



Newsletter

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'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing this having visited your children with their new class teachers and I genuinely can't believe how quickly this year has gone. So much has happened during this year - the challenge, for me personally, has been to reflect on the huge amount of positives rather than simply focussing on the judgements during the OFSTED inspection. Through building on the excellent practice we already have at Highwood, we are already seeing the fruits of our labour.

The 4 areas of the school that we have to report our academic achievements for are Foundation Stage, Phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs. The table below shows how our mainstream children perform in relation to the National Average. Out of the 10 main headlines, 1 is in line with the National Average and the other 9 areas above, with many areas being significantly above, the National Average. Our children have been superb, right across the school, and I couldn't be more proud.

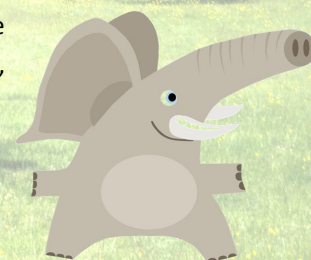
Reportable Data Headlines								
Mainstream children	School				National Average (Provisional for all except KS2)			
GLD	84%				71%			
Phonics	93%				83%			
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KS1	83%	80%	87%	77%	76%	70%	76%	65%
KS2	75%	79%	86%	71%	75%	78%	76%	64%

For me, this is not the single most important factor. To effectively reflect at the end of each year, a colleague always poses this question:

When your year 6's walk across the playground on their last day of term, what is it you want them to have achieved at your school?

Unashamedly, my first answer will always be - **I want our children to be happy**. I want our children to be ready for the world and to be able to contribute as successful citizens. I want them to live our Values and use our Learning Behaviours long after their time at Highwood. Of course I want them to do well academically, but I also want them to perform just as well, sportingly, musically, artistically and in all other areas of the curriculum. This will be the foundation of what we build our future success at Highwood and by our next visit from the Inspection team, the progress will be there for all to see! Have a great Summer - enjoy the rest, ready for an exciting new term in the Autumn.

Matt Hickey
Head Teacher
@headhighwood



Reflection



Foundation 1 News

Mrs Richards, Miss Nunn, Mrs Alleyne, Mrs Vanka, Miss Chaudhary and Mrs Bailey

'Why do animals live in different places?'

Foundation 1 have had a fun and very busy finish to the summer term with lots of different events taking place. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the SPLAT session this term and we hope you found it to be useful.

To continue our work on animals and how they are different we were very lucky to have Quirks Animals Roadshow come into school. The children had the opportunity to hold and feel lots of different creatures including an African Land Snail called Slimy, a Gecko called Elizabeth and a corn snake called Troy. The children were encouraged to describe how the different creatures felt. It was great to see so many children have the confidence to feel the animals.



The children enjoyed getting ready for their sports day this term. They showed great perseverance when practising the different events and were very good when listening to the instructions. During our P.E lessons this term we have been encouraging the children to independently get changed into their P.E kit and then back into their uniform. As a result most of the children are getting very independent at these skills now.

The children have enjoyed playing in the new outside role play area, Teddies Bears Picnic. To introduce the idea to the children we shared the book 'Alone in the Wood' where the bears go for a picnic in the woods. The children loved discussing what they like to take on picnics.



The children have been continuing to explore the garden to see what other mini beasts they can find. They have been very respectful of the creatures and some of the children have even wanted to take them home as pets. This led us to create a mini beast garden in our tough tray. The children loved singing songs and using the magnifying glasses to look at the features.

We would like to wish all of the F1 leavers good luck in F2 where ever they may be going. We have loved seeing the children blossom this year and know they will do great in their next stage of development. The children have been learning about what changes to expect next year and how to be a good friend too.



Thank you to all the parents that have supported us during this term and have a fantastic Summer Holiday.



Foundation stage 2 News

Mrs Robinson & Mrs Parker

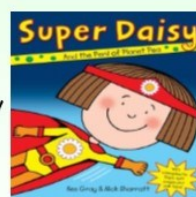
Mrs Leigh, Miss Rapley, Miss Appleton

Mrs Early, Mrs Jones, Miss Rajput

How do you become a hero?

Welcome to the Foundation Stage Newsletter for the second half of the summer term! We have been really busy continuing with our topic and with all our other learning. Come and have a look.

We have been looking at Super Heroes in stories, like 'Super Daisy' and the 'Peril of Planet Pea' and 'Superworm'. The children were able to write the lovely story of 'Superworm' and then they were able to write their own super hero story with a made up character.



