

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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18TH JULY 2018

Dear Parents,

July has been a great month! Thank you to all of our parent helpers who have helped on the recent trips, at the Yr6 BBQ and at the PTA Summer Fayre. Thank you also to all the staff at Highnam for making the final few weeks so exciting - the highlight being the Key Stage Two production of Olivia. It was such a wonderful experience and we are very proud of the pupils' achievements.

Infant Sports Day

We were delighted to be able to hold our Key Stage 1 Sports Day a couple of weeks ago. There were a number of close finishes to the relay races and a memorable toddler race at the end.

Congratulations to Wetherleigh house for winning overall by 3 points from Oakridge house. A big thank you to the Year 5 pupils who helped and Key Stage 1 staff for preparing the pupils and organising the afternoon.



Congratulations Wetherleigh House

Year 1 Collective Worship

At the end of a busy week it was lovely to share with the Year 1 pupils and families their learning all about India. We were amazed by the artwork, dancing, singing and the very loud voices...well done to all involved.



Great Singing Year 1



Reception and Year 1 have had a magical few weeks watching the eggs hatch in their classrooms. At lunchtime a number of pupils from the older classes also pop in for an update.

Thank you to Miss Phillips for looking after the chicks last weekend.



Brilliant Brass Concert

On Friday 13th July we enjoyed a special celebration from our Year 4 pupils when they shared their music skills from the term. Through the summer term they have been learning to play brass instruments and parents and pupils enjoyed the performance. Well done to all the pupils and remember, if you would like to carry on playing a brass instrument, the Gloucester Brass Band work with pupils in Years 5 and 6 on a Monday after school.



Mrs Ford and the Year 4 pupils

Church Collective Worship Team

My thanks to the group of volunteers who come in week by week to lead our Collective Worship on a Thursday morning. This term we have looked at the Lord's prayer and had a special theme linked to the World Cup. The team are looking for a few more people to join them...if you could help please speak to Mrs Honan.

I would also like to thank Reverend Helen for her support this academic year. The after school Messy Church clubs have been superb and we thoroughly enjoyed the Pulse Games.

PTA News

Congratulations to Years 3/4 who won the class cake sale challenge this year. A big thank you to all the PTA team for their terrific effort this year.

We need your help

Are you able to help at lunchtimes or with the PTA? These roles play an important part for the school and we value their contributions.

Thank You Mrs Beale and Mrs Campbell

A massive thank you to Mrs Beale and Mrs Campbell for their support as midday supervisors over the past few years. They have kindly supported the pupils at lunchtime and will be missed by pupils and staff.

Year 6 Enterprise Topic

Over the past few weeks our Year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard during their enterprise topic. They have pitched business ideas, run advertising campaigns and run the successful Highnam Quays.

My thanks to Miss Owen for facilitating the groups and to the pupils for sharing their reflections on their business ventures. The Year 6 pupils have decided to send 50% of their profits to Gloucestershire Young Carers and Gloucester City Mission. Thank you to all who visited Highnam Quays and supported the businesses.



Highnam Academy Open for Business

Choir Sing At Chestnut Club

My thanks to the school choir who sang at the Chestnut Club at the start of the month. The group meets once a month and we were invited to sing at the Parish Rooms. Mrs Smith and Miss Thomas supported the choir. The singing was fantastic - well done to all involved.

It was lovely to see how the pupils interacted with the Chestnut Club members and we're glad they enjoyed our singing!



Summer Reading Challenge

There are two Summer Reading Challenges for pupils to take part in. One is run by our local libraries and the other has been organised by Miss Coldrick. Supporting your child during the Summer holiday will help ensure progress is made. Thank you for your support.



Visitors from the library

Olivia

We are so proud of the achievements of all the pupils involved in the end of year Olivia production. We have had so many lovely cards and tweets, we are thrilled everyone enjoyed the performances so much.

A big thank you to the Key Stage Two team for all their hard work; it is much appreciated. There are photos available of the performances thanks to Mrs Bottomley - lovely memories for the pupils to treasure. Thank you for your support of IReachAfrica we raised £263.20.



Reception Trip

Our Reception pupils finished their first year at Highnam Academy with a lovely trip to Newbridge Farm Park. They enjoyed meeting lots of animals and spending time together as a class. Thank you to Miss Cooney for organising the trip and to all who supported the pupils on the day.



Our Reception Class at Newbridge Farm Park

Key Stage 2 Topic Home Learning Projects

Congratulations to all pupils for the super World Cup inspired projects. It was great to see them all in the hall on Monday for the exhibition.



Well done Oliver, a great project!



Finally, best wishes to Year 6 as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. I trust you'll have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th September for the start of Term 1.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher