

SPORTS DAY 2021

What an amazing day! I know many of you were disappointed not to have joined us on our Year 1 - 6 sports day but I can assure you that the children had a fantastic time. Please have a look at all the pictures which will be appearing on our website shortly. I'd like to give a big shout out to Miss Vicky Romain for all her hard work in organising this very successful day and also to all of you for your support with this event.



NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK.

A huge congratulations and well done to Dexter Beverley from Plym class, who recently took part in a 5km run to raise money for better disabled access at the Scout headquarters. He raised an incredible £500. If you would like to donate to Dexter's fundraising page, visit: justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dexter-beverley

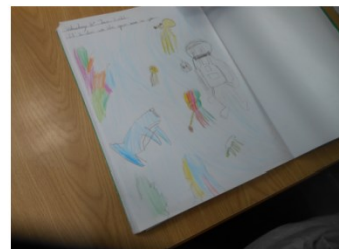
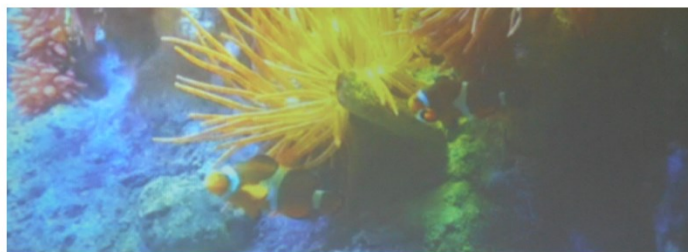


A visit to Topsham Rugby Club in Exeter last Friday 18th June was enjoyed by some of our Year 3 pupils. They took part in a range of non-competitive activities.

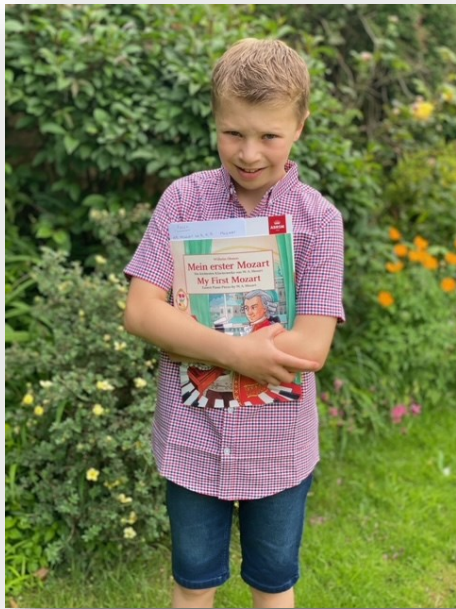
We have a few pupils who have been busy taking part in a variety of activities, Elise & Esme Keskin, played a football match over the weekend and Elise scored 2 goals and was awarded 'Player of the Match'.

Dexter Beverley, Alfie Driver and Samuel Joint who are all in the Cubs hiked from the top of Highweek Village to Bradley Barton. They had to go through the woods and walk in all of the mud.

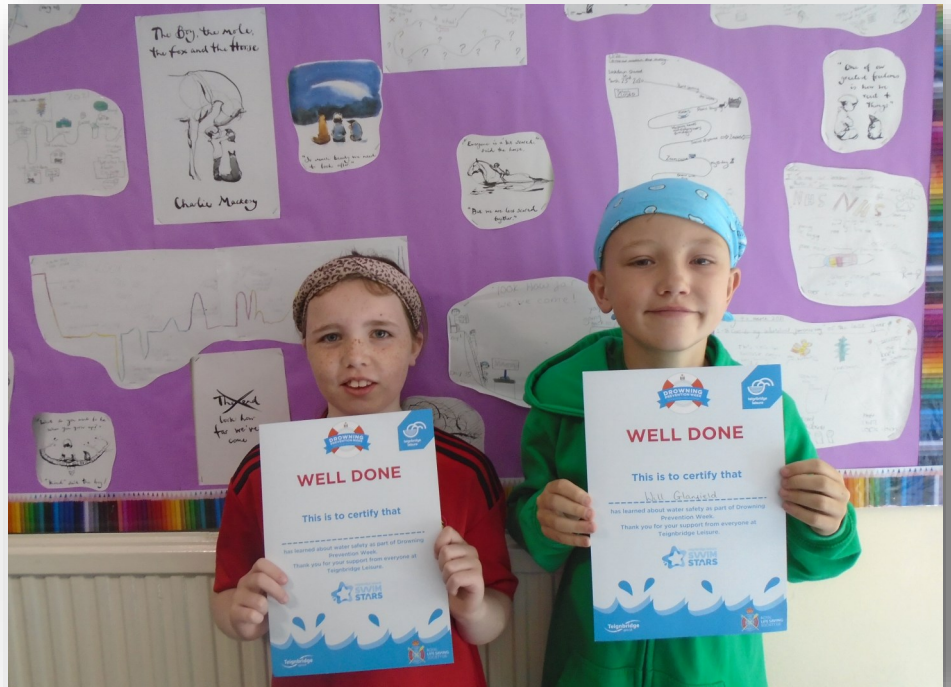
Also Isla Edwards got her first swimming certificate, she is now able to get in the water by herself and swim for 5 metres, she also had to push off the wall to get her badge and will receive her second badge once she is able to jump in the pool.