We all had great fun on our super hero day and we had lots of children entering the design your own 'Super vegetable' competition. We even had a visit from 'Batman!' Everyone enjoyed the activities on offer, such as making masks, puppets and even singing our own super-hero song!



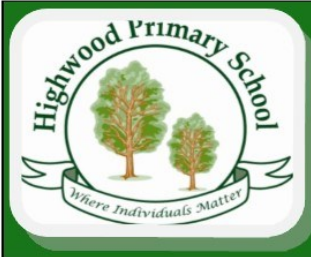
Thank you for coming to SPLAT, all the adults and children agreed that it was the best one so far! We also enjoyed a visit from the local PSO, who let the children try on some of the equipment! They were fascinated and asked lots of questions!

We had an amazing time at sports day and the children thoroughly enjoyed all of the different sports to try. We were so impressed with the sportsmanship and teamwork that the children displayed. They were really proud of themselves!

In maths the children have loved all the practical challenges that they have engaged with. They made magic potions using ingredients like 'spider's legs' and 'bats blood!' They also made their own clocks and then estimated different activities that they could do in a minute, such as writing their name, doing star jumps and putting a bean bag on and off of their head!



Thank you to all the parents that have supported us this half term and we look forward to seeing you after the summer holidays. Enjoy!



Year 1 News - Summer 2

Miss Abbott, Mrs Weir

Miss Amor & Miss Walker

What a year it has been! I can't quite believe we are now at the end of Year 1 and it is time to say goodbye. I am so proud of every member of the class for their brilliant work and attitude over the last 12 months. I will miss them all but know they will have a fantastic time in Year 2, *Hasta la vista! Miss A.*

Where do people go for days out?

English

This term the children learnt how to write newspaper reports. They learnt how to write headlines and how to make them exciting using alliteration and exclamation marks. Next it was time to have a go at writing a lead paragraph as the children learnt how to include 'who', 'when', 'where' and 'what' happened. Finally the children had the opportunity to write their own



newspaper recounts of Sports Day. Here are a couple of their fantastic articles.

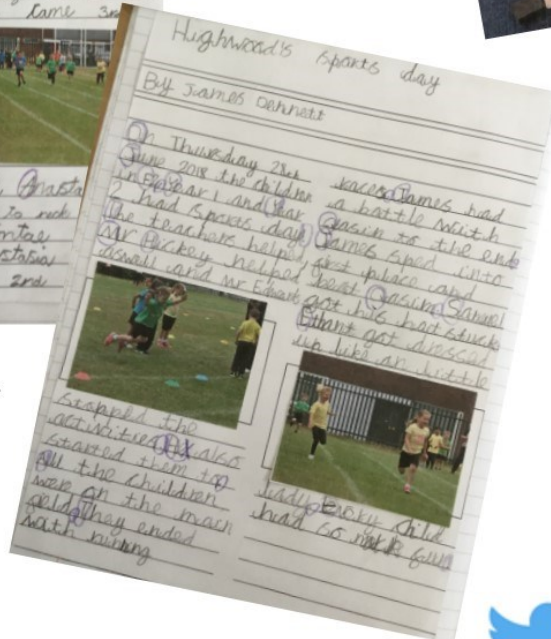
Later on in the term the children performed poems about the 4 Seasons using expression and actions.

Maths

The children enjoyed learning about multiplication and division this term, using objects to work out how to find groups of and share equipment.



Later on in the term the children learnt how to solve worded problems involving all four operations.



They have also been continuing to develop their recall of the 10 and 2 times tables and developing their rock star status as the class practiced on the times tables rock stars programme.



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Year 2 News

Mrs Eatwell, Mrs Kearney, Mrs Wildey

What is the difference between a cake and a biscuit?

I cannot believe it is coming to the end of your child's final half term in Year 2 and the time has absolutely flown.

The children's SATs results have been finalised and these have been given out to parents. All of the children have learnt so much this year and this has been showcased in their SATs results.



We have continued our Summer topic "what is the difference between a cake and a biscuit?" We have used this topic in all areas of the curriculum. Most recently we have been exploring Huntley and Palmers in preparation for our trip to Reading Museum. The children have learnt all about the history behind Huntley and Palmers and we have explored their tins. The children then designed their own tin in the style of Huntley and Palmer.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who joined in with baking event at the end of the year. Your children loved becoming Huntley and Palmers employees with you!

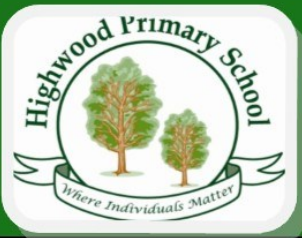
In maths we have continued to revisit many concepts, focusing this time mainly on number. We have revised the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as the multiplication facts for the 3s. The children seem very secure in counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3 now.

