

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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5TH JUNE 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 6! We had a very action packed end to Term 5 with the Hartpury Event for Key Stage 1, iPad music for Year 5s, skiing for Year 6, Year 2's Collective Worship, the Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival, Swimming Gala finals and our Year 3/4 football team gaining the Bronze Medal after playing at Bristol City's Aston Gate Stadium. Thank you to all who have supported these various exciting opportunities.



Primary QuEST Key Stage 1 Festival

For the third year, the Key Stage 1 pupils joined together with their fellow pupils from Redmarley and Staunton and Corse Academies for the Hartpury Games. The pupils had an action packed morning running, jumping and trying out new sports such as golf and hockey.

We would like to thank the Hartpury staff and students for running such a good event. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their morning and we look forward to returning next year.



Harry enjoying one of the Hartpury Challenges

Primary QuEST Highnam MAT Meeting

We are looking forward to seeing you at the parent consultation meeting planned for **Thursday 7th June at 6:30pm**. If you have questions we would appreciate them in advance of the meeting to ensure we can answer them as fully as possible. Many thanks.

Year 5 iPad Music Experience

Pupils in Year 5 began a special musical journey with Salo from 'The Music Works.' The aim of the foundation is to transform lives through music and each pupil will complete a music technology learning record during each lesson. In the first lesson the pupils were given an introduction to the Garage Band App and were able to compose their own music with a partner.

"The session was so good because we were learning new iPad skills and it was amazing to make our own music. We can't wait for our next session with Salo." Written by Hattie and Isabelle



Tehya and Libby enjoying the iPad Music lessons

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Global Neighbours Award

Pupils and staff at Highnam Academy have been presented with a Bronze Award from Christian Aid's Global Neighbours scheme in recognition of their role in tackling poverty overseas. The accreditation scheme celebrates schools that are helping pupils learn about global poverty and the Christian responsibility to tackle it, as well as giving them the tools to play a confident part in creating a fairer world.

The assessor wrote:

"Highnam Academy is an outstanding example of a school actively engaged with its local and extended community. They regularly go the extra mile to reach out and support a range of charities and good causes. The children will all have many opportunities throughout their education at the Academy to make a real difference to the lives of others in the city of Gloucester and beyond."



Christian Aid - Big Brekkie

Thank you to all who supported the Big Brekkie on Friday 18th May. It was lovely to welcome pupils, ex-pupils, families and friends from the community to support the event. By enjoying a tasty breakfast with us you have supported the world's poorest people. Thank you to Cater Cater for providing the delicious breakfasts. The event raised over £300 - thank you for your support.



Year 1 Trip to Highnam Court

Year 1 were treated to a VIP tour around the beautiful Highnam Court before half term. They are learning all about Highnam and thoroughly enjoyed the tour inside the house and the stunning gardens. A big thank you to Mr Head and the team at Highnam Court for your hospitality.



Discovering the Highnam Court gardens

Swimming Gala Finals

Following the team victory at the large school gala heat before Easter, Highnam took part in the Newent Swimming Gala 2018. The best swimmers from the Newent cluster were represented at the festival and the competition was fierce.

A special mention to our gold medallists: Martha, Nathan, Danny, Woody, Fin, Macauley, Hattie, Belle, Gracie and Phoebe.



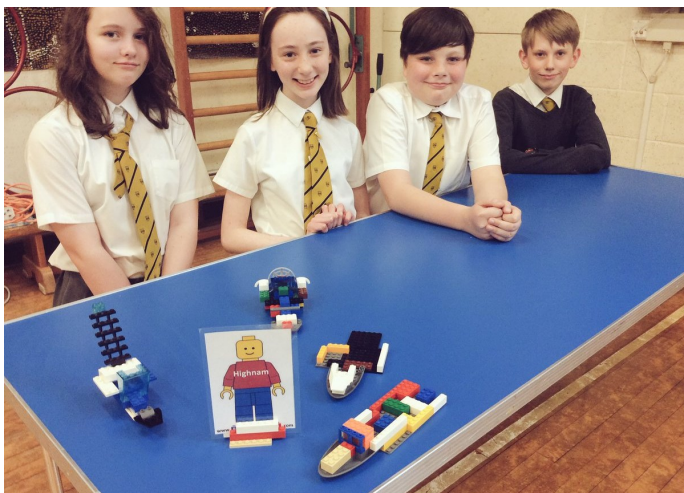
The Swimming Gala Finals Team

Parking Near School

Can I remind parents that the disabled bay is for disabled use only. Please remember to use the 5 minute walk zone to help with traffic on Wetherleigh Drive.

Primary QuEST STEM Challenge

Congratulations to Alice, Grace, Max and Rhys who represented the school in the Primary QuEST Lego completion with Hartpury, Redmarley and Staunton and Corse. The team were set a variety of Lego themed challenges. Well done to Redmarley Academy who retained the Lego trophy.



Well done to Alice, Grace, Max and Rhys

News from the PTA

Please come along and support the PTA Summer Fayre on Friday 22nd June after school. If you are able to help please see one of the PTA members. More details to follow soon.

It is always a special afternoon and we enjoy catching up with current pupils, ex-pupils, families, friends and those from the local community.

Soccer 7s County Finalists

Well done to our Soccer 7s team who have qualified for the next stage of the competition after a successful Newent event at the start of May. The team will next play on the 21st June - all the best!



Home School Values

This term's Value for Life is: *Respect*. There are family activities available under the links sections of the website.

