01/05/26

HIGH BANK JIN

WEEKLY EXPRESS

A MESSAGE FROM MRS TAI

Dear families,

This week the children have been enjoying doing more learning outdoors - Bronte and Armitage have been out using the MUGA practising their golf and basketball skills and Nursery and Reception have been taking advantage of being able to ride their bikes and use the water and sand trays. Please can we politely remind parents that now the weather is warmer - a sun hat and an application of sun cream before school is an excellent idea - it gets very hot on the playground in the afternoons during lunch break.

Next week we are saying goodbye and good luck to our cook, Jo, who has worked for Kirklees Catering for a long time. We will miss Jo's cakes and bakes and delicious lunches. Kirklees Catering are currently recruiting for a new cook and so for a short while, we will have a cover supervisor in. We know that lunches will continue to be of a very high standard and excellent value for money. Jo - thank you for being such an important part of the High Bank team. We wish you the very best.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Inman who will also be dearly missed. A separate letter has gone out today with further details. We understand that staff changes can raise questions for families. To reassure you, change is usual in schools and forms part of normal workforce movement, particularly when staff have worked somewhere for many years. Our priority at High Bank remains consistency, stability and the best possible outcomes for all pupils. If you have any questions, please do reach out.

Can we please remind you that next week is a shorter week - Monday is a bank holiday. School reopens on Tuesday 5th May at 8am for breakfast. Whilst there are local elections also taking place next week - High Bank is NOT closed for polling. Thursday is a normal day for us!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend. **Mrs Tai**

SCHOOL CARPARK

We've sent out information this week reminding families that our school carpark is not a safe place to play before or after school. Can we please encourage you to discuss this with your children so that they do not enter the school site on their bikes or scooters, including at breakfast club drop off - children should be walking with their bikes along the path. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils at typically very busy times of day.

Can we also please remind families to not allow children on the grassy areas and to stick to the paths when walking down to the office entrance. Thank you for your continued support.

NURSERY PLACES- SEPTEMBER 26

Do you have a child who will turn **3** before the 31st of August this year? If so, applications are now open for our school nursery for September 2026.
To find out how many free funded hours you are entitled to (15 or 30 hours) please see the Best Start Childcare Choices website: https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support/

For more information, or if you would like a tour of our amazing Early Years unit, please contact the school office to book a visit and pick up an application pack.

HOUSE POINTS

PEAKE	STOREY
11,526	11,145
RASHFORD	**PANKHURST**
11,635	11,714

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CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

HOCKNEY CLASS

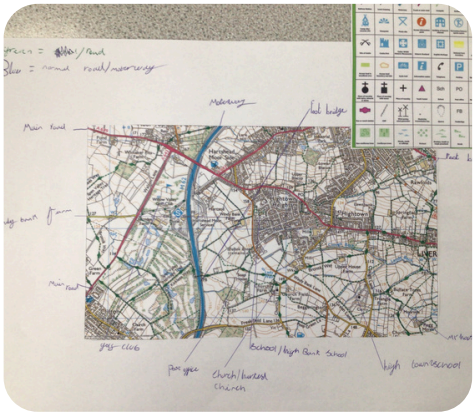
This week we have been exploring our five senses and how each one helps our bodies receive information from our environment and surroundings. We have used a sensory basket linked to our senses and explored different smells, sounds, feeling and tastes. In our maths sessions we have been creating simple ABAB patterns using colours, shapes and objects.

HEPWORTH CLASS

Hepworth are learning about Florence Nightingale in this History lessons. In our Art lesson we created Pop Art style images of Florence Nightingale. We used Andy Warhol's Marilyn artwork as inspiration.

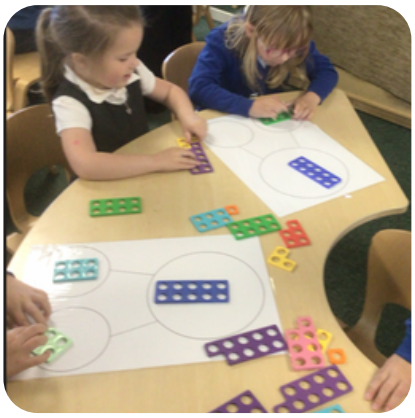
ARMITAGE CLASS

In Geography, Armitage class have been learning about the local area. They labelled a map using OS symbols.



HARGREAVES CLASS

The children have been busy exploring number bonds to 10.



BRONTE CLASS

We have been learning that pollen needs to be transferred from the anther to the stigma of a flower for the plant to reproduce. We knew that bees were pollinators but learnt that other insects and even birds and mammals like bats can do this too. We have been dissecting tulips to help us understand what the anther and stigma look like in a flower so that we understand this process better.

OUNSLEY CLASS.

Y6 have been loving our PE topic this half term of rounders, especially in the sunshine. We have been working on our hand eye coordination in both batting and fielding.

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WEEKLY WINNERS

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week and Caught Being Kind winners this week.

Star of the Week:	Caught being Kind:
Hockney Class: Shaniah-Rose	**Hockney Class: Autumn**
Hargreaves Class: Oscar	**Hargreaves Class: Mabel**
Hepworth Class: Scarlett	**Hepworth Class: Archie**
Bronte Class: Harry A	**Bronte Class: Harry S**
Armitage Class: Elliott	**Armitage Class: Mitch**
Ounsley Class: Elliott	**Ounsley Class: Alfie**

Well done to Ounsley Class for winning the Attendance Award this week with 95.56%
Keep it up!

IMPORTANT DATES

W/c 11th May - Y6 SATs including 8:00am breakfast
8-14th May - Scholastic Book Fair in the MUGA after school - come and grab some baragin (all books 3 for 2)
Weds 20th May - Drugs Awareness workshops for Y5/6
Thurs 21st May - 9am Y1 Phonics Screening meeting
Fri 22nd May - 9am Y4 Parents Multiplication Check meeting
25th - 29th May - Half term
W/C 1st June - Multiplication Check week for Y4
Mon 1st June - World Cup workshop for Rec-Y6
Thursday 4th June - Sports Day (10am EYFS/KS1 / 2pm KS2)
Mon 8th June - Class photos
W/c 8th June - Phonics Screening week for Y1/2
Weds 10th June - County Lines workshop for Y6
Tues 16th June - Huddersfield Music Festival - PM
Weds 17th June - 9am Drug Awareness workshop for parents
Fri 19th June - Special Person's Event in celebration of Father's Day
W/c 22nd June - Assessment Week for Y1-5
Fri 26th June - Fast Forward Event PM - Y6