In Literacy, much of our time has been dedicated to preparing for our learning reviews, ready for you to come in and discuss with the children. Your child has thought carefully about each learning behaviour and they have written about how they have used each one this year. Some of their ideas are fantastic and I know that they cannot wait to share them with you.

In science, we have continued learning about plants and asking the question, what do plants need to grow and be healthy? We have reached our conclusions and the results were very interesting. Just look at the images and you will see how shocked we were. The children were so surprised that the plant with no light grew so long and spindly.



We wish you an amazing Summer break with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you at the start of the new academic year. Get lots of rest!



Year 3 News

Mrs Hartgrove, Mrs Turnbull
& Mrs Render

Why did people build Stonehenge?

Our final term in Year 3 has been a busy one with trips and sports day and class assemblies.

LITERACY

This term we looked at discussion texts. After learning about the features of discussion texts we wrote our own about 'keeping unicorns as pets' and 'cancelling break times'. To end the unit everyone wrote a text discussing if Year 3 should go back to Stonehenge next year.

MATHS

In maths we have been looking at measure including capacity, length and weight. We have been improving our problem solving skills and working with money. To end we have recapped fractions especially how to find a fraction of a number.



SCIENCE

In Science we have been looking at light. We have been looking at light sources and identifying re-

flective materials.

We have also been investigating mirrors and shadows.



Topical to the weather we also looked at sun safety and made posters to help remember how to stay safe in the sun.

TOPIC

We finished our Stonehenge topic with a visit to the stones. We were impressed with how big they were and had great fun looking at artefacts and building fences. Then we have been improving our geography skills by looking up the locations of the countries in the world cup and picking a country to research.



Have a great summer.

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Year 4 News Summer 2 2018 Mr Allaway and Mrs Tindall



Why would someone build a castle here?

It has been very busy term with the highlight being the trip to Swanage.

English - Fantasy writing

In English this term, year 4 have been learning how to write fantasy texts that engage an audience. They have been linking this to our new class reader 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'. The children have been trying to ensure that their stories are interesting to their target audience (other children their age) and providing feedback to each other on how to make improvements. This has culminated in all of them writing a whole short story that we are going to put together in a book ready for next year's year 4s.

Maths - Problem solving

Year 4 have done a lot of work this year learning different methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as the corresponding number facts. This term we have been pulling all of this together and using it to solve multi-step worded problems. The children have been working hard to understand how to break a problem down into number sentences that they can solve, plan the problem on a bar model, before checking their answers using estimation and the inverse.

Music - Cornet Maestros

The children have really enjoyed the last few months learning how to master the Cornet and it is remarkable how far they have come since the first lesson. As I pen this newsletter, it is the day of the final concert to parents so I hope those of you that came to listen agree how impressive they all are!

Residential trip - Sunny Swanage

Obviously, the highlight of this term was the residential trip to Swanage on the Dorset coast. The children all seemed to really enjoy themselves, especially when they were allowed to play games on the beach and paddle in the sea.

It started with a slight amble up a hill so we could walk down the other side to Durdle Door. According to

several children however, we didn't walk up a hill, we trekked up a mountain. This was also the first time Alice the Camel was sung on the trip and I was proud to hear that they could all count back past zero using negative numbers!

On the Thursday we explored Swanage and the coast line in the baking heat. We took in the sights and sounds of the small town, creating descriptive sentences ready for poetry writing when we got back to class. The

children enjoyed visiting the RNLI, especially when they were allowed to try on the outfits and when they got to watch a real life launch.

Finally, we spent the day at Corfe Castle, learning all



about its history and how it played a pivotal role in both Norman and civil war times. Year 4 were particularly impressed during part of the trip when the tour guide explained to them that they were actually stood in a medieval toilet.

ICT - Coding

This term 11 year 4 pupils went to Bulmershe for a very successful coding day. The children paired up with children from other schools. They then presented their own coded games, using Scratch' software, to their parents. We were also able to see 3D models being developed.

I would also like this opportunity to thank all the parents and anyone who has supported us in Year 4 this year - the Year 4 Team.





Year 5 News Summer 2 2018

Mr Anderson, Mrs Raines, Mrs Anil
and Mrs Shakeel



Are heroes and villains so different?

This term has been a very busy one to say the least. We had a very successful sports day thanks to the great organisational skills of Mr Edwards and all of the staff who helped on the day. We had fabulous weather and I am sure like me you felt that there was a great atmosphere. Thank you also to all of the parents who came to support on the day.

