorded their own raps about being safe, one of my jobs over half term is to stitch the altogether as they absolutely amazing!

Next half term is an equally short 5-weeks but plenty will be packed in including World Book Day, Open Morning, parents' evenings, Science Week and Year 5 have a couple of trips planned to Bridgnorth Endowed! Have a lovely half term break, Mr Plim

## TTRS ROCK HEROES



Harley J



Sienna



Lily-Joy





# PIONEER

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

It looks like our year 4's have been having a great time on their residential stay at Pioneer





# Attendance



## Attendance Overview – Spring 2024

Class	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb	4th Mar	11th Mar	18th Mar	Term
Clee	91%	96.40%	90.40%	94.40%	86.32%	98.7%						
Miners	91%	92%	90.80%	94.62%	89.32%	90.77%						
Arley	84.38%	87.08%	84.17%	87.92%	91.67%	94.17%						
Netherton	94.55%	96.01%	96.01%	88.32%	90.69%	92.73%						
Station	85.87%	94.35%	91.30%	87.83%	90.34%	87.83%						
Hazelwells	86.84%	93.16%	94.21%	96.50%	98.33%	97.49%						
Ironbridge	89.29%	94.76%	95.24%	93.33%	96.83%	97.35%						
Severn	92.59%	99.26%	99.26%	97.41%	90.95%	98.14%						
Hitchens	86.54%	93.85%	91.54%	80.77%	85.47%	85.38%						
Wrekin	91.35%	91.15%	85.77%	90.38%	94.02%	87.69%						
Whole School	89.84%	93.88%	91.87%	91.04%	91.12%	92.80%						92.02%

96% or above  
On Target – well done!
95.99% – 90.01%  
Under Target – room for improvement
90% or below  
Persistent Absence – concerning

It is brilliant to see more classes in the green category this week! A big well done to Clee, Hazelwells, Ironbridge and Severn who are above 96%.

After half term we would love to see more greens each week, see the next page for information about an attendance challenge next half term!

This week's guidance is about sibling rivalry, this can cause added stress to a morning routine as children can feel emotional and unsettled. Click the link below for advice.




[Sibling Rivalry Advice](#)

Well done to Arley who didn't have any late arrivals this week!


## Punctuality Rewards – Spring 2024

Class	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb	4th Mar	11th Mar	18th Mar
CLEE											
MINERS											
ARLEY											
NETHERTON											
STATION											
HAZELWELLS											
IRONBRIDGE											
SEVERN											
HITCHENS											
WREKIN											
WHOLE SCHOOL											

1 week on time arrival  
Well Done!
2 weeks on time arrival  
15 Minutes Extra Play!
4 weeks on time arrival  
Golden Time!
1 week on time arrival  
Non-Uniform Day!



# ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY HAVE DECLINED NOTICEABLY THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY AND ON TIME. OVER THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS (19TH FEBRUARY - 22ND MARCH) WE WILL BE RUNNING TWO COMPETITIONS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL...

1) ANY CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE ON TIME EVERY DAY (BEFORE 8.55AM) FOR THE NEXT 5 WEEKS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER.

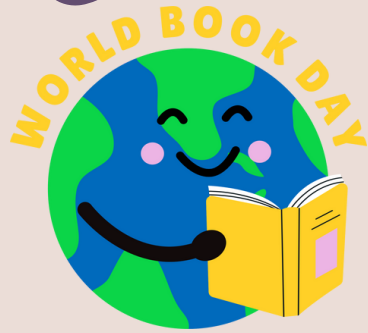
2) ANY CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVE 96% OR ABOVE ATTENDANCE (1 DAY OR LESS ABSENT) OVER THE NEXT 5 WEEKS WILL BE ENTERED INTO ANOTHER PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN EASTER HAMPER.

THIS GIVES CHILDREN TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN!

