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HIGHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Highwood's Round Up

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Author Visit Liz Flanagan - Year 5 and 6

Years 5 & 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from successful children's author, Liz Flanagan. The children read extracts of her book *Dragon Daughter* and took part in a writing workshop with Liz. After the workshop they had the opportunity to buy signed copies of her book. It was a fantastic experience for all of the children to work with a successful writer and get a glimpse into how an author starts the writing process.

"The books were very adventurous, I hope she writes more books."
Arianna - Year 5

"She was very descriptive with her writing which could help some people if they are stuck."
Osmaan - Year 6

"It was a good experience because I learned new stuff."
Brookelin - Year 6

"I have never met an author before and she gave inspirational advice."
Aayan - Year 6

"I really liked how she does her drawings and uses her words."
Year 5 - Dan

"She was very creative with all of the things that she did with us."
Amelie - Year 6



Author Visit Sue Mongredien Years 1, 2 & 3

Years 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed our second author visit of the month. Sue Mongredien, author of "The Real Family Christmas" came to talk to the children and share some of her book with them. Our Library ambassadors also had a chance to ask her lots of questions about her work as an author. A big thank you to Chorleywood Bookshop who have been working with Mr Meyjes to make these visits possible for our children.

"She showed us some books she had written when she was a little girl." Sophie - Year 1

"We made up a story together about Father Christmas." Kanish - Year 1

"I liked the visit because it was very fun." Lyla - Year 3

"I liked the ending of the story." Grace - Year 1

"I enjoyed the book. When Santa was sick his brother had to do it but he was very clumsy!" Abu-Bakr - Year 3

"She wrote a lot of books and there is a new book. I really want to read it." Sophia - Year 1



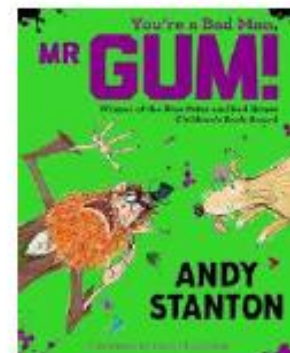
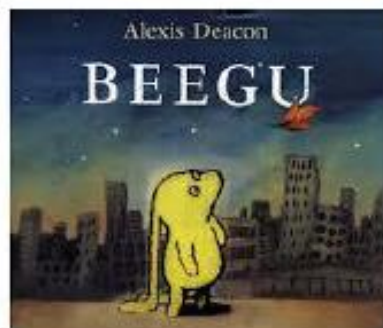
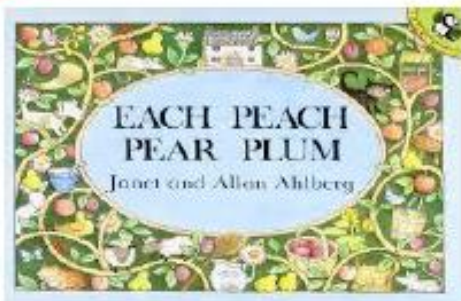
100 Best Books Assembly

Mr Meyjes hosted the '100 Best Books World Cup Assembly' to see which of our Highwood 100 Best Books are the most popular. The children were very excited to vote and give reasons for their choices. Which one of the 100 Best Books will you be reading over the Christmas Holidays?

"We voted for 'Each Peach Pear Plum' because we liked how it rhymed and it has fairy tale characters in."
Sophie - Year 1

"We chose 'Beegu' because we like it when she finds her mummy and when some children help her."
Florence - Year 2

"My class voted for 'You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum'. I would recommend it because it is a funny comedy. It is about a girl called Polly who has to save a whopper of a dog called Jack from Mr Gum. So go on down to the library and get a copy before it is gone!"
Isabel - Year 4



Achievement Assembly



Our final Achievement Assembly was a celebration of the hard work from Highwood children across the whole term. The teachers were asked to nominate a child from each class who stands out for always trying their best and working hard.

Well done to Khloe, Louis, Mayuran, Maxwell, Fajr, Sophia, Niyam, Romaissa, Veer, Rudra, Lexi and Nakul; we are so proud of you!

Puppets Update



The Puppets in Year 6 are starting to take shape. A lot of hard work has been done to make, clothe and string them. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who have come in to help Mrs Kamboz and the children. In the Spring Term the children will be learning how to operate them correctly before beginning to rehearse for their end of year performances. Watch this space for updates on their progress!



"I liked the sewing because it was challenging at the start but I got used to it." Nakul - Year 6



"My favourite part was making the hair because you can make it any colour that you like." Rameen - Year 6



"It's really fun and it's nice to do at the end of Year 6. You also get a puppet to bring home." Mara - Year 6

"I liked stringing the puppets but I am looking forward to making the set." Nithulan - Year 6



Christmas Fair



The Christmas season kicked off with the fantastically festive, Friends of Highwood Christmas Fair. This year, it was bigger and better than ever and included the ever popular Santa's Grotto and the Secret Shopping Room. The fair was very well attended and all of the families there walked away with a treat! Thank you to the Friends of Highwood for all of their hard work organising the fair which raised £4003.70. We look forward to working with the Friends in the Spring Term on new projects for our school community.




"I liked helping out as an elf because I got to interact with all of the little children."
Eve - Year 6

"I liked the Christmas Fair because there was a good variety of stands with different things to do." Georgina - Year 6

Bedtime Stories - KS1

As darkness fell across the school, we welcomed back our Reception and Key Stage One children to share some Christmas bedtime stories. The children listened to stories read by our teachers and were served hot chocolate and a biscuit treat. A big thank you to Friends of Highwood for providing refreshments for waiting parents in the hall and to Mr Meyjes for organising the event. The classrooms have never looked so cosy!



"I liked it when we had hot chocolate and the Christmas stories."
Christopher - Year 2

"I came to school wearing my unicorn onesie and it was very cosy. Miss Marriott read us 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'." Grace - Year 1

"I dipped the biscuits into the hot chocolate and it tasted delicious."
Violet - Year 1

"My favourite part was reading 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'." Sienna - Year 2