Ure Museum

We visited the Ure Museum at The University of Reading, we were able to look at Greek pots and how they were used in relation to their shape. We saw Greek myths come to life on some animated pots and we were able to even hold some delicate artefacts.



Fish Bowl Day at Bulmershe



We had the exciting opportunity to be secondary students for the day at The Bulmershe School. We spent some of our day in a Science lab. Here, we had the chance to test out what happened when different metal compounds were used; this meant one thing: using a Bunsen burner! We found out that we could tell which different metals were used in different coloured fireworks. During the PE session we learnt an exciting new game from

Denmark: called Tchouckball. After PE it was maths, where we tried out some maths challenges which were great fun! After maths, we had our lunch in the cafeteria and then went off to English. Here, we got to try 'flying saucer' sweets to write our own poems. Some children also got the chance to take part in a music lesson learning songs from 'The Greatest Showman'. During drama we all re-told the story of the Lion King, where each group took part of the story to tell through freeze frames. To top the day off, 3 of our pupils won medals in the celebration assembly! Harvey for sport, Danae for Science and Inaaya for English. It was a superb day - well done to everyone, our pupils were a credit to our school.



Heroes of Troy, Yr 5/6 Production

One of the final

challenges of the term was the Year 5 & 6 production of 'The Heroes of Troy! We spent a long time learning lines, practising songs, rehearsing dances and lines, but it all paid off in the end! The pupils put on an incredible performance - all showing off their individual skills to pull together in an fabulous team. Great work everyone!

It has been a very special year and Mrs Raines and I feel privileged to have had the chance to teach your children. Have a wonderful summer break and time together. We look forward to seeing everyone in September fully refreshed and ready for the new challenges ahead.

Mr Anderson & Mrs Raines





Year 6 News

Teacher: Mr Pearce & Mrs. Haden

What is the secret to success?

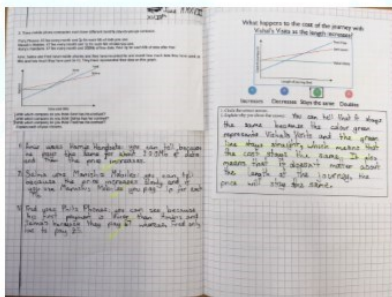
Welcome to your last newsletter from Year 6 and your child's last newsletter from Highwood. The children have come a long way this year – it has been a pleasure to see them mature and grow. Although this last half term has been filled with sporting events, visits to secondary schools, cooking, the end of year production and our trip to bowling and laser quest, we have managed to fit in some more traditional classroom learning.

English

In English, we have been looking at biographical writing and the lives of people who we consider successful. To begin with, we read a biography about team GB diver Tom Daley to discern the features of the text type before then researching about the life and achievements of Sir Richard Branson and writing our own version. The Year 6s were incredibly quick at creating a structure and plan for the work reflecting just how much they have learned about non-fiction writing this year.

Maths

In order to sharpen our reasoning skills even further, we explored statistics and graphs in Maths this term. We focused on interpretation in particular and explaining our understanding. After that, we explored nets and 3D shapes and realised just how tricky it can be to try and create a net for something as simple as a cuboid!



Cooking

Undoubtedly, one of the highlights of the term has to have been the cooking. Every child had the opportunity to work as part of a team to cook a 3



course meal for invited guests. All the children gained such a lot from the

experience; all the staff involved complimented the children on how well they worked together and how delicious the food was. Some lucky guests even came back for more!

Heroes of Troy





Inspired by the ancient story of 'The Odyssey', our production of Heroes of Troy is in full swing: we've been rehearsing hard to learn the songs, get the melodies right and sharpening our acting skills - even if pupils haven't been on stage, we've had technical crew practising and getting involved in animations for the back drop. I am extremely proud of how hard the pupils have worked on this and the team effort is visible every time we do a full run-through.





Bowling and Laserquest

How fantastic that the sun came out for our end of year trip! It was lovely to be able to have the opportunity to relax and have fun with the children. Everyone even the adults) said how much they enjoyed it apart from Mr. Pearce who was unfairly ambushed in a corner by a pack of trigger-happy girls during laser quest!

Mrs Haden and I would like to wish all the children all the very best as they move on up to secondary school. Mr Pearce and Mrs. Haden.

Arrangements for September.