1st Place at the GPSFA Festival

A big well done to our Year 3/4 football team who finished in 1st place at a recent festival held at Plock Court. The team played well and were undefeated throughout the afternoon. Congratulations to the team who represented Gloucester at the County Finals at Aston Gate, Bristol and finished in 3rd place.



Bench of Honour — May:

It has been great to see so many pupils on the benches last month. On the bench in May...

Megan, Lottie, Jack W, Katie, Amie, Lydia and Talia

Marvellous Messy Church

Thank you to the Messy Church team who created a Royal Wedding themed Messy Church before May half term. The next Messy Church will be the final one of this academic year and will be held after school on Wednesday 20th June.



Year 6 Skiing Trip

After a busy SATs week, Year 6 pupils were surprised with a tasty bacon and egg roll but more excitingly a trip to Gloucester Ski Centre. This adventurous activity was a surprise and Eddie the Eagle Edwards broke the news for them on Thursday. It was lovely to see the progress the pupils made on the slopes. My thanks to Miss Owen, Mrs Timothy and Mrs Wilson for supporting the pupils so well this year. The pupils have all worked extremely hard this year and we are looking forward to their residential adventure at the end of the month.

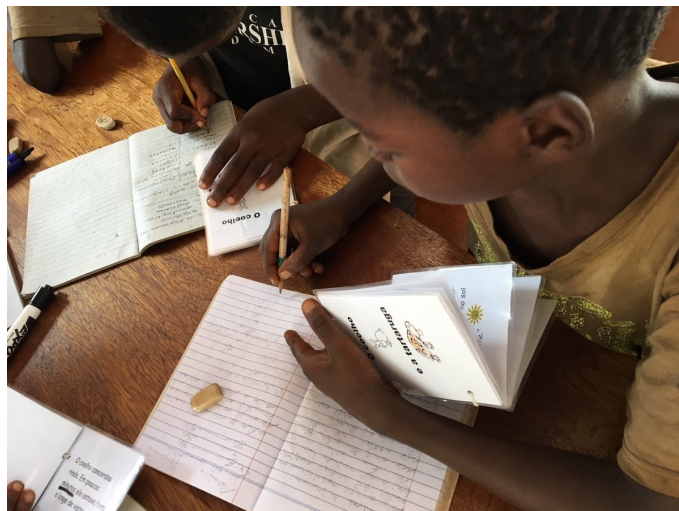


Labelling clothing

Please can you help keep lost property to a minimum in school by labelling all items. Many thanks.

News from Mozambique

Miss Read has been busy supporting the teachers in Mozambique and has created pupil books in Portuguese to support their learning. We thoroughly enjoy our updates and Skypes from Mozambique and it is helping us become more globally aware members of society.



We are looking forward to our next update soon

Dates for the Diary

There is an updated list of important dates for Term 6 are included in the next section of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher

Dates for your diary - Term 6

Monday 4th June	Inset Day (no pupils in school)	
Tuesday 5th June	Pupils back to school	8:55am
	Key Stage 2 Sports Day Practice (PE Kits needed)	PM
Wednesday 6th June	Pulse Games (Years 4-6)	AM
	Key Stage 2 Sports Day	PM
	Year 2 Trip to Cadbury's World	All day
Thursday 7th June	Year 5 Trip to Newent School	All day
	Year 6 Leavers' Service at the Cathedral	1:30pm
	Consultation Meeting - Primary QuEST MAT	6:30pm
Friday 8th June	Year 5 Collective Worship	9am
	Newent CC Girls Cricket Festival	All day
	Year 3 Archaeological Dig at St Oswald's Priory	PM
Monday 11th June	Open Cricket Festival at Newent CC	All day

Wednesday 13th June	Years 3 and 4 visit to Caerleon	All day
Thursday 14th June	Year 5 Bell Boating Experience	All day
	New Reception Parents Meeting	7pm
Friday 15th June	Years 4-6 Visit to Three Counties Show	All day
Monday 18th June	Year 5 'The Greatest Showman' Workshop	AM
Tuesday 19th June	Primary QuEST TRAC Day for Years 3 and 4	All day
Thursday 21st June	Soccer 7s Finals	2pm
Friday 22nd June	Year 3 Collective Worship	9am
	PTA Summer Fayre	After school
Saturday 23rd June	Prince of Wales Athletics Festival	9:30am-12:15pm
Monday 25th June	Year 6 Residential	All week
	Year 5 Bikeability	All week
Tuesday 26th June	Reception to Highnam Court - elvers release	AM
Thursday 28th June	Bell Boating for Year 5	All day
	Year 1 Trip to the Synagogue	AM
Friday 29th June	Year 4 Collective Worship	9am
	Year 5 Trip to the Everyman — meet the authors	AM
Thursday 5th July	Choir visit to the Chestnut Club	PM
Thurs 5th / Fri 6th July	Newent Year 6 Induction Days	All day
Friday 6th July	Reception Class Collective Worship	9am
Tuesday 10th July	Key Stage 1 Sports Day	1:30pm
Wednesday 11th July	Olivia Evening Performance	6pm
Thursday 12th July	Reception Trip to Newbridge Farm Park	All day
	Olivia Afternoon Performance	2pm
	Olivia Evening Performance	6pm
Friday 13th July	Year 1 Collective Worship	9am
Monday 16th July	Year 5 Cheltenham Cricket Day	All day
	Leavers' BBQ	After School
Wednesday 18th July	Move up morning (new classes)	AM
	Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting	2:45pm
	Open Classrooms and Collect Work	After school
Thursday 19th July	Leavers' Service for parents	2pm
Friday 20th July	End of the Academic Year for Pupils	2:30pm