

Highwood Round Up July 2019

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Taekwon-Do Assembly

Our children that have been learning Taekwon-Do treated the children to display of their skills. The grand finale was watching Master Nick Symonds smash through blocks with his bare hands! Did you know...that Taekwon-Do is the most practised martial art in the world offering a great way to keep in shape physically and mentally, while learning how to defend yourself? Why not give it a try and join the club?



"I performed a Taekwon-do pattern in assembly. I felt excited when I received a certificate to show I have moved up to the next level." Jayesh

"I was very proud of myself to take part in the Taekwon-do assembly. The best part was when the Masters broke up the blocks." Michael

"I got to show my Taekwon-do techniques to the whole school. It was so much fun!" Krithik



Aldenham Country Park

The children in Year 1 went searching for mini-beasts. They created beautiful pieces of art using natural resources, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

"I liked playing and climbing. We made Andy Goldsworthy art. I made a wheel"
Vanessa



"We went to see the ducks. We used natural materials to make our art." Emily



"I like going on a mini-beast hunt. There were lots of logs to explore and look under." Isabelle



Reading Together

The poem goes... "Read, read, read, the more you read, the more you know, the more you know, the more you grow, so read, read, read!"



"Thank you to all of the parents and carers that have given their time to read with their child this year." Mr Meyjes



Tying Ties

In preparation for their transition to secondary school, Year 6 enjoyed learning and teaching each other how to make the perfect tie knot.



"It was complicated but fun."
Naraen



We followed Mr Waygood's steps. Overall it was good practice and I think every Year 6 class should do this." Aline



"It was fun, I learned how to do the easy knot." Hareh

Sports Day — Years 1, 2 and 3

Come on Highwood! On Sports Day, the children enjoyed competing in a variety of events to represent their houses. Thank you to the Friends for donating ice lollies to cool everyone down afterwards.



"The races were fun to take part in. I liked the running race best as I won 1st place." Mahdi

"It feels like a gold medal...I feel so happy!" Leo

"I enjoyed the egg and spoon race. It was difficult but lots of fun." Jola

"In the running race, I came in second place but my favourite was the sack race." Fajr

"I liked the running race because I'm really fast." Isaac

"I am happy because I like people being happy." Elena

"I liked racing my friends." Christopher

"I ran really fast in the running race and was happy to win 3rd place." Abigail

"I liked it when everyone was cheering." Chloe



Sports Day — Years 4, 5 and 6

The scores from Years 1 to 3 were added together with those from Years 4 to 6. So, (drumroll please)...the final positions were...in 4th place were Air with 154, 3rd place went to Earth with 179 points, in second place with 207 was Fire and in 1st place with 224 points was Water. Well done to everyone for your sportsmanship and positive mental attitudes.

"We all did really well and everyone had fun." Owen

"Sports Day was good because everyone took part and won." Thomas

Sports Day was exceptional. I enjoyed bouncing the ball on the racket because I came first and I didn't drop it." Nakul

Sports Day was fun and everyone had a nice time." Kallun

"We had a sack race and everyone was cheering the class. We were supporting each other." Joey

"It was better in the relay because everyone got to take part. It was also good and fun." Abbie

"I enjoyed Sports Day because I came third in the running race." Gemma

My favourite thing was the sprint and I came third." Charlie

"I tried really hard and came joint first." Archie

"I enjoyed balancing a ball on a bat. I even came first! Lucie"



Girls' Football

On Saturday 29th June, the girls' football team took 3 squads to the Watford District Primary Schools FA 6-a-side tournament held at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls. The Highwood Blue team reached the semi-finals on the day and were only knocked out on penalties. Congratulations to Kodie who was named player of the tournament by the WDP SFA organisers and referees.



"There was a stand which gave away melon. It was a great day even if we didn't win and I am proud of the team for trying." Sophie

"The Haberdashers' tournament was fun and very challenging in the matches. It was great that we got to the semi finals but lost on penalties because the goalie was as tall as the cross bar!" Amelie

"I really enjoyed the matches even though it was very hot. We ran around for a long time and didn't get much rest. The last match was tough because they were about 6 feet tall! There was a stall which gave out fruit for free. Overall, even though we didn't win, we tried our hardest and I'm proud of everyone." Kodie

Tri-Golf County Finals

We made it all the way to the finals. Yet another fantastic achievement. Well done!