Last Wednesday Year 4's went on a Virtual Tour of The Plymouth Aquarium. This was a fabulous way for us to celebrate our Blue Abyss Topic. It was a fact filled morning that enabled us to consolidate our learning about marine creatures' adaptations, how they can be classified and the impact of pollution on the ocean environment. Some of the highlights of our tour included meeting Spaghetti the young octopus, who gave us the most amazing display; we learnt that she has 9 brains! We caught a glimpse of Friday the turtle swimming with the incredible sharks, learnt how lobsters defend themselves, and watched the stunning jellyfish in their amazing rotating tank. The children have been compiling a double page spread of all of their knowledge and skills; it is clear that they have learnt a great deal and are passionate about the impact plastic waste has on the marine environment.



“On Friday 11th June, Max took his Grade 2 Piano Exam and a few days later found out he had passed with a merit! He had to play 3 pieces of music for the examiner and learn lots of scales.”



The year 5 and 6 pupils learnt about water safety in swimming this week as part of drowning prevention week. They experienced what it was like to swim in their pyjamas and practised saving each other from the pool. Every pupil who took part received a certificate.

Governor pen portrait

I am a Governor at your school who is leaving at the end of this term. However, I wanted to say a goodbye as well as a hello to some of you. I have enjoyed my time over the past couple of years as a Governor and am leaving due to personal reasons and nothing to do with the school. I work for Devon County Council in the Education department dealing with all the school census data and often help primary schools with their census returns in order to maximise their funding. One of the ways to increase funds for the school is through Pupil Premium funding.

I have been your Pupil Premium Governor and will remain so until the end of this term and wanted to say a little bit about that.

Pupil Premium is an extra amount of funding that can come into the school in various ways from the Government. The main way is via Free School Meal eligibility. If you think that you would be eligible for Free School Meals it is really important that you apply. The school office will be able to help you in getting your application done and will support you as much as possible with this. You can also contact Devon County Council Free School Meals Team for further information.

I would like to thank all of the staff and students for being such an amazing school and look forward to hearing all the good things that carry on after I have left. All the best to you all for the future.

Sharon Vaughan.
Governor.



Pupil Premium

At Highweek we empower every individual to aim high and reach further. Together we work in partnership with our community to help every individual develop the skills needed to embrace their future and to help them be well prepared for life in Modern Britain.

The purpose of the pupil premium grant is to enable schools to narrow the gap, ensuring that all children reach their academic potential no matter their starting point.

The grant can also be used to ensure that disadvantaged pupils have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra curricular activities: we subsidise residential trips and will be providing free lunch and after school sports clubs from September. You may be aware that we are aiming to facilitate one to one music teaching in school next term and if you'd like your child to learn an instrument, we may be able to subsidize some lessons. With this in mind, we will no longer be spending the money to provide a free jumper or cardigan at the start of each academic year for all pupils who are eligible. However, if you find yourself in difficulty and in need of uniform, do come and talk to us.

Should you wish to see a copy of our pupil premium policy or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Ms C Redwood

Please could we remind parent/carers of our uniform expectations.

Uniform requirements are as follows:

Purple jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan . *Please purchase via schoolcomms.*

Grey trousers / shorts / pinafore / skirt. White polo shirt / white shirt / white blouse. Purple gingham dress.

P.E. Kit – Purple T-shirt, black shorts and PE bag. *Please purchase via schoolcomms.*

Black plain, sensible, flat, smart leather school shoes should be worn by both boys and girls.

Jewellery should not be worn in school.

All pupils should have a suitable waterproof outdoor coat for playtimes and outdoor learning.

