



# Update

Summer Term 2

May 2011

## Ash and Maple

In both Ash and Maple the children have been doing their Year 2 SATS, which are used to verify the teachers continuous assessments. Mrs Zoppellini and Mrs Norman report that the children have been wonderfully 'resilient rhinos.' Alongside this work the classes have been learning how to sprint effectively, make moving pictures linked to the theme of Florence Nightingale, learning about road safety and in science, exploring the effect of heating and cooling on materials.

## Oak and Willow

In RE the classes have been looking at the festival of Shabbat and why members of the Jewish faith believe it is important to remember. The children have been finding out about Florence Nightingale and in science they have been making predictions about the effect of heating and cooling on materials. As part of Walk to School Week the children have been sharing what they see on their walk to school.

## Year 3

In literacy we have been learning to transform notes into information texts and information texts to an encyclopaedia. In maths we have been leaning about doubling; later on in the week we started doing angles. In history we have been learning about the Tudor Rose and the Battle of Bosworth. In gym we have been using the apparatus and coming up with routines in dance.(Natasha and Alfie)

## Year 4

Like Year 3, we have been learning about the battle of Bosworth and the Tudor Rose. In literacy we have been making trailers on the computer and in maths we have been learning about the eight point compass and North, South, East and West (Never Eat Shredded Wheat) and co-ordinates. Also, in the hall we have been learning gymnastics with Darren. (Dev and Joseph)

## Year 5

In maths, with our student teacher, we have been learning about negative numbers. We've been looking forward to a Doctor Who competition, which we are entering in literacy. Come see our table full of figures which will soon be on display. Also, we have kept some lady birds and tadpoles to study their life cycles. We have seen a long, black, ladybird larvae transform into an orange, adult ladybird! (Thandie and Grace)

## Year 6

In literacy we have been doing poetry, using personification and powerful imagery to create a picture in someone's head such as rain. As well as that, in maths we have been doing a variety of things such as: perimeter, probability etc. In science, we have been learning about the plant life cycle with our student teacher Miss Begum. (Sophie and Maggie)  
The cake sale for Christian Aid organised by the school council raised £102.

## Celebrations

Well done to the following children from Year 4 who have passed 'Mr King's Tables Test'; Savita, Dev, Jack, Stephanie, Leo, Greta, Harry and Yuqing. They all did brilliantly against the 3 second timer on the random questions (including square numbers and multiplication vocabulary like 'product'). Well done to Savita for her great homework.

## DIARY DATES/Notices

- Payments day is Monday which is banking day. Please can any payments come in on Monday so we can ensure no cash is kept on the premises. Also bounced checks are charged to the school and these charges may be passed on.
- Some children in the Infant classes are forgetting whether they are dinners or packed lunch. If you could remind them so we can get the registers right that would be helpful. Thank you.
- Please can you ask your children to not play on the Year R play equipment before or after school.
- Some plimsolls are struggling to fit feet as the children grow. Please could you check them.
- Highfield Keyboard Club runs on Tuesday afternoons during school lunchtime/afternoon in the Music Studio (Junior School). There are now spaces for children in Yr 3-6. £4 per half-hour. Contact Penny Hastings (t:8079 0278 m:07989 381948 e:thehastings@ntlworld.com)
- Sports Day (weather permitting) is 1st July. Transfer day is 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- **DAY CLOSURE** date has changed from **27<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> June.**
- **The last day of term for the children is the 26<sup>th</sup> July . School will finish at the usual time. 27<sup>th</sup> July is an Inset Day and the school will be closed**