"I found playing against other teams in our county fun because as well as golf there were games and performance on a stage and stalls." Natalie



"I really enjoyed practising putting and chipping. I loved doing the courses because it was different to all the other ones I have usually done." Myla

Dance World Cup

On 27th June, 2 of our very talented children went to Portugal to represent England in the 2019 Dance World Cup. Kimara-Mai came second in her category and her sister Kristen-Leigh finished in second and third place in hers. Well done!



"It was amazing. I loved the experience that I had. I came second and third and altogether England won. My sister and I got a nice tan too as well!" Kristen-Leigh



"I really enjoyed it, I came second in a song and dance group. And I got a nice tan as well!" Kimara-Mai

Hamlet at Bushey Meads

Bravo! A group of Highwood pupils attended an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's play, Hamlet, performed by the Bushey Meads Theatre Company.



"I liked the promenade theatre where you had to move around a lot because it had various twists and turns. I enjoyed it immensely." Josiah

"They didn't hold back on the themes of tragedy and death. I also like when they put all the plays in one and made a comedy show." Joe

"I really enjoyed the promenade theatre because we got to follow the action and drama. The storyline and actors were great!" Alice

French Mini Olympics Years 5 and 6

Madame Watson and her team of Year 6 French speakers hosted an event for their fellow Year 5s and once they had a team ready, they visited Bushey Meads to take part in this event against local primary schools. The children showed off their knowledge of vocabulary and cultural knowledge and went on to win! Très bien! We are delighted to have brought the trophy home.



"We tried our hardest and it paid off!" Daisy

"It was a great opportunity and a great way to end the year." Charlie



"I'm so glad we remembered one of the French superstitions that Madame Watson had told us about as it helped us!" Thalia

Music Assembly

Music to our ears! Mrs Nicolas and Mr Whitworth showcased our many talented musicians who played the piano, guitar and sang beautifully.



"It was quite exciting because you don't usually get to perform in front of the school and it was my last time being part of the choir. It was nice to see all the people learning the piano and other instruments." Daisy

"I really liked the guitars, they sounded like a pattern. The piano sounded different because of the notes." Vihaan



Della Allen Awards

The governors of the school took on the tricky challenge to choose the winners of these prestigious awards. The three categories were Creative Arts, Community Spirit and Progress. Well done to all of the nominees.



"I felt really proud to be nominated and it was really exciting to wait until the end to see who had won each category." Natalie

"I felt excited because I was nominated and I enjoyed reading what was written on my certificate." Summer



Sports Assembly

Mr Willimott announced the winners of Sportsman of the Year in a special assembly. Well done everyone on your achievements.



"I was really proud to get our class' Sports Personality of the Year because I had already got Boys' Football Manager's Playertoo." Charlie

"I liked that we all had a chance to win and we all got a certificate." Asher

"It was really special to me to be nominated. I will remember it and celebrate it." Liy



Attendance Awards

Mrs Faulkner and Ms Green awarded a special gold certificate and gift to all of the children with 100% attendance for the year. A big well done to everyone who has attended school regularly during the year.



Year 6 Leavers' Show

The Year 6 children wrote and performed their favourite memories of their journey through Highwood! Thank you to all of the staff who have taught us - we hope that you remember us with a smile!



"It was fun performing our memories, especially the songs and plays we did. The best bit was the children on quadbikes pretending to run over the teacher." Jake

"I love the way it brought all of us together in both classes. It was like we were family."

Amie



"It was fun and funny. It was also a bit emotional and I cried. At the end, we were all good friends." Chloe



So long, farewell!

All the best at secondary school Year 6! We hope that you continue to be hardworking and resilient in order to achieve your dreams. A huge thank you to Mrs Shiers for organising the Year 6 Leavers' Party. They all had a fantastic time.



"Thank you Year 6 for being a wonderful cohort to teach this year. I wish you every success at your secondary schools. Work hard and play hard. It'll be grand!" Ms Green

Another year - and a special class, full of fun, smiling children to say goodbye to. But I'm not going to cry because I know you'll have a fantastic time - you'll be great!" Mr Waygood

