"We aim high and reach for the stars"

ROBIN HOOD ACADEMY

October 2018 Newsletter

£5,000 TO SPEND

Thank you to Miss Rai, who has successfully applied for a grant with the Foyle Foundation for £5,000. She is now busily ordering books for the library and to support our Reciprocal Reading lessons. Keep an eye out for these in the library!

OFF TO POLAND

Watch this space to hear all about the Etwinning European Conference that Mrs Budd has been invited to attend in Warsaw. Only 16 UK teachers were invited to attend this central event in the eTwinning calender. Over 40 countries will be coming together and the topic for this year is Cultural Heritage. We look forward to hearing all about it from her.

IPADS IN YEAR 3

This half term, the year 3 children have all been waiting excitedly for the launch of the iPad project. Thanks to Mr Cooper, Mr Pav and the year 3 staff for their hard work so that this innovative project has now been started. What a lucky year group they are to have this wonderful opportunity!

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

What a super half term we have had! Thank you to all of our families who attended our open evening, parents evening or who opted for our phone call appointments this week. The children are always so proud to showcase their work.

We would like to thank everyone who donated food for our Harvest Assemblies. They will be used by the Salvation Army to help the homeless and disadvantaged. As a UNICEF school, we are pleased that we can help the local community with charity projects.

International Day last week was a lovely celebration of cultures and countries. The children all looked fantastic and so much effort had been taken by you all. Thank you for your support with these days. Please do look at the blogs which celebrate the work the children produced.

We have had some exciting trips this half term for our pupils. Year 2 had a brilliant day at Warwick Castle and all came back thrilled by the Birds of Prey. They also had a visit from Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust. Year 4 also visited the Sea Life Centre to support with their Blue Abyss topic. Their topic books and display boards are full of the inspiration from this adventure!

Year 5 have been busy with the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, working on stories based on the Wizard of Oz. We have some budding actors and actresses shining in these sessions.

Year 6 also had an unusual day out at RAF Cosford. They looked at the science behind planes and had a workshop about the Home Front, where they tried on uniforms and had a real taste of life in the war.

A well deserved half term break now to recharge for more exciting learning opportunities when we return!

Mrs Downs

Dear Parents and Carers,

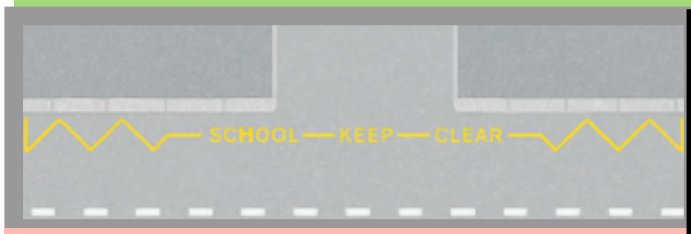
Many of you may have noticed that over the past few weeks Ms Moxon has not been at school. Currently Ms Moxon is unwell and in in her absence Mrs Downs will be operating as the Acting Headteacher. When we have further information regarding any changes we will, of course, write to you. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support and have a great half term.

Mr Taylor

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

You may have noticed that the number 31 bus route no longer uses Pitmaston Road, which has relieved some of the additional issues at the front of the school. Parent's Forum continue to work hard with supporting the school to keep our pupils safe. Parent's Forum are looking to build on these successes with a separate road safety working group. If you are interested in joining, please speak to the school office or a Forum member.

Thank you to everyone who is parking carefully and avoiding dropping off children on the yellow zig zags.



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Mrs Shahriveri has launched our new Timestable Rockstars resource this year. This is helping our pupils to know their times tables facts speedily and in a fun way. It is proving very popular with the children and the staff! Watch this space for more information about competitions and activities for the pupils to join in with.

Advanced warning so that you have time to plan, we are having a ROCKSTAR DAY on **Friday November 16th 2018.**

Everyone is welcome to come to school dressed as a rockstar!

Dates for the Diary!

Friday 26th October 18 - school closes for half term

Monday 5th November 18 - school re-opens for all pupils

Monday 12th November 18 - Open afternoon for prospective reception parents for September 2019. Please do tell your friends to pop along!

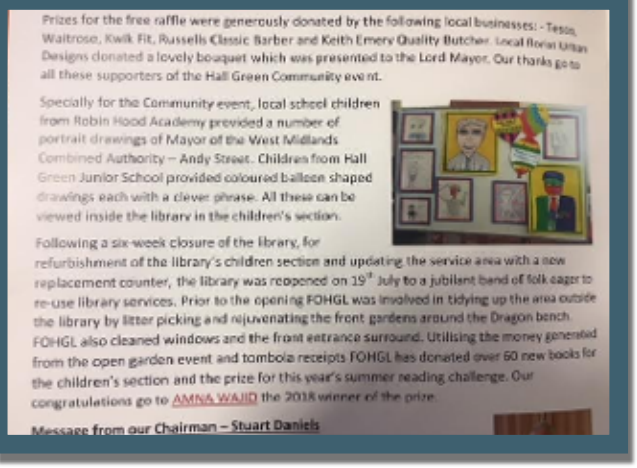
Wednesday 14th November 18 - whole school photos

Save the date:

Christmas Fayre: Thursday 13th December 18

IN THE NEWS!

Robin Hood Academy are proud to have been mentioned in the Friends of Hall Green Newsletter for the art work our pupils produced for the Mayor of the West Midlands. Well done everybody who contributed. A special well done to Amna in year 4 who won the Summer Reading Challenge!



Prizes for the free raffle were generously donated by the following local businesses: - Tesco, Waitrose, Kwik Fit, Russells Classic Barber and Keith Emery Quality Butcher. Local florist Lillian Designs donated a lovely bouquet which was presented to the Lord Mayor. Our thanks go to all these supporters of the Hall Green Community event.

Specially for the Community event, local school children from Robin Hood Academy provided a number of portrait drawings of Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority – Andy Street. Children from Hall Green Junior School provided coloured balloon shaped drawings each with a clever phrase. All these can be viewed inside the library in the children's section.

Following a six-week closure of the library, for refurbishment of the library's children section and updating the service area with a new replacement counter, the library was reopened on 19th July to a jubilant band of folk eager to re-use library services. Prior to the opening FOHGL was involved in tidying up the area outside the library by litter picking and rejuvenating the front gardens around the Dragon bench. FOHGL also cleaned windows and the front entrance surround. Utilising the money generated from the open garden event and tombola receipts FOHGL has donated over 60 new books for the children's section and the prize for this year's summer reading challenge. Our congratulations go to AMNA WAJID the 2018 winner of the prize.

Message from our Chairman – Stuart Daniels

Reminder to year 6 parents;

School applications for year 7 places for Birmingham and Solihull close at Midnight on 31st October 2018. Please visit the Local Authority websites for more information about how to apply.

Christmas Performance Dates

Coming soon...