Year Group	Entrance	Details
F1		<p>Arrangements for drop off will be exactly the same in September as they are now. An adult will come to the gate and you will enter through the Nursery doors.</p>
F2		<p>Children will access the F2 classrooms through the pencil fencing on the KS1 playground. There will be an adult to meet you each morning. Mrs Parker's classroom is on the left and Mrs Perrot / Mrs Stroud's classroom on the right.</p>
1A		<p>Mrs. Weir's class will be in the classroom previously used for Year 2. The children will enter the building through the door next to the stage on the KS1 playground. There will be an adult from the class to meet you each morning.</p>
1W		<p>Miss Amor's Class will be in the room previously used for Year 1. They will enter the room from the KS1 playground.</p> <p>Both year 1 classes will move into their new classrooms after October Half Term.</p>

Year Group	Entrance	Details
2E		<p>Year 2 will enter through the door that leads to the Main Hall from the KS2 playground. Their classroom will be the room immediately on the right hand side as you go through the door.</p>
3H and 4A		<p>Year 3 and 4 will enter through the doors on the KS2 playground that the previous year 3 and 4 classes have. Year 3 will go into Mrs Hartgrove's and Year 4 into Mr. Allaway's current classrooms.</p>
5A		<p>Year 5 will be in a classroom created from within the Annexe building. They will enter through the double doors behind the KS2 Quiet Area.</p>
6P and 6R		<p>Year 6 will enter through the door that leads to the Main Hall.</p> <p>6P will be in the classroom previously used for Year 6</p> <p>6R will be in the classroom previously used for Year 5.</p>



Speech and Language Resource News

Mrs Godfrey & Mr Bevan

Mrs Payne, Mrs Wright, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Weir

So here we are at the end of another year! I want to take this chance to thank all of the Resource staff for their hard work in supporting your children across the year. I'd also like to thank the children for working so hard in their sessions. Finally, I'd like to thank the Resource parents and families for all your support over the year. You're a huge part of the success we have in the Resource and we couldn't do as well without you. Good luck to our leavers and I hope you all have an enjoyable summer break.

Literacy—What Makes a Hero?



This half term we have focussed on Real Life Heroes and writing reports. We looked into the structure of reports on the World Cup and Fidget Spinners and identified a title, introduction, sub-headings, a summary and a labelled picture or diagram as the main features. The children went on to interview Mr Green, our caretaker and Derek, the building work foreman to find out information about their jobs and write reports on them. The children also chose their own subjects to write reports on. These ranged from football players to pets, superheroes and Highwood School! Many thanks to our visitors for giving up their time to be interviewed by the children.

Maths—Measures, measures, measures



KS1 Resource have worked on half past times and continued to work with bar models to find the answers to missing number problems. We joined with KS2 resource to measure lengths in cm and m and liquids in ml and l.



KS2 Resource have worked so hard this term to consolidate the learning from across the year. I'd like to take this opportunity to really highlight our Year 6 children for a particular mention. Each one of them worked so hard in the lead up to their SATs and I'm really proud of them.





Hot Off The Press...

Here is a sneak preview of our curriculum for the term ahead. It is sure to be jammed packed with exciting and engaging learning opportunities.

Foundation Stage



Year 1



Year 2



Welcome to Foundation Stage 2! We are starting the year with a fascinating topic: **'How do we know that dinosaurs lived on the Earth.'** Our role-play area will be transformed into a 'dinosaur discovery centre' and outside our treehouse will become a 'fossil museum!' In maths, we will be comparing the sizes of different dinosaurs and in our topic sessions, we will make 'Dino' fact files and also make a list of food for carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs!

Welcome to Year 1! During this first term all of the subjects will be interwoven with our topic **'What adventures could we have with our bikes?'** The inspiration for this idea has come from Tour de Britain which is starting on 2nd September. In maths, we will focus on counting and working with numbers to 20 and start developing their mathematical concept onto 100. We will look at maps and how we can use them to plot journeys. We will be creating our very own bike route for Tour de Highwood and will be visited by Bikeability again, continually building on the children's knowledge of road safety. We will use our creativity to design team jerseys for Tour de Highwood and use musical instruments to develop a theme tune for the tour. In our science lessons we will explore different properties of materials that are suitable to build bicycles.

