

Dear parents/carers,

It has been another busy and mostly sunny week here at Highweek.

SATs

This week our year 6 children completed their end of Primary school tests (SATs). This consisted of a grammar and punctuation paper, a spelling test, a reading comprehension and three maths tests. Well done year 6 for all your hard work this week! Thank you also to Miss Christina Hitchcock for the daily bacon butties and to all the staff involved in making this week go so smoothly.

Competition news

You may recall that we recently received the news that Lexi-Mae Hodgson-Baylis won the national poetry competition and won the school a virtual visit by Michael Rosen. We are delighted to announce that we have since found out that Sophie Brice in Year 6 was also chosen as runner up. This means we also receive a prize of 10 signed copies of Sticky McStickstick. Well done girls!

Arts Week

Week Beginning 23rd May will be Arts week at Highweek and teachers are busy preparing. Each class will be looking at a different artist and creating a final piece inspired by their work. Thank you to Mrs Dinata and Mrs Warburton for organising the week.

Relational Behaviour Policy

This week we have been reviewing our behaviour policy which is based around relational practice. Our policy can be found here (<https://www.highweekprimary.co.uk/school-policies>). Some of the main points from the policy include:

- Our Relational Behaviour Policy underpins all teaching and learning in the School. The policy enables the school to promote and maintain an inclusive environment conducive to learning - one which safeguards the rights of other pupils to be educated and is proportionate.
- We believe that all behaviour is communication. We realise that sometimes this can present in a variety of ways so may look different for individual pupils.

At Highweek, we believe that exclusions do not have a positive impact on a child, their family or the relationships built in school. We therefore aim to only ever use both fixed term or permanent exclusions as a last resort. We aim to try all other possible strategies and seek support from wider professionals to try and prevent this from happening.

At Highweek we use a **Restorative Approach**

Our restorative approach is based on four key features:

RESPECT – for everyone by listening to other opinions and learning to value them

RESPONSIBILITY - taking responsibility for your own actions

REPAIR – developing the skills within our school community so that its individual members have the necessary skills to identify solutions that repair harm and ensure behaviours are not repeated.

RE-INTEGRATION - working through a structured, supportive process that aims to solve the problem and allows young people to remain in mainstream education.

At Highweek we use restorative approaches to encourage everyone to take responsibility for their behaviours. All staff will apply restorative approaches to resolving situations in the school. This includes restorative conversations to unpick the situation and decide on appropriate reflections and actions.

For more information on this, please come and talk to myself, Mrs Matthews or Mrs Jenkins in EYFS.

Whole School Curriculum Evening Wednesday 25th May 5pm

Come along and find out about our curriculum and how we aim to support your children here at Highweek. Please email Mrs Morlidge on nmorlidge@highweekprimary.co.uk if you are planning to attend.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Ms Claire Redwood

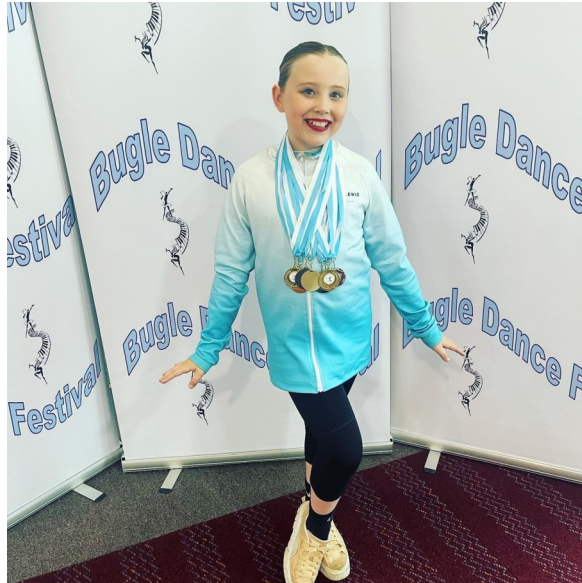
let's celebrate!



Well done to Bella Weeks from Bovey class who has recently gained her level 6 in gymnastics.



Shaya Harris from Teign class took part in a big dance competition in Cornwall over the weekend. Some of her sections had nearly 30 dancers in but she came away with 10 medals for placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in her solos and groups. She also qualified for 3 of her solos in the regional finals of the All England competition which is amazing and this will be taking place at the end of the month.



Diary Dates

May

Monday 16th May at 3:30pm - Parents are invited to join us for a year 6 residential meeting in the school hall.

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May – Art Week.

Wednesday 25th May at 5pm - Parents are invited to attend a curriculum information evening.

Friday 27th May - Year 3/4 visiting Paignton Zoo.