WE HAVE WRITTEN TO LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR PRIZE DONATIONS, SO FAR THE PRIZES WILL INCLUDE A FRUIT BASKET, CHOCOLATES, BISCUITS, CAR MOT, EASTER EGGS.



# World Book Day



Planning is well underway for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Pupils and staff can dress up as book characters, come in pyjamas or in any clothes they feel comfortable in. We'll be having an open morning, when parents and carers can join us in class (dressing up optional!) for a reading session. In the afternoon, Year 5 will be visiting Bridgnorth Endowed School for an event with Frank Cottrell Boyce, the author of many brilliant books including a school favourite, Cosmic.

Every pupil in school will also have their own new World Book Day book to take home.



# Stars of the Week

## Clee

The star in Clee this week is Omar. He has been a star for the last three and a half years and an absolute joy to work with. He is always happy, friendly and helpful, tries his best in everything and makes us smile every day. Omar, we will all miss you and wish you all the best. Do keep in touch, we'd love to hear how you are getting on. Your new school is lucky to have you.

## Miners

The person Miss Cunningham and I would like to be recognised in Miners class is Kassie. She is such a wonderful member of the class, she could be star every week! She is a kind, thoughtful and polite young lady all of the time. Kassie really understands and lives our school value of respect every single day, whether she is contributing to class discussion, doing her work or tidying resources, she always takes care in everything she does. We love that she has a 'can-do' attitude, having a go and joining in. You are a real superstar, Kassie!

## Arley

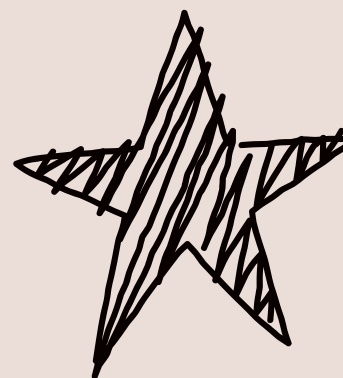
The star of the week for Arley Class is Georgia! Georgia has wowed us with her writing since starting in year 1. She always writes more than is expected and produces some amazing independent writing using all her own ideas. She has also been trying super hard in maths recently. Well done Georgia!

## Netherton

Thomas is the star in the Netherton this week for working so hard on his writing and developing his resilience in this. He is becoming more and more independent in his writing and starting to write at length now and add in adjectives! You are really trying to make the best choices with your learning and you are coming into school a lot happier and more positive! Well done Thomas - keep it up!

## Station

Station's star of the week is Oliver. We have really noticed how hard Oliver has been working in class recently, especially with his writing. Oliver has thought hard about how to improve his spellings and is using lots of strategies to help himself. His concentration and focus have been brilliant. We have awarded Oliver the spelling trophy this week to recognise this. Oliver continues to join in fully with class discussions, sharing interesting and informative ideas with the rest of the class. Well done Oliver and keep it up!





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## Hazelwell

We have chosen Jack L to receive our certificate. He is our writing super-star. Jack has really been working hard to improve his writing since coming into Y3 and this is paying off. The non chronological report he has written about volcanoes is fabulous; well laid out and interesting to read. A great big 'well done' Jack - we are very proud of you!


## Severn

The star in Severn this week is Faith for always trying to do her very best and constantly pushing herself. Your ability to look at your work and see where improvements can be made will take you far! Well done Faith, we're very proud of you.

## Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is Alfie. You have come back from Arthog 'on fire!' You seem so much mature, so much more resilient and you have been the first to be ready in class on many occasions this week (and were the first to achieve a 'Gold' card). You have great relationships with the rest of Hitchens class and are respectful of others-. we are very glad that you are part of our class!

## Wrekin



Wrekin's star this week is Connor for his brilliant enthusiasm for learning, even if he finds something tricky! Connor has a great attitude to learning and tackles problems with a smile 😊. He is INCREDIBLY polite, is a great friend and a wonderful class member! Well done, Connor, keep being you!