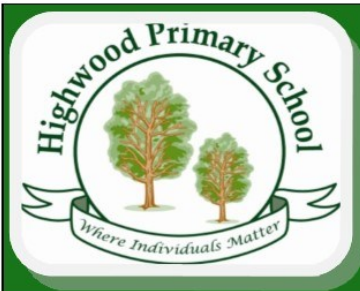
Welcome to Year 2! During the first half-term the children will be asking the key question **'Was the Great Fire of London a total disaster?'** We will begin by ensuring that they know clearly how to use full stops and capital letters correctly. We will then move on to describing and sequencing the events through different writing genres, for example, newspaper articles. Eventually, the children will imagine living through the event and we will use this as a stimulus for some fiction writing. Throughout this time your children will be taught how to use a range of literary features, for example, adverbs, expanded noun phrases etc. In Maths, we will begin by consolidating their understanding of number from Year 1 and introducing new number concepts from Year 2. This work will also be linked to the Great Fire of London. In addition to learning about the fire, the children will learn about London and other capital cities in general. By the end of the term, they should be able to identify, name and locate the capital cities of the British Isles, in addition to describing some of the attractions there. In Science the children will be learning about animals, including humans. In order to link well with our topic, we will focus on the human life cycle from birth to adulthood. We will learn about body parts and what humans need to thrive.



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<p>Year 3</p> 	<p>'Could you survive in pre-historic times?' will be our question this term. We will look at living in the Stone Age and all the changes that happened through the Bronze and Iron Age. We will look at how they made shelter, what they ate and what they wore. We will also look at how they celebrated any special occasions. Linking to our science topic, the children will investigate and find out more about different rocks and soils as well as understanding light and shadow. In literacy we will be looking at traditional tales and fairy stories before learning how to write to inform. In maths we will start looking at numbers over 100 and learn different methods for adding and subtracting. In art we will look at sketching and cave paintings.</p>
<p>Year 4</p> 	<p>'Which of our senses is the most important?' will be our key question during the Autumn term. We will be writing poetry in various styles using senses as our topic. In Maths, we will begin by consolidating their understanding of number from Year 3 and introducing new place value concepts from Year 4. Science will focus on the senses. We will look at how animals use their senses to hunt and we will be making comparisons to that of humans. We will also be looking at animal habitats. In addition to this we hope to be having a visit from 'The Guide Dogs Trust' so we can learn all about how someone who does not have full use of all their senses still happily lives in the world around us.</p>
<p>Year 5</p> 	<p>'Has the Earth has finished growing?' Well, what if...? We will kick start Year 5 with an incredibly exciting topic, which ties together the Earth's creation, space and the solar system, volcanoes, and much, much more! Our class reading will focus on a book called 'The Firework Makers Daughter' which links nicely with our topic and volcanoes. We will take a trip to The Science museum in Winchester to further explore each of these exciting areas of our topic in order to find a definitive answer to the question: Has the Earth finished growing? I think you'll be surprised and amazed at what we find out!</p>
<p>Year 6</p>  	<p>'Does our world shape us or do we shape the world?' This term we will be thinking about this question in our English, Topic and Science work. We will start the term by studying 'Skellig' by David Almond. It is a story about a boy who discovers something unique in his garage and links to our science exploration of evolution and classification. As scientists, we will investigate how we can categorise these living things and how they are named. If we discover an unknown animal, how could we know what it should be called? We will then move on to studying a different civilisation (The Maya) and explore how the world they lived in shaped their lives and how they shaped the world around them before making a comparison between this Mesoamerican culture and the European Anglo-Saxons. As geographers, we will be exploring South America and the rainforests through a focus of birds whose shapes and forms we will try to capture in our art work.</p>



PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Welcome to the last "PE & Sports News Page" of the 2017/18 academic year.

PE Lessons:

The classes have been concluding the suite of athletics events, learning cricket skills & playing full matches accumulating points week on week. Year 6 have completed their final assessments pulling all of their learning into the last 3 weeks of their primary school life teaching their peers various activities. Year 2 have also had an extra session taking part in Dance with our instructor Miss King. This is still proving to be a fantastic hit with the children of all ages, boys and girls, so we are pleased to still be able to offer this opportunity to the children of Highwood.

This terms sporting stars in these lessons have been Anastasia (Yr1), Phoebe (Yr2), Joseph (Yr3), Jayden & Hitesh (Yr4), Harvey (Yr5), Ammar & Malakai (Yr6). Incidentally, this year saw Malakai break the all-time standing long jump record with a huge jump of 2.36m.

Interhouse Rounders:

This half term has seen the conclusion of the Interhouse Rounders competition with Falcons triumphing with Red Kites 2nd, Hawks in 3rd place and Eagles in 4th place. A lot of the points came down to the team captains organising a "legal" team. Well done Falcons.

Matches & Tournaments:

This term we have been involved again in the Wokingham Schools Cricket League. We have played games against Woodley C Of E, St Pauls, Lambs Lane, Robert Piggott and Aldryngton. Highwood have this year played so well playing 5 matches, winning all 5 and winning our league comfortably. Well done to all of the boys and girls that have taken part. We have even played a number of "B Team" games and girls team games within the Woodley Carnival week.

