

WEEKLY EXPRESS



A MESSAGE FROM MRS TAI

Dear families,

The half term is slowly drawing to a close and we are very proud of all of the achievements of the children. We look forward to Autumn 2 when we continue to embed key routines and expectations and children continue to try hard and achieve well.

This week, our Governing Body held its Annual General Meeting. Following the meeting, Samantha Naylor has stepped down as Chair of Governors, and Annemarie Boyle has been elected as our new Chair of Governors. We would like to thank Samantha for her commitment, support and contribution to High Bank during her time as Chair, and we are very grateful for everything she has given to our school community. We are delighted to welcome Annemarie into the role of Chair and look forward to working closely with her as we continue to move High Bank forward.

If you ever need to contact the governors, you can do so via the school office: office@highbankschool.co.uk

Our pumpkin carving competition is taking place on Thursday - all entries to be placed on the drive outside the main office in class groups. A winner will be chosen from every class so please label your pumpkin carefully. It's always such a great competition so thank you to everyone who takes part.

Our pumpkin parties are happening on Thursday too - can we please request that children do not wear halloween outfits from tv shows, movies or images that are not age-appropriate. Family-friendly costumes suitable for school should be worn. If we think something is inappropriate we may call home asking for a change of clothes. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend. **Mrs Tai**

CHATTERBOX CORNER



An opportunity for families to have some fun conversations over the weekend. If you have any ideas for prompts, please let us know by email or the children can come and write them the whiteboard outside my office.

We hope you enjoy chattering to each other!
This week's prompt:

**Would you rather have
bones like jelly or hair like
wood?**



HOUSE POINTS

PEAKE

667

STOREY

637

604

648

RASHFORD

PANKHURST

Congratulations **Team Peake** for being this week's weekly winners with **133** points. Children in Pankhurst will get an extra play time next week.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

HARGREAVES CLASS

We have started brushing our teeth in Hargreaves class this week after our lunch! We are learning about the importance of good oral hygiene and how we clean our teeth well! We have loved it!



HEPWORTH CLASS

We have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We really enjoyed creating our own maps, carefully putting the four countries together and labelling each one.



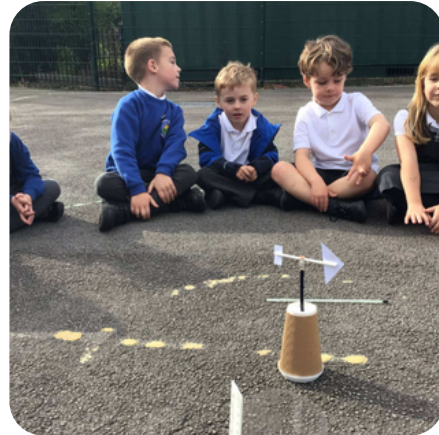
ARMITAGE CLASS

This week the children have been making bolognese in our DT lessons as we have been learning about Italy in Geography and History! They had lots of fun and loved tasting it too!



HOCKNEY CLASS

Hockney have enjoyed looking for signs of autumn this week. We are learning about the changing seasons and we are carrying out fieldwork to collect information about the weather.



BRONTE CLASS

In Year 4 Science, we extracted water vapour from the air around us! By providing a cold surface, the water in the air changed from a gas (vapour) to a liquid which we could feel on the side of the cup. We learnt this is called condensation.



OUNSLEY CLASS

In gardening this week, the class created their own creatures out of the nature around them.



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WEEKLY WINNERS

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

Stars of the Week

Caught being kind

Daniel

Aarabella

Kaiyah

Jayden

Florence

Zumna

Nevaeh

Reo

Isaac

Krystal

Arya

Elliott

Well done to Hepworth AND Armitage Class for winning the Attendance Award this week with **96% attendance!** Keep it up!



IMPORTANT DATES

High Bank

Autumn 1 Dates

W/C Monday 14th September Monday – 9:00am Hargreaves Tuesday – 9am Hockney	Coffee mornings: Meet the teacher Wednesday – 9am: Hepworth Thursday – 9am: Armitage Friday – 9am: Bronte Monday 21 st – 9am: Ounsley
Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September Thursday – Nursery – Y5 Friday – Y6 Jeans for Genes Day – Children can wear jeans, donate a £1	Wednesday 23rd September 9am Friends of High Bank Coffee morning If you are interested in joining us this year, pop in and say hello
Friday 25th September 9am Macmillan Coffee morning	Thursday 1st October Y1-6 Harvest Festival @ St Peter's Church USA themed lunch day
Monday 5th October Steve Webb author visit – preorder your signed copy via Arbor / cash @ the office	Wednesday 21st October Individual and sibling photos in school
Thursday 22nd October Pumpkin Carvings and 2pm & 3:30pm Pumpkin Party Discos	Half Term Friday 23rd October (INSET Day) – Friday 30th October. Children return Monday 2 nd November

In the Community

Families are reminded that any information or opportunities shared here are not endorsed by High Bank School. We encourage families to make their own enquiries and carry out appropriate checks before taking part.



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PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR INFO & ENROLMENT SESSION 23/10/2026 AT 10-11AM AT THE VENUE

Course starts: Friday 6th November 2026

9.30 - 12pm (6 weeks)

Location: Windybank Community Centre, WF15 8LA

To book your place scan the QR code (Course code: FL2627028) or get in touch on the details below



Kirklees Success Centre

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High Bank School Uniform

White polo shirt (supermarkets)	Royal blue round neck jumper / cardigan / fleece (logo – direct from Hazzards's Schoolwear, Huddersfield / non logo – supermarkets)	Blue book bag (Hazzards's school)	Grey trousers / skirt / pinafore (supermarkets)
All black trainers / black school shoes – no crocs or boots.	Summer: blue gingham dress, or grey shorts. (supermarkets)	Grey tights Grey / white / black socks	

High Bank PE Uniform

White t-shirt (no logos)	Black hoodie sports top (no logos)	Plain trainers / PE pumps
Black joggers or leggings – no tracksuits	Summer: Black sports shorts or cycling shorts	