Friday 27th May - School closes for the half term break.

June

Tuesday 7th June - School re-opens.

Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Tia Potter who very kindly donated the fruit for the year 6 end of SATS celebration day today.



Do you receive 2 year old funding??

Did you know this can be used from your child's 3rd birthday.

Your child could be entitled to 30 hours a week at our nursery.

Should you need more details please pop in or give us a call on 01626 216300.

It's Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's theme is loneliness, and how it impacts our mental health.

For more information follow the link below:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/bulletins/3166f4e>

Mental Health Awareness Week

9 - 15 May 2022

#IveBeenThere



Please continue to support your children with their weekly spellings.

Children from Year 2-6 will be sent home with weekly spellings to learn.

Please contact your child's class teachers if you need to be sent the spellings for that week.

Come Read With Me.

• Monday 23rd May 2.45pm: Year 1

• Tuesday 24th May 3pm: Year 3/4

• Wednesday 25th May 3pm: Year 6

• Thursday 26th May 3pm: Year 5

• Friday 27th May 2.45pm: Year 2



This year Sports Day will be taking place on **Wednesday 22nd June**. (weather permitting)

Details are as follows:

- Pupils will be taking part in a round robin of events during the afternoon.
- Parents are invited to join us. Times to be confirmed.
- An ice cream van will be at the event.

Your child's class teacher will inform you of what colour t-shirt your child will need for the day before the half term break.

Total 14 Football Academy places are still available.

Please follow this link to register:

<https://www.total14footballacademy.co.uk/webshop/schools-and-education/highweek-after-school-clubs>

Sessions are: 3:30 - 4:30

Monday KS1 mixed.

Monday KS2 girls only.

Friday KS2 boys only.



Mardle class had **97.1%** attendance for the period of 25th - 29th April 2022.

Dart class had **98.7%** attendance for the period of 2nd - 6th May 2022.



A huge well done to you all !!!!

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is **96.2%**.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.

School Matters!



Class	W/C 25th April	W/C 2nd May
Tamar	93.9%	96.2%
Telign	85.4%	93.8%
Torridge	95.5%	97.2%
Ashburn	96.2%	91.3%
Plym	93.2%	97.8%
Dart	94.2%	98.7%
Exe	94.4%	93.4%
Tavy	93.5%	98.4%
Bovey	95.2%	95.7%
Mardle	97.1%	93.8%
Carey	91.9%	89.5%
Mole	90.9%	93.9%
Taw	93.6%	94%

Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more.

This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. BUT 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in both primary and secondary schools.

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Theme	Persist in the face of setbacks.		Effort as the path to mastery.	
Date	Weekending Friday 6th May		Weekending Friday 13th May	
Ashburn	May Williams	Harris Storer	Erika Nanfuka	Charlie Mason
Bovey	Henry Joint	Lewis Seal	Bella Weeks	Kane Walker
Carey	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock	Amelia Philpott	Felicity Godfrey	Mati Kiezun
Dart	Ethan Corry	Chelsie Lungu	Carly Barlow-Miller	Myles Mason
Exe	Phoebe Wadham	Tyler Stephens	Joey Evans-Hingston	Bartosz Kiezun
Mardle	Rylee Jordan	Freddie Collins	Amiee-Louise Bolton	Esmee Wills
Plym	Reuben Brock	Violet Cartwright	Lily Hannigan-Train	Tyler Wise
Tamar	Bethany Reeve	Nikita Gorickij	Whole Class	
Tavy	Tilly Cameron-Davies	Islay MacTaggart	Jaxlee Harris	Gracie-May Smith
Telign	Stevie Lee	Lucas Small	Brooke Perry-Feecham	Charlie Tremlett
Torridge	Rylee Lane	Louie Brown	Whole Class	

Well done to our Accelerated Readers

100,000 words.	Riley Dale & Riley Potter.
250,000 words.	Paulina Holubinka, Carly barlow-Miller, Keira Brown & Lily Wayham.
500,000 words.	Paulina Holubinka.
750,000 words	Georgia Waldron.
2.5 million words.	Chase Tuckett.

**Look at what we have been up to on our
school trips and in school.**



Year 5 had the opportunity to join an Athletics festival at Coombeshead School last week. They took part in a round robin of activities led by year 10 children. All of the children put in 100% effort and were so engaged by the activities.

Year 5 had the pleasure of visiting Northcott Theatre in Exeter to watch 'Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World'. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children and they enjoyed it very much.



Year 6 leavers hoodies

Our year 6 pupils were delighted to have been given their year 6 leavers hoodies today. Children will be able to wear these at break and lunchtimes.

