

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

July 2022

We have had an action-packed few weeks in school, with lots going on! Here are some of the highlights:

Infant and Junior Sports Days

This month saw our children participate in our first proper infant and junior sports days since 2019, competing in a range of races and working hard to earn points for their respective houses. It was a real pleasure to welcome families onto site for both events to share in the fun. Well done to all children for consistently demonstrating such enthusiasm, and for upholding our school values of perseverance, resilience, respect and friendship. Many thanks also to parents and other family members for your support and for cheering the children on. Finally, a huge well done to Lassington House – the overall winners of both sports days!



Mia and Jack celebrating Lassington's win!



Year 6 Residential



I am pleased to report that our year 6 pupils had a wonderful time in Butlins, Minehead last week. They took part in archery, laser tag, the climbing wall, high ropes, swimming, go-karting, bowling, a magic show and arts and crafts. We enjoyed visits to the fun fair, eating ice creams on the sea front, exploring rock pools and paddling in the sea. Some of us even got up for 6am runs along the beach! The whole experience made us realise how important a school residential is in developing the children's confidence and independence. The children made memories that will last a lifetime – I'm sure they all slept well last weekend!

Nature In Art



At the start of this week, the year 1 class went on a trip to Nature In Art. They had a good look around the galleries and the outdoor spaces as well as some completing beautiful printing and weaving linked to their learning in science. Thank you to Mrs Watts and other year 1 staff for organising this and to parent helpers for supporting the children.

Summer Fayre



A huge thank you to our fabulous PTA who worked tirelessly in preparation for what was a superb summer fayre. Thank you also to all friends and families of the school who attended and spent money, supported the performances of the children, helped with the set up and tidy up and donated so very generously to support the various stalls. We are grateful for such supportive families at Highnam. What a pleasure it was to be able to enjoy the summer sunshine at an event that the whole of the Highnam community could be part of. We raised over £2,200 for the school!

Cricketing News

Well done and congratulations to all of the children who have been out and about in June representing the school at a number of cricketing events. Thank you to all of the adults involved in providing these activities for our children to enjoy and compete in.



House Music

We were thrilled to be able to hold our House Music Competition this week. We were treated to solo singing, tunes on the piano and drums and Jubilee themed performances from each of the four houses. The courage and confidence that the children showed when performing in front of the whole school and a panel of judges was remarkable. Well done to everyone who took part in a wonderfully entertaining afternoon. Congratulations to Lassington who were the overall winners – they seem to be on a winning streak at the moment! A huge thank you to Mr Slinger and Mrs Smith for joining me on the judging panel.



Oakridge house singing a mash up of the National Anthem and Can't buy me Love by the Beatles



A selection of our talented singers and musicians

Class Assemblies



It is such a pleasure to be able to hold our class collective worships in the hall once more. We've already enjoyed hearing from year 3 and year 5 – both classes did a fantastic job. Please see the dates for your diary section below for when the other classes will be sharing their learning with their families and the rest of the school.

Medical Appointments

We ask that you make every effort to ensure that any medical or dental appointments are not made during school time. Where this is unavoidable, we request that parents send pupils to school prior to appointments and return to school after. Please request permission from the school prior to the appointment and include the date and time. An appointment card from the surgery can be obtained so we can have this as proof of appointment upon your child's return to school. If arriving late for school following an appointment, please ensure that your child is accompanied and signed in by an adult at the school office for safeguarding reasons. Many thanks for your understanding.

Parental Survey

Later today, a google forms link will be sent out with a number of questions for parents to answer. We value your feedback and so the aim of this is to capture the views of our families about all aspects of school life. Please complete this by Friday 15th July. Your responses will be carefully considered by SLT and members of the local advisory board and will feed into the school development plan for next year.

With very best wishes,
Liz Coldrick, Head Teacher

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1 st July	Author visit – Andy Seed Spike Ball taster sessions for KS2 classes
Monday 4 th July	Transition meeting for parents of year 2 children in the school hall – 2.45 – 3.15pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 4 class collective worship 9am in the school hall Year 5 will visit Chestnuts Club to perform some songs
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 5 Newent taster day Year 6 leavers rounders match (children v parents) and barbeque at 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 th – Monday 18 th July	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 1 class collective worship 9am in the school hall
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 Children's end of year reports will go out today Year 6 Highnam Quays enterprise event after school – more details to follow
Monday 18 th July	Reception school trip to Over Farm
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
Tuesday 6th September	Start of the new school year – first day back for children