Uniform Price List HIGHWEEK Primary School 2021-2022

Sweatshirts

3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13	£9.00
Adult sizes small-medium-large	£11.00

Cardigans

3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13	£10.50
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Printed P.E. Kits

3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13,	£11.50
14-15	£12.00

Printed P.E. T-Shirts

3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13, 13-14	£5.00
Adult sizes small-medium-large	£6.00

Reversible Jacket (pre-order only)

2-3, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14	£22.00
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Printed Book Bags

	£7.50
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P.E. Bags

	£5.00
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School Water Bottles

	£1.80
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School Caps

	£4.00
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Boys Uniform

Purple School Sweatshirt or
Purple Sweatshirt



Grey/Black Trousers



White Shirt



Girls Uniform

White Shirt



Grey/Black Skirt/Pinafore or
Trousers



Purple School Sweatshirt/
Cardigan or Purple
Sweatshirt/Cardigan



PE Kit



Bookbag



School Improvement

This week Miss Fran Lilley led the staff training on reading and the teaching of reading comprehension in particular. Reading comprehension strategies focus on the learners' understanding of written text. Pupils are taught a range of techniques which enable them to comprehend the meaning of what they read. These can include: inferring meaning from context; summarising or identifying key points.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of talking to some of our key stage 2 children about their learning. Some of our Year 4 pupils told me about their work on teeth and the digestive system and their experiment involving eggs, vinegar and orange juice.

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the English Civil War and I joined in with their lesson about Oliver Cromwell: Was he a Saviour or a Usurper? I was very impressed by the level of engagement of the children, their knowledge and the vocabulary used. I now know what a Usurper is!



Bovey class had 100% attendance for the period of 7th - 11th June 2021.

Taw & Dart class both had 100% attendance for the period of 14th - 18th June 2021.

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.

Every day counts.....

We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. There is a clear link between achievement and attendance and you can keep up with date with your child's attendance via the School Gateway app. We work closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and review attendance on a monthly basis, any pupils falling below our 96.2% target may receive a letter home highlighting this. We will continue to monitor their attendance and if there is no improvement we will invite parents into school to discuss how we are able to work actively together ensure a regular pattern is maintained. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance please contact school, a copy of our attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Class	W/C 7th June	W/C 14th June
Tamar	97.9%	94.5%
Teign	95%	93.3%
Torridge	94.7%	95.7%
Ashburn	95%	95%
Plym	99.2%	97.5%
Dart	99.1%	100%
Exe	97%	97.4%
Tavy	92.1%	96.6%
Mardle	97.2%	96.9%
Bovey	100%	96.4%
Meavy	95.5%	97.3%
Mole	96.2%	89%
Taw	94.4%	100%

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

Theme	Able to examine mistakes.		Embrace challenge.	
Date	Weekending Friday 18th June		Weekending Friday 25th June	
Ashburn	Dominik Sevostjanov	Josie Worthington	Amelia Reeves	Tyler Stephens
Bovey	Fiona Brown	Cody Cottam	Lilly-Louise Jameson	Amelia Sims
Dart	Herbie Powlesland	Kadi-May Bowden	Paulina Holubinka	Jacob Rendell
Exe	Theo Blackford-Ede	Chelsie Lungu	Madalyn Dale	Tyler Jarvis
Mardle	Tommy Walton	Lola Dinata	Ora-Reign Watkins	Oliver Regan
Plym	Alfie Driver	Aaliyah Clifford	Leo Hole	Keeley Hughes
Tamar	Zoe Brazil	Annaleise Bolton	Samuel Avery	Gustas Silevicius
Tavy	Jessica Bendzala	Oscar Estlick	Phoebe Wadham	Nathan Jewell
Teign	Harriet Regan	Sophie Brice	Neve Wortley	Isobel Kendall
Torridge	Faith Fenson-White	Toby MacTaggart	Erin Perry	Louie Brown

Well done to our Accelerated Readers.

50,000 words.

Ethan Corry

100,000 words.

Ollie De-Ville & Annaleise Bolton.

250,000 words.

Keira Brown

750,000 words.

Owen Messer

1 million words.

Libby Manning

1.5 million words.

Toby MacTaggart

4 million words.

Harriet Regan



If you are sending in a snack for your child, please could we ask that only fruit or vegetables are sent in.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Support Group

If you have a child with an ASD diagnosis, there is a new parent support group available.

If you are interested in joining this please email: earlyhelpsouthsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

Do you know anyone who is looking for a Nursery or Reception class place?

If so, please direct them to our school website www.highweekprimary.co.uk and on the Early Years section we have a lovely page introducing all of the staff and a virtual tour of the building and outside space that we are very lucky to have.



This year the Book Fair will be organised differently.

Please could you make sure that when you are purchasing books the correct money is brought in as we do not hold change within the school.

The Book Fair will take place after school each day.

Friday 25th June - Year 5 & 6 (KS2 Playground)

Monday 28th June - Year 4 (Netball court)

Tuesday 29th June - Year 4 (Netball court)

Thursday 1st July - Year 3 (Netball court)

Friday 2nd July - Year 3 (Netball court)

Monday 5th July - KS1 (KS1 playground)

Tuesday 6th July - KS1 (KS1 playground)

Thursday 8th July - EYFS (EYFS building)

Friday 9th July - EYFS (EYFS building)

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