

Highworth Combined School

Dear all

You have heard a lot from me this week so I will try to keep this short and focused!

Today we had our Year 6 Leavers assembly. I am so sorry not to have been able to invite you to join us. The event took place on the field in beautiful sunshine (at last some decent weather) and was enjoyed by everyone. We have not been together in person for far too long and it was a joy to see so many children and adults in place! Year 6 put on an amazing presentation for us. We were not able to record this version (we need to respect the privacy of children within our school), but we did film the same presentation yesterday which will be available to view on the website. Clare Dimishky will send out links to find this, along with a slide show of photographs taken during the course of the last 8 years (thanks must go to Mrs Lenehan for many hours spent preparing this) for you to enjoy together at home this weekend. In addition, we had presentations for the Kilner Cup and the Muriel Lee award, the results of the annual House Point competition and a whole school dance! A big thank you to the PE team who choreographed, taught and practised the dance so that we could all join in. All in all a wonderful celebration of everything that is special about Highworth. Let's hope we can invite you along next year.

Annual reports to parents are being sent home with your children today. Please look out for them, enjoy reading them and then return the comments slip as soon as you are able to. The format has changed a little this year to reflect an unusual year at school, but we hope you will find them useful and informative. The disruption has meant that it is not appropriate for us to report Age Related Expectations. Although the teachers here have done an amazing job of closing gaps in learning, we have simply not had enough time to teach some less crucial parts of the National Curriculum. This missed learning (not the fault of anyone, just a lack of time) has made it

impossible to make the same judgements that we usually would. We know that there will have been time to address this by the time we meet with you at Parents Evening in the Autumn Term so information about your child's attainment will be shared then.

We always aim to keep you well informed about how your children are getting on at school, and you will recall that the most recent Parents Evening was only last half term. However, should there be anything identified on your child's report that needs to be discussed with the teacher, there is the opportunity to do so between 4pm and 5pm on Monday 19th July. The appointments will be via School Cloud and can be booked by phoning Mrs Bennett on 01494 525534 between 9am and 12pm on Monday 19th July.

Some sad news (for us at Highworth): Mrs Harris, Class teacher for Year 1, Phase Leader for Years 5 and 6, Mathematics Mastery School Lead and Assistant Head Teacher, will be leaving us at the end of term. Her list of job titles might go some way to explaining how influential she has been upon the development of teaching and learning at our school. She leaves an amazing legacy of raised expectations for all children and I am very grateful for everything that she has contributed. Our loss is another schools gain: Becca is moving to be Deputy Head Teacher at a large school in Hillingdon. Many congratulations and good luck Becca. Mrs Peters, who has been at Highworth as a Learning Support Assistant for almost 7 years, is also leaving us. Jo is moving to a similar role at a new school and we send her very best wishes for continued success.

Some good news for Highworth is that Nina Sparkes has been promoted to take on the role of Phase Leader for years 5 and 6; Erica Horrocks and Tammy Stewart will now be our Mathematics Mastery School Leads and Ash Smith will be in charge of Initial Teacher Training at our school. Many congratulations to all these teachers on their new positions of responsibility.

You will find attached to this message the following:

- Some links to fabulous resources to help your children keep reading this holidays
- A newsletter from the PE team to update you with all that has happened with sport at school this term
- Links to activity ideas for the summer holidays

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

Summer 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

FREE Discover & Make Craft Sessions Summer 2021!*

We are delighted to announce that at Wycombe Museum we are offering free holiday craft sessions to families who qualify*.

Thanks to funding received from our BIG GIVE campaign 2020.



During the summer holidays we are running a variety of craft sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pre-booking essential. The sessions last 45 minutes.

Only children taking part need a ticket.

To book your free ticket* for this event log onto our website:

<https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events>

At the check-out enter the code: summerbiggive

It's applicable on all the summer discover & make events, subject to availability.

Any problems booking online, call us at the museum to book your place.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*This offer is only available to families who qualify living on low-income and children in care



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SUMMER HOLIDAY

ACTIVITIES

DISCOVER & MAKE

Unicorns, Dragons
& Mythical
Creatures

Kids Craft Activities

27 & 29 July



DISCOVER & MAKE

Roman Clay Pots

Kids Craft Activities

3 & 5 Aug



DISCOVER & MAKE

Medieval Mayhem

Kids Craft Activities

10 & 12 Aug



DISCOVER & MAKE

Mosaic Madness

Kids Craft Activities

17 & 19 Aug



FOX & CUBS



Come and join the summer forest school fun!
outdoor play | exploring | learning
campfire cooking | mud kitchen | finding bugs

23 July - 11 Aug - 20 Aug

Advanced booking advised

Get tickets online at

wycombemuseum.org.uk

Go to the events page

PE Newsletter

The PE team wanted to give you an update on all the exciting things that have been happening in school recently.

Sports Day

All the children in the school took part in their own sports day. They loved racing down the track in their sprint race, pacing it out in the long distance and catapulting themselves forward in an attempt to jump the furthest. The throwing activity was interesting and the young athletes achieved some great distances.

The results were all collated and the scores were totalled by Mr Hawkes and Mr Bailey.

- 1st place – Green house
- 2nd place – Red house
- 3rd place – Yellow house
- 4th place – Blue house

School Games Events

We were lucky enough to be able to attend a year 5 Football event at John Hampden Grammar School on 16th June and competed against Disraeli and Hamilton schools. The children played brilliantly and even got to do a cross bar challenge. We were delighted to be announced the overall winners and runners up.

