# THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE 94.05%

## UPCOMING EVENTS

25th March - KSI X Country -Idsall School 26th & 27th March - Mothers Day Sale 3lst March - 4th April - DT Week 3rd April - Y5 Matilda! - BES 8th April - KSI X Country -OWS 14th - 25th April - Easter Holidays 28th April - PD Day - School Closed 29th April - Summer Term Begins

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## SCHOOL LUNCHES

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#### 21ST MARCH 2025 MESSACE FROM MR PLIM Dear Parents and Carers,

HIGHLEY SCHOOL

BULLETIN

This bulletin is about your simply amazing children!

I started writing this message just after midnight in the early hours of yesterday morning, sitting in the corridor at the Pioneer Centre, waiting for the last few children to drift off to sleep. Whether they have tried something new, climbed higher than they thought they could reach, tested a raft they had built or faced a fear, the opportunities that residential trips offer are remarkable – and as staff, we see talents, adaptability and resilience that we just do not get the opportunity to see when children are in school.

I was also lucky enough to travel to Ludlow with Year 3 to watch the whole year group perform on stage to a combined audience of 600 people over 2 shows on Tuesday evening. This was an incredible opportunity that the children will remember forever - the production of 'Gwendol the Giant' involved four Shropshire primary schools, including Highley, and brought together drama, singing and dance following the workshops delivered here in school. One school had written a song with a professional songwriter, one school performed some drama they had scripted with a drama specialist…and we worked with the wonderful Sally Sixsmith to develop and perform a dance telling the actual story of Gwendol the Giant! I know I am bias, but we DEFINITELY got to do the best part and I am sure parents and carers who watched would agree!

Year 3 had to be extremely patient all day with lots of waiting around; taking our chances when we had them to practise our section. We were moved from room to room and the children probably saw every nook and cranny of the theatre! But I have to report that your children were utterly sensational all day, they listened superbly, they didn't moan and their performance was polished to perfection – on behalf of all the staff who went with Year 3, we were SO SO proud of each and every one of them.

Staff who attend activities; whether it is a long day and evening for a theatre production, or a 3-day residential, give up their own time away from their families to ensure that the children gain amazing experiences – so a <u>huge</u> thank you to all the staff that have been involved in events this week, I really do appreciate it and I know parents have shared that sentiment with me in abundance this week,

> Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Plim

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#### Support in School

Our SEND team continues to provide tailored interventions, including small group work and one-toone support. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please speak to their class teacher or myself. I am looking forward to a number of meetings with parents next week; class teachers will seek my help if they feel it is an appropriate next step and I am always happy to meet up when I am not teaching Year 6. I am also happy to chat informally on the gate on a Wednesday as many of you know, although my time on a Wednesday morning is somewhat limited by the fact that I lead a Singing Assembly at 9.05!

#### SEND and Pastoral Support

Each fortnight, Miss Francis and myself discuss the children who may be having pastoral support as well as SEND interventions. This enables us to ensure that the support is as effective as it can be. We work closely with those delivering nurture across the school (whether informally or in the Sunshine Room) to ensure that children's Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs are met as well as their academic needs.

Next week will be a little bit different for me as I will be putting the finishing touches to my SENDCo training portfolio. This is a course that I am legally required to do as the SENDCo of our school. It has been extremely challenging but has also opened my eyes to numerous possibilities that can be implemented at Highley to make our SEND provision even more effective. Watch this space!

> Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Williams



Red Nose Day Cake Entries















Clee's star of the week is Luna for being such a lovely, well behaved member of our class. You always use kind hands and follow our class rules. You are also making great progress with your handwriting. Keep it up!

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The star of the week for Arley class is Dominic! He has been working really hard on his writing targets this week to improve his letter formation and neatness. He has been using some fabulous descriptive words when talking about and writing about castles. Dominic has been so enthusiastic during all of our work on castles, a historian in the making! Mia is our star this week! She is a ray of sunshine! We love having Mia in our class. She has such a beautiful way about her - she's kind-hearted, thoughtful, helpful and she works so hard! She never makes a fuss and just gets on with her work to the very best of her ability every single day! Well done Mia, keep being your wonderful self.

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The star in Netherton class this week is Imogen! She always gives 100% effort with every lesson especially maths. Imogen is trying so hard at school & home and it's making a huge difference. Well done Imogen. Keep it up!

Year 3 are all stars! We were incredibly proud of everyone this week and couldn't possibly have picked just one star. Your performances of 'Gwendol the Giant' at the Assembly Rooms on Tuesday were incredible. Not only that, your behaviour, enthusiasm and teamwork during the rehearsals were also amazing. You were excellent representatives of our school. We hope that you all enjoyed the dance rehearsals with Sally and performing on stage in front of a packed theatre audience. Bravo!

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The star in Severn this week is Darcey for smashing her formal multiplication. While everyone worked through their work, Darcey sat like a steam train, storming through more Maths than anyone else and getting most of it right!! Well done Darcey, you blew our socks off!



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Our star in Hitchens is the lovely Via. Via, you are a great member of Hitchens and we are very lucky to have you. You try hard even though you find some of the lessons tricky and you continue to be a kind friend to others. Keep up the good work!

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Wrekin star of the week is Georgia. She is such a kind and caring member of our Wrekin team. Always willing to lend a hand or put a comforting arm around a friend when they are upset. She has a positive learning attitude too -head down and gets on with it! Yet always available to help anyone who may be struggling with their work. A great all-rounder, that we are lucky to have in our midst!