

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

3RD DECEMBER 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been enjoying our class-led Collective Worships this term. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and confidence shown by all the pupils. In the past month Year 2 has visited Nature in Art, pupils from Year 3 and 5 have enjoyed the Into Film Festival and Years 5 and 6 have visited We The Curious in Bristol. It is super to see the pupils enjoying the Highnam curriculum so much!



Year 2 Nature in Art Trip

On Thursday 8th November, Year 2 visited Nature in Art as an introduction to their topic of Art Attack. Whilst there we learnt how to print with rollers and how to layer colours to add detail. The children all chose a mini-beast to draw and then print. We also made tissue paper bowls using tissue paper and watered down PVA glue. This was incredibly tricky and fiddly, not only for the children but also for the staff and adult helpers! We made our bowls using red and black tissue paper to recreate a poppy following our previous short topic on Remembrance.

In the afternoon, children had the opportunity to explore the exhibit which was British nature through photography. There were photographs of animals and plants in each gallery. The children really enjoyed looking at the photographs and choosing their favourite. We also got to look at the sculptures in the sculpture garden and meet the artist in residence.

We had a brilliant time at Nature in Art and are enjoying exploring more mediums to create our own masterpiece.



PTA News

Christmas Disco — The Christmas disco will be on Friday 7th December straight after school until 5:15pm. We are looking forward to working with the school staff. All pupils can wear 'disco' non-uniform on Friday.

Hampers — The PTA need your help to fill Christmas hampers and raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

Thank you to our team of volunteers who helped to make the film night run so smoothly, if you are able to help with 'wrapping' it will take place on the **4th December**. Please see a member of the PTA team for more details.

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House Quiz

On Wednesday we held our annual house quiz. Pupils were cheered on as they represented their houses answering questions about their topics this term. Following the house captain and audience rounds, the results were in and Oakridge and Lassington were tied in 1st place. A tie break question was asked and Oakridge had the nearest answer and were crowned winners. Thank you to all the pupils who took part.



Congratulations Oakridge House...collecting the trophy: Ellis, Arlo, Phoebe and Ilsa.

Thank you to Isabelle, Hattie, Izzy and Ellie who helped with the recent Education Sunday Service at Highnam Church. Rachel Howie, the Diocese Director of Education was very impressed with the flourishing links between the school and Highnam Church. Thank you girls for your help.



Years 5 and 6 Visit We The Curious

On the 14th November, Year Five and Six went to *We The Curious* (in Bristol). They had a great day and did many amazing things such as: weather reporting, human-size hamster wheel, planetarium (which was in 3D) and much more. There were lots of animation computers which you could use to make your own animation. Also, there was a small, compacted cylinder-like room, which was an example of when you were in your mum's womb. You could feel the breathing and the floor rotated very slowly.

After lunch we went to the Planetarium. It was all about space, planets and the solar system. We had the lucky chance that our slot was in 3D! We wore some of the best 3D glasses in the UK! Isabelle H rated it 10 out of 10. Isabelle O rated *We The Curious* (which used to be called @Bristol) 10 out of 10.

Written by: Megan, Lucia and Tehya



Girls' Football Team

Well done to Isabelle M, Gracie, Katie, Hattie, Lucia, Martha, Megan, Eilidh and Teyha. The team have won their Gloucester Schools' League and won the Super Cup last week — a fantastic achievement.

A big thank you to and Mr Holmes for training and supporting the team over the last few months.



Office Updates

Ties from the School Office

We have a new batch of school ties. However, the cost to make them has gone up so they will now be available for £5.

Reverse Advent

Please support the reverse advent project being run this month to support the work of Gloucester Foodbank. (Please see Mrs Trotman's letter).

School Outdoor Equipment

A quick reminder, due to insurance, the outdoor equipment should not be used without a Highnam staff member present. Thank you for your understanding.

iMax Space Adventure for Year 5

Year 5 had an out of this world experience when they visited Cineworld in Cheltenham. The 'Into Film Festival' were holding a special 3D viewing of A Beautiful Planet and the UK Space Agency and we were fortunate enough to secure a viewing which fitted superbly with our Science topic. Thank you to Cineworld and Into Film Festivals!



Academy Open Day

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who were superb ambassadors for the school during our Open Day last month. The parents were very impressed with the passion and confidence displayed.

Thank you to pupils and staff involved on the day.