Sports Hub

Sadly, all of our sports hub events were cancelled but luckily, we were able to organise a mini festival for year 5 and year 6 on Friday 9th July. Year 6 played Tag Rugby and year 5 played football. All the children had great fun and worked really hard as a team. The PE team were really proud of their achievements and were so pleased that the children actually got to compete at some level. In year 6, Green house won and in year 5 Red house won – the wins made Mr Hawkes and Mrs Sturgeon very happy.

Mile A Day

We continue to get children to run their Mile A Day during PE lessons and hope that once we get back to some kind of 'normal' existence in September break times and lunchtimes can be more active.

School Cup

Certain year groups have been involved in an incentive organised by the local School Games Organiser. The children carried out various different challenges and we submitted our timings to compete against other schools in our area. All their effort paid off as Highworth were awarded 2nd place in the Wycombe area. Fantastic news again.

Virtual challenge

Back in May we were asked to participate in a Round the World challenge where children had to spin a ball around their bodies as many times as possible within one minute. Children submitted their scores and Highworth were announced as the winners. All those children that participated were rewarded with a mini lego set. The children were thrilled and so were the school. More amazing news for Highworth.

Keep your children readying this summer!

- The Week Junior have launched a 'Make reading your Superpower' campaign for 8-14 year olds, which offers free subscription for 6 weeks (normally worth £17.94) and includes a summer reading competition.

The Week Junior is a brilliant current affairs magazine for children aged between 8 and 14. It's filled with fascinating stories and information, written to engage curious young minds and encourage them to explore and understand the world around them.



https://theweekjunior.co.uk/sor-specialoffer?ppcad=true&ppcad=true&gclid=CjwKCAjw87SHBhBiEiwAukSeUe2LnknglDcrlieF1LyHAisFI5QIeONRguejJwm6GbQjiP06XqL_xoCr_AQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

- Free e books

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://www.getepic.com/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

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- You can also borrow physical copies of books by visiting your local library who may also have summer reading challenges. To find your nearest library visit:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/libraries/find-a-library/>

- Buckinghamshire Culture are running a Summer of Stories project:

<https://buckinghamshireculture.wordpress.com/Summer-Of-Stories/#story-packs>

Look after your wellbeing this summer - choose one, two or three activities to complete each week and tick them off as you go! Share your favourite activities on social media and tag @ThriveApproach in your post.

Thrive's 6 weeks of summer

1. Nature week

Make a bird feeder. Find a toilet roll tube and cover it in peanut butter*. Roll it in bird seed until covered, and then thread a piece of string through the tube and tie a knot. It's ready to go! Hang where birds can enjoy, and you can watch them.

Use the Thrive Rainbow colour hunt and take it outside to a beach, park or your garden. Draw, write or even collect what you find.

Have a digital detox and plan a day out somewhere new to you. Your plan could include how you get there, what to take for lunch, any items you might need (walking boots for a hike, or towels for the beach). Once you've planned it, invite your friends and family.

2. Mindfulness week

Enjoy time outside and take note of what surrounds you. Notice the sounds, smells, colours and textures. How does your body feel when you are walking? Try describing this to who you are with.

Take time eating your food and appreciate the taste, texture and smell of what you're eating.

Take photos throughout the day of things you are grateful for - they can be big or small. Reflect on your pictures at the end of the day. You could ask friends and family to do the challenge too and share your pictures with each other.

3. Music week

Have a game of musical statues or musical bumps!

Make your own musical instrument. It could be a replica of a real instrument or one of your own imagination! Use items such as boxes, elastic bands, tubes, beads and string and have fun!

Create a playlist of your favourite songs. They could be songs that remind you of people, holidays, events or just songs you really like. Why not create different playlists; one for fun and dancing, one for relaxing and one for motivation.

4. Art week

Make your own paintbrushes by collecting sticks, grass, leaves and petals. Attach the grass, leaves or petals to the stick with string and away you go! Explore the different patterns and textures the paintbrushes can create.

Recreate the cover of your favourite book. Use anything from crayons to modelling clay and have some fun. Think about why this book is so special to you.

Make a tin foil sculpture. Set a time limit of 1 hour and see what you come up with. Why not invite friends and family to make their own sculptures too!

5. Sports week

Set up an obstacle course; you could jump over pillows, do a hopscotch, crawl through a tunnel or balance a ball on a racket. Or, visit a local park and use the equipment there to plan out your course.

Create your own sports day and invite friends to join in the fun. Plan sports with items you already have; balloon tennis, pillowcase race, hula hooping or mark out a long jump. Any activity that you enjoy! You could make certificates for your friends that join in.

Set yourself a target of achieving a daily step goal. See if you can beat your previous day's goal. Why not get your friends and family to join in and encourage each other to get those steps in.

6. Kindness week

Find a rock or stone and paint it with a happy message. On your next walk, leave it somewhere for someone else to find and re-hide to pass on the positive message!

Create a kindness jar; find a jar (or box or bag!), paper and pencil. When you do something nice, or someone does something nice for you, write it down and add it to the jar. When it's full, take all the pieces of paper out and enjoy reading all the acts of kindness you've shared in.

Offer to do a chore for a family member, friend or neighbour who might need some extra help.

Yay, you've completed Thrive's 6 weeks of summer! Celebrate by downloading your certificate from thriveapproach.com/resources*

* Or a peanut butter alternative if you have a nut allergy

** Available from 23 August

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