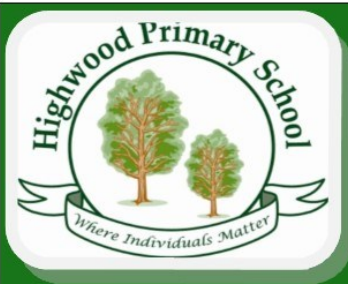


Wokingham Schools Quadkids Tournament.

Our athletics team made their way to Palmer Park Athletics Stadium to compete in this years tournament. There were some incredible individual performances to take away as memories from a great afternoon of athletics. This year was again very close but unfortunately we missed out on county finals. Maybe next year? This year we were very lucky to have a professional photographer of which the parents have been sent a login to view and purchase these pictures.

Woodley Carnival Football. Boys & Girls.

This year we sent 2 boys teams and one girls team to the carnival football. Mr Anderson & Mrs Payne managed the boys teams and I managed the girls. There were no trophies this year but we are certainly becoming much more competitive largely due to the amount of children now representing clubs outside of school.



PE/Sports News 2

Sports coach: Mr Edwards



Woodley Carnival Hi-5 Netball.

Our girls and boys came up against possibly the strongest school teams I have seen in my 8 years of taking children to the tournaments. However, they played well learning all of the time.

Highwood Primary 2017 Sports Day.

This year sports day never looked in doubt due to the fantastic weather. However, we did have to be careful and sensible in our organisation with fluid, sun cream and hats. Sports day was completely revamped again this year as we only had one field to play with. Both KS2 and KS1 reverted to the carousel of activities plus every child being entered into a running race. Sports day wouldn't be the same without the parents and toddlers races and again they didn't disappoint. After a whole 2 mornings events across KS2 and KS1 sports days, only 1 point separated 1st & 2nd place with the Red Kites winning. This just goes to prove that every child played their part and every last ounce of extra effort makes the difference. Once again I want to thank all of the staff, Bulmershe



young leaders that ran the KS2 activities, year 6s and the parents for their support of this years sports day.

Sports Activities out of school Gallery.



Isabella Dog Agility competition beating many adults a lot more experienced.

Logan gaining "Most Improved Player" for his local football team.



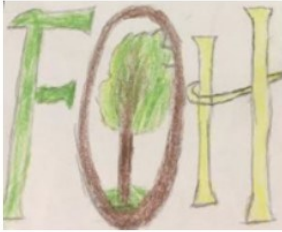
Phoebe showing off her "50 park runs" band which is 100 Kilometres!

I would like a final mention to our year 6 leavers wishing them all good luck in their new secondary schools. I am hoping to see your names on various team sheets in senior school. I hope you all have a great Summer break and I look forward to seeing you next academic year.

Mr Edwards



FRIENDS OF HIGHWOOD



FOH Summer Term 2018

What a hot half term we have had! This had led to ice-lolly sales being very popular on Fridays! Thank you to all of you that came and bought one. This helped us to raise over £250 and made some children very happy!



The smarties challenge finished this half term and raised over £200. We will decide with the school, once building work is complete, how this can be used to improve the outside play areas. A big well done to Year 3 who were the winning class. The Year 3s will be given some money to have a class treat in the new academic year (as Year 4s!).

Last week we held a second hand uniform sale and raised around £30, but also allowed several families to grab a bargain! Remember that we hold this on the last Thursday of every half term. As we end a school year I'm sure many of you are looking at your child's uniform and realising that they have grown! If you have any items that your child has outgrown, then please donate it to us for the next sale. We are particularly after logoed cardigans and school PE kits as we have low stock of these.



As we write this we are looking forward to the family picnic taking place this Thursday. We will be drawing the summer raffle and running a few stalls, such as tombolas, a speed kick challenge and hook a duck. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather will continue to be nice for this!

Next term we will be holding our AGM on Thursday 13th September at 7:30pm which is just after the Meet the Teacher sessions. We would love to see some new faces and don't pressgang anyone! You can just come along to meet us and find out what we do or commit to helping as much or as little as you would like.



After the success of last year we will be holding an afternoon tea for the parents of foundation children. This allows parents to meet each other during those first few weeks and build friendships too. This will take place on 28th September at 2.30pm.

The ever popular film night will be back in the autumn term, hopefully with several screens again so we can show a selection of films. Look out for details next term.



Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you have an amazing summer holiday.

