

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

June 2022



I hope you had a wonderful May half term and that you were able to make the most of the extended bank holiday weekend. We spent time learning about the Platinum Jubilee and enjoyed marking this special occasion in a number of ways in the lead up to last week's celebrations.

We joined the rest of the village in decorating the school in bunting.



Our jubilee-themed house bake off was certainly a highlight for us. We were most impressed by the amount of incredibly beautiful and delicious cakes. The judging panel had the privilege of tasting the cakes and judging them on creativity, appearance and taste. Thank you to all the children and parents who took part and congratulations to Oakridge who were the overall winners.



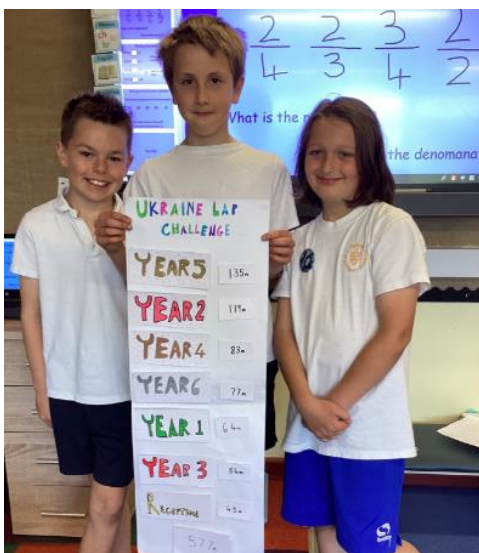
The children in year 3 made these beautiful jubilee plates.



Here are a few examples of the other jubilee art work that pupils created. These were displayed in the church over half term.



Ukrainian Fundrasier



Thank you to everyone who took part in our sponsored 'Run the Distance from Highnam to Kyiv' fundraiser. We managed to complete the distance (when running our laps of the field) in under three weeks and raised a brilliant £469 for DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

A huge well done to Josh, Noah and Freddie in year 5 who organised the whole thing and spent time counting up the laps completed each day and kept the rest of the school updated in a collective worship.

Young Voices

Being part of the largest school choir in the world was truly a magical experience and the night included some amazing performances. What an incredible evening we had at Genting Arena in Birmingham – the children made memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you to all the parents that came along to watch, it was great to spot you in the audience!



All ready to sing



Some of us got to meet Andy from Urban Strides backstage

Staff News

We are so excited that Mrs Kirby and Mrs Hayes have secured a place to run in the London Marathon on 2nd October. As well as busily training, they are both keen to raise money for their chosen charities. Mrs Kirby is supporting The Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Mrs Hayes is supporting the PHAB Kids charity who enable children with a range of disabilities to enjoy fun and challenging activities.

We would love to support them in raising as much money as possible for these worthwhile causes so on **Friday 10th June at 7.30pm** we will be holding a quiz night at Highnam in the school hall which you are very welcome to attend. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

The following week is CF week. We would like to support this by holding a 'Wear Yellow Day' on **Friday 17th June** and asking children to contribute £1.



Malvern Spring Show

It was an absolute pleasure to take part in the School Garden Challenge at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival last month. In the lead up to the show, teachers and children from the Primary Quest schools were involved in preparing the garden which featured a re-creation of Windsor Castle, the corgis, a Land Rover and 'Bug-inham Palace'. A group of gardening experts came to judge all of the schools that entered and we were delighted to receive 'Highly Commended' – the highest possible grade. Thank you to Doug from Trioscape, who provided the plants for our garden.

Jack, Edmund, Sophie and Annabel from Highnam joined several of the Highnam teachers on the Saturday (the busiest day of the festival) at Malvern. They all did a superb job at showing the garden to members of the public and confidently answered their questions. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school!



Jack and Edmund



Sophie and Annabel



Princess Ann was clearly impressed

Meanwhile, back at Highnam many of our children have been helping to keep our school grounds smart. Thank you to Travis Perkins in Tewkesbury for donating bark, pipes and tarpaulin for our outdoor areas.



Busily laying the bark in the forest area



Jacob and Heidi watering our plants

Sports News

During May, we got involved in all sorts of sporting activities. Including...



Archery



Football



Rugby



Go Ape

We are grateful for all of these opportunities that we can offer to our pupils. My thanks to staff who organise and accompany the children to these events, and also parents for offering lifts and supporting the children. We are looking forward to more sporting occasions during June and July.

Vacancy for Play Team Member

We are looking for an enthusiastic Play Team Member to join our friendly midday team at Highnam. The right person will be able to commit to one or more days a week during term times from 11.45am – 1.25pm and will be a positive role model to children. This person will be a patient and caring team player who will be required to help children with their meals and then engage positively with them outside both on our field and on the playground area.

If you think you may be the right person, and would like to be part of our school community, we would love to hear from you. To apply or find out more information, please contact Mrs Bottomley at admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do; here's to another great term at Highnam!

Best wishes

Liz Coldrick, Head Teacher

Dates for your diary:

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| Monday 6 th June | Inset day – children not in school |
| Tuesday 7 th June | First day of term 6 for children |
| Thursday 9 th June | Active RE with Owen for year 4 and year 5 |
| Friday 10 th June | Active RE with Owen for year 3 and year 6 Fundraising Quiz Night at Highnam – see Mrs Kirby or Mrs Hayes for details of this |
| Tuesday 14 th June | Reception will visit the church in the afternoon |
| Wednesday 15 th June | Sports Day for KS2 – 1.30pm start |
| Thursday 16 th June | Year 6 leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral Active RE with Owen for year 4 and year 5 |
| Friday 17 th June | Non-uniform day - Wear something yellow day – to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Please pay a £1. Cheltenham Everyman author event for year 5 and 6 – 10am Active RE with Owen for year 3 and year 6 Summer Fayre 3.30pm |
| Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th June | Year 6 residential to Butlins |
| Wednesday 22 nd June | Year 3 class collective worship 9am in the school hall Infant Sports Day – 1.30pm start |
| Monday 27 th June | Owen Westall to spend time with the year 6 class |
| Wednesday 29 th June | Year 5 class collective worship 9am in the school hall House music competition |
| Thursday 30 th June | PC Steer visiting year 6 Year 6 leavers disco – 6-8pm |
| Friday 1 st July | Author visit – Andy Seed |
| Wednesday 6 th July | Year 4 class collective worship 9am in the school hall |
| Thursday 7 th July | Move up day – children will spend the day in their new classes |
| Friday 8 th July | Year 2 class collective worship 9am in the school hall |
| Monday 11 th July | Year 6 leavers rounders match (children v parents) and barbeque at 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 12 th – Friday 15 th July | Year 5 Bikeability |
| Wednesday 13 th July | Year 1 class collective worship |
| Thursday 14 th July | Owen Westall to lead an outdoor sports afternoon with year 5 and 6 Reception cake sale after school |
| Friday 15 th July | Reception class collective worship 9am in the school hall |
| Tuesday 19 th July | Year 6 leavers collective worship in school hall 2pm |
| Wednesday 20 th July | Last day of the school year for children – finish at 2.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st July | Inset day for staff |