Thank you Year 6

Diocesan Sheep visits Highnam

It was our privilege to welcome 'Simon' our diocesan sheep into school last month. Nine sheep are visiting all of the Church of England school in Gloucestershire.

Our sheep spent a weekend at Highnam Church, joined us for our Harvest Festival and was decorated with the Highnam School values before being passed on to Huntley School.



Tap Dancing Update

A big congratulations to Macauley who gained the bronze medal at the World Championship Tap Dance competition in Germany. A fantastic achievement — well done Macauley.



Primary QuEST Remembrance Event

My thanks to all the Primary QuEST staff for preparing such a wonderful day of learning during our Remembrance Event. It was lovely to visit all the schools to see the cross school collaboration and impressive work being produced.

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Tiko for sharing with the Years 5 and 6 pupils here at Highnam, it was a fitting end to a memorable day.



Daniel produced a lovely clay poppy

iReach Africa Visit to Highnam Academy

Our thanks to Miss Read, for visiting the school this week to share updates from the Mozambique school. She has shared her experiences with a number of classes and it has been good to hear about the enthusiastic questions being asked by the classes.



Attendance Update

A big thank you for your help with attendance since September. Our school attendance was up on previous years for Term 1 at 98.5%.

Naming of Clothes

Please can I encourage the naming of all clothes which come into school. We often end up with a number of unnamed items at the end of each week.

Christmas Performances and Parties

On Wednesday 19th December at 2pm and 6pm in Highnam Church our Key Stage Two pupils will be leading a Christmas Carol Service. There will be 2 tickets available to families for each performance. The Key Stage 1 show — 'Lights, Camel, Action' will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th in the morning at 9:30am and 2 tickets will be available per family per show. Tickets will be sent home later in the month.

The children's parties will be held in school time on the following dates:

Thursday 20th December	Year 5/6 AM
Thursday 20th December	Year 5/6 PM
Friday 21st December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 PM

Children may wear non-school uniform on their party day.

As always, we need volunteers to make cakes to be brought in on the morning of the Key Stage Two parties. If you are able to make or buy a dozen cakes please email the office. Once again CaterCater will be cooking the sausages for us and a big thank you to CaterCater for providing the food for the KS1 party.

Christmas Post-box

The post box will be available in the school's entrance area next week. Children are welcome to post their cards. These are sorted and delivered by pupils from Year 6. Please make sure the envelope has the child's surname as well as their first name and their class to aid our sorters!

Theatre Visit

We have booked the Daylight Theatre company to perform on the last day of term which is Friday 21st December. This year the show is Dick Whittington and we look forward to ending a wonderful term with this show.

And finally... We will be having our Christmas dinner together on Monday 17th December. All staff and pupils are involved and we'd like to invite everyone to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform. So it would be great to see parents, staff and pupils in their Christmas jumpers on that day (not compulsory but encouraged)! School finishes at **2:30pm on Friday 21st December**. Term 3 begins on **Monday 7th January**.

Reindeer Food For Sale

Again this year £1 bags of magic reindeer food will be available to buy during December from either Mrs Kirby or from the school office. All money raised is donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Community Coffee Afternoon

On Tuesday 18th December we will be hosting a Community Coffee Afternoon from 2pm-3pm with friends from Highnam Church. There will be a performance from the choir, some of our musicians and mince pies to accompany your refreshments.

If you know of any neighbours who would enjoy a visit to school please encourage them to join us.

On behalf of all the staff may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

December

6th Dec	Flu Vaccination Rec-Year 5	
7th Dec	Year 5 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Christmas Disco	PM
12th Dec	Year 6 to sing at the Farmer's Club	AM
13th Dec	Year 6 to sing in the Cathedral	PM
14th Dec	Reception Class Collective Worship	9am
18th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am
	Experience Christmas (KS2 at Highnam Church)	
	Community Coffee Afternoon	2-3pm
19th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am
	Snow Queen Theatre Visit for Reception	PM
	KS2 Christmas Church Services	2pm & 6pm
20th	Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) Christmas Party	AM
20th	Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) Christmas Party	PM
21th	Daylight Theatre	AM
	Key Stage 1 Party	PM
	End of Term 2	2:30pm

January

7th	Term 3 begins for pupils	8:55am
10th	Football v Castle Hill (Away)	PM
18th	Young Voices Concert	PM
19th	Year 6 Knex Challenge	AM

February

15th	End of Term 3	
22nd	Start of Term 4	
25th	Life Bus Visit to School	All day
26th	Life Bus Visit to School	All day