FOH team

(Friends of Highwood)





Governing Body News

News from your Governors

Being a governor is about, with the Headteacher, setting the strategic path for the school. We also hold the school to account for all that happens within it. Some of our governors are parents with children at Highwood. Others volunteer to support a school that is very much at the heart of the community.

During this year there have been lots of changes at Highwood. The governing body has been delighted to see the new facilities and signage which really improve the environment for everyone visiting the school. We've also watched with interest as the expansion programme has turned from plans on paper to a building that we all can see – we will be using it next term. We also welcome our new staff and hope they will enjoy their time at Highwood.

As governors we are continually impressed by the hard work children and staff put in to make this such a great school. Our Ofsted inspection earlier this year praised many areas of life at Highwood. It also gave us guidance about how some aspects could be improved. As governors we have sought to encourage and monitor the changes that will make Highwood a strong and good school moving forward.

Each of our governors plays a vital role. In addition to Full Governing Body Meetings we have two committees that explore Teaching, Learning and Assessment at Highwood. Our Finance and Resources committee looks after our money and all our other resources including staff. Any parent vacancies will be advertised in the normal way, if you are interested please talk to one of us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for what has been a very busy year – without them all the school would not function. We also wish everyone at Highwood a relaxing and well-deserved Summer break. Last of all we would like to thank Rev Keith Wilson, our outgoing Chairman for the years of loyal service that he has given to Highwood, we hope that he misses us as much as we will miss him.

Beth Rowland – Chair, Highwood Governing Body

Matt Hickey - Headteacher

Zahida Younis

Wendy Sabaroche- Vice Chair

Rehan Kamal

Dharmesh Modi

Steve Anderson - Teacher Governor

Lois Beaver



Reminders



PARKING

There is no parking on the school site unless you have been authorised to do so.

Please be considerate to our neighbours in Carrick Gardens and Kingfisher Drive by not parking on pavements, grass verges, across driveways and single yellow lines. We have received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking, near misses and aggressive parents. All reported incidents have been passed to the police.

ABSENCE

Please contact the school by 9.30am either by text on 0786 000 5083 or by phone on 0118 9265493 if your child is not well. You can also notify us on the school news app

If your child is going to be late in and requires a dinner please ensure this is ordered by 9.30am.

ATTENDANCE

All requests for leave of absence must be made on the absence form available from the school office. Routine appointments should be made outside of school time.

Please see the latest Attendance Policy on the school website regarding Penalty Notices.

MEDICINES

Only prescribed medicine in the prescribed container may be administered by school staff. A form must be completed at the school office.



EARRINGS

Please note that only stud earrings are allowed and earrings must be removed for PE.





Diary Dates



Friday 20 th July 2018	Last Day of Term – school closes at 1:30 – no after school club
Monday 23 rd & Tuesday 24 th July 2018	INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 25 th July to Friday 31 st August 2018	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Start of the Autumn Term for Years 1 to 6
Tuesday 4 th to Friday 7 th September 2018	Foundation (F1 & F2) closed for Home visits
Monday 10 th September 2018	Foundation (F1 & F2) children start Tea & Tissues for new F2 parents 9am & 12.45pm
Thursday 13 th September 2018	Meet the Teacher 6pm Friends of Highwood AGM – 7:30pm
Monday 17 th September 2018	Year 1 Literacy workshop – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 24 th September 2018	Year 2 Literacy workshop – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 27 th September 2018	F2 Literacy workshop – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 1 st October 2018	Year 6 Literacy workshop – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 4 th October 2018	Year 3 Literacy workshop – 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October 2018	Half Term – School Closed
Wednesday 31 st October 2018	Parents evening – 3:30pm to 6pm
Thursday 1 st November 2018	Parents evening – 5pm to 8pm
Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th November 2018	Year 6 Trip to Marchants Hill
Monday 5 th November 2018	Year 1 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm Year 2 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 8 th November 2018	F2 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 12 th November 2018	Year 3 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 19 th November 2018	F1 (Nursery) SPLAT – 10am or 1:30pm F2 (Reception) – 1:30pm
Tuesday 20 th November 2018	KS1 SPLAT – 1:30pm
Wednesday 21 st November 2018	KS2 SPLAT – 1:30pm
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Year 6 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Saturday 15 th December 2018	Winter Fayre
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Last day of term – school finishes at 1:30pm
Thursday 20 th December 2018 to Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	School Holidays
Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th January 2019	INSET DAYS – School closed for staff training
Monday 7 th January 2019	First day of the Spring Term



Please note that the cost of a school dinner is increasing from September 2018 to £2.05.
Payment can be made online via SCOPAY or in cash