

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

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Dear Parents,

During our learning walks this term we have been impressed by the pupils' motivation and eagerness to share their learning with us. A big thank you to all staff who plan such exciting learning opportunities and the dedication of the teaching assistant team in supporting pupils on a 1 to 1 or in a small group basis. Finally, thank you to our team of volunteers and parent helpers who support the school by giving freely their time - it is much appreciated. If you would like to help in school please see Mrs Honan in the office or your child's class teacher.

Carducci Quartet

Many thanks to the Carducci Quartet for their visit to Highnam Academy on Friday. The whole school were treated to a musical spectacular in Collective Worship and Year 5 afterwards enjoyed a practical workshop. Details of the Carducci Quartet May weekend are attached with the newsletter.

Mountain Biking at Newent School

Two Highnam teams took part in the Forest of Dean north section of the mountain biking challenge a week ago. The conditions were tough but the teams performed well with one of the teams finishing in 2nd place during the afternoon. Well done to all involved.



Mountain Biking at Newent

#Highnam Challenge

It has been super to see the number of pupils who have taken on the Highnam Challenge set by Miss Owen at the start of last term. A number of achievements have been shared on Twitter using the hashtag **#HighnamChallenge** and other updates have been sent into school. We will be celebrating these achievements via a special display in school soon. Thank you to Miss Owen for organising this super school challenge.



Jacob completed the 7k Malvern Colour Run

Big Pedal House Competition

Once again we took part in the national Big Pedal Competition at the end of term 5. Thank you to all who cycled or scooted to school. Despite the mixed weather it has been wonderful to see the bike shed overflowing with bikes and scooters and the number of parents who have taken part in the challenge.



Jack and Joseph during the Big Pedal

Highnam Tag Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 25th April Highnam hosted the Annual Tag Rugby Festival for pupils in Years 3 and 4. This year four other schools joined us: Hartpury, Hempsted, Redmarley and Staunton and Corse. The festival was played in a great spirit. Congratulations to Hempsted and Highnam who were the joint winners.



The Highnam Tag Rugby Team

Ex Highnam Pupils - Inspire us!

It is always great to hear what past Highnam pupils have been up to since leaving us. Please share news via: admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk. We have been updating a section of the website with the latest news.

<http://www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk/home/guestbook>

K'NEX Challenge

Well done to Jack and Josh who represented Highnam at the County K'Nex Challenge at Millbrook Academy last week. The challenge this year was to make cross generational gym equipment.



Well done Jack and Josh

Year 4 Brass Lessons

A big thank you to the William Andrews Foundation who every year kindly cover the cost of the whole school brass lessons at Highnam Academy.

Excitingly, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have continued playing brass instruments with Gloucester Brass after school which is great to see. A couple of ex-pupils are also playing with the band in a few events this year which is fantastic to hear about.



Harrison and Year 4 ready to play their first note



Highnam PTA Summer Fair

A quick reminder the PTA Summer Fair will be on Friday 22nd June. If you are able to help out during the afternoon please pass on your name to the PTA team or Mrs Honan.

New Visitors in School

We are very excited to welcome some baby eels in to our Reception class and after much preparation 'Dave' an Axolotl is now in Year 2. This amphibian will undoubtedly be the talk of the school! Thank you to Mrs Trotman for organising his arrival and Severn and Wye Smokery for providing the eels.



Indie and Eloise keeping an eye on the elvers

Highnam Recommended Reads

There is a great display outside the Hub with staff reading recommendations. Thank you to Miss Coldrick for creating this...pop in and see our staff reading suggestions.



Highnam App

A number of people have been regularly using the Highnam App which is great to hear. It is a quick and easy way to see the latest newsletter, view photo galleries and keep an eye on important dates.

Download from the App store today searching for Webanywhere and Highnam Academy.

Big Brekkie: Supporting Christian Aid

This year the school community is invited to a special breakfast at Highnam Academy on Friday 18th May. The breakfast will be provided by Cater Cater and proceeds will go to support the work of Christian Aid.

School will be open from 7:30am through to 8:45 for a delicious cooked breakfast. It would be lovely to see the hall full. Please let Mrs Honan know if you are able to make it to help with catering numbers. Suggested donation: £2 per pupil and £5 per adult.

Come together and tuck into a tasty breakfast with us and help fight poverty.



And finally... introducing Olivia

This year the pupils in Key Stage Two will be part of a show called Olivia. This brilliant and innovative show, set in Victorian times, traces the steps of Olivia, from downtrodden orphan to star of the stage.

The show dates are:

11th July at 6pm

12th July at 2pm

12th July at 6pm

More information to follow soon.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher