

# Highwood Round Up October 2019

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## Treasure Island — Pirate Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the production of Treasure Island and dressing up as pirates for the day. Thank you to the Friends of Highwood and all our parents for donating in order to make this event possible.



"I liked the pirate song."  
Lily, Reception

"Pirate day was so cool because it was cool to dress up like a pirate and watch the show." Noah, Year 1

"I liked the pirates because they are funny."  
Jude, Reception



"It was exciting because the pirates were fighting over the treasure they wanted to get the gold."  
Bianca, Year 3

"I liked the end bit when they found the treasure on Treasure Island because the pirates were happy." Joshua, Year 3

"It was really fun to watch and it was quite interactive. The actors were also very good so it seemed very real. When we saw the back stage view and the special effects it looked really hard to set up and do." Rhea, Year 6

The Treasure Island show was really great with all the ups and downs. It had great jokes to get the little ones excited. Overall it was great. (Don't drink rum)" Chloe, Year 6



"It was very exciting. I liked the part when they all fought each other. I liked the part when the red light glowed and the characters went up really high they were on the walls!"  
Krithik, Year 3

"It was very good because I liked dressing up as a pirate. I enjoyed watching the show because the pirates did a lot of sword fighting and shooting." Dexter, Year 2



## Year 5 Phasels Wood

The children had a great time at Phasels Wood Scout Camp. They took part in a range of activities including problem solving, Cresta Run, Rolling Rock, abseiling, a nature trail, shelter building and a campfire.

"I liked it when we did the pipe run because we all worked well as a team. We had to get the golf ball to the crate using a selection of plastic pipes. We were so close to getting it in but sadly it dropped at the last second." Summer



"Highwood perseveres! During the team work activities we had to use a selection of wooded shapes to make a given picture. It was quite hard and we had to persevere and keep trying different ideas until we had made the picture." Lucie

"Phasels Wood was fun. I really enjoyed Cresta Run because you went crazy fast. I enjoyed doing the team work activities. We had to use planks of wood and logs to get from one side to the other." Harry



"Going to Phasels Wood was kind of frightening but it was also really fun and I am glad I went." Ruby

"It was so fun when we went in the woods to play hide and seek." Jaydan

"I enjoyed the Cresta Run because you rode a cart down the hill. It was really fun because it went really fast." Daisy

"I liked Cresta Run because it was fun. I also enjoyed the nature hunt." Lucas

"My favourite activity was abseiling because when I had finished I was really proud of myself." Natalie



## Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly

Well done to Years 3 and 4 for a wonderful Harvest assembly. Thank you to everyone for donating to the New Hope Trust; they were overwhelmed by Highwood's generosity.

"I liked singing the song 'Thank Your Lucky Stars' because it is about being thankful for everything we have." Meher, Year 3

"I found it really nice that both of the songs we sang had a meaning behind them." Sienna, Year 3



"I liked it when I was explaining how chocolate is made at the factories. Also, I found it funny telling people about my favourite chocolate." Haydar, Year 3

"I enjoyed the Harvest Assembly because we got to sing lovely songs and we got to make a poster." Oliver, Year 4



"I liked the Harvest Assembly because we were singing songs about being thankful." Leah, Year 3

## Living Streets

Highwood has started an incentive called Travel Tracker. It is a year-long project that we hope will encourage our children to lead healthier lives, beginning with walking to school. Remember, if you drive to school, you can also park and stride! Park a couple of roads away in order to get your daily fresh air. Your children will be able to earn badges each month too!

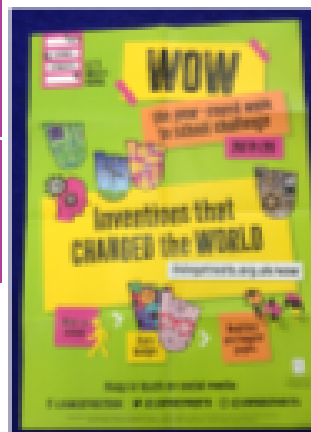
"I've been trying to walk more often so that I can get fitter." Jacob, Year 3

"I like the travel tracker because the more you walk, it will make you fresh and fit in the morning." Karshi, Year 3

"I am going to try and walk to school every day so that I can earn the next badge." Charlie, Year 2

"I think the travel tracker is really good because we can track how people get to school and make less pollution." Pippa, Year 5

"It is good because I get to earn badges for walking to school regularly and walking keeps you fit." Jack, Year 5



"When we travel to school we see more of the world that we wouldn't see easily in a car." Jack, Year 5

"I like that you can collect badges throughout the year and it helps you to exercise." Victoria, Year 5

## Year 6 Puppet Project

Both Year 6 classes have made a great start in making their puppets' heads. They started by reading the play and designing their puppets. They had to think about the types of settings they will be in and plan the characters' setting. The children enjoyed moulding the clay to make their puppet heads whilst learning about how to convey emotions on the face. They then went on to painting and adding hair to their puppets. This whole process has meant that the children have to work together to make a brilliant start to their project.



"For the first time I get the privilege to make my own puppet. It's like a dream come true. We have been making our puppets by spreading clay on top of the puppets' hands which are polystyrene. We have also painted the head and added the eyes and lips. They have turned out amazing. Next week we are going to be adding the hair." Mara

"Puppet making is really fun and a great experience. So far we have made the heads, hands and next week we are making the feet and hair." Mihika



## Watford Schools Trust Harvest Workshop

Year 1 had their second visit from Watford Schools Trust. They were exploring how Christians celebrate Harvest Festival and thank God for their food and all the things they have. The children then made their own harvest plate and drew the foods, people, animals and things in the world that they are thankful for.



"We've been learning about Harvest and sharing our stuff if others don't have a house." Stanley

"I am grateful for writing." Owen

"I'm thankful for my family." Myra

"We learnt about Harvest. We collect food to give it to people who don't have homes." Elsie



"We drew pictures and put them on a plate." Tommy

## Years 5 and 6 BBC Teach Mindfulness

The children participated in the live BBC Teach Mindfulness session. The children learnt some new mindfulness techniques to help relax and focus the mind.

"I enjoyed the hand breathing exercise. When we took in a breath we had to trace our finger around our hand." Micah, Year 5



"I enjoyed the BBC Teach because I got to learn new things about the brain. The mindfulness helped me calm down." Kristina, Year 6

"The Mindful BBC Teach video was calm and relaxing. I enjoyed the part when they did finger breathing." Aayan, Year 6

"It was good. I liked seeing the live Twitter feed and joining in with the event." Hadlee, Year 5

"We watched a BBC mindfulness lesson and it taught us how to calm down and how to get ourselves back in the lesson." Bradley, Year 6

"It was very relaxing especially when we did the activities on our sheet about what we were feeling and the feelings we have felt before." Daisy, Year 5

"I enjoyed learning more about how to be mindful and exercises I can do to calm down." Dale, Year 5

## Year 1 Yoga

Year 1 loved their yoga sessions with Miss Dodwell last half term. The children have been learning different animal postures through songs and stories whilst also focusing on their breathing.



"I liked the lion action because you get to roar like lions." Ronnie

"I liked the singing the song." Grace

"I liked the gorilla one when he swung through the trees." Robin

"I liked it when we sang the little monkey song." Noah

"I liked the cat bit." Millie

"I liked it when we did the stretches." Sophie

## Lollipop Lady visits Nursery

The Nursery had a visit from Klara the Lollipop Lady. She spoke to the children about how to stay safe when crossing the roads. Klara told them three important things to remember - Stop, Look and Listen. The Nursery have been learning a song to help them remember what to do when crossing the road. They have also been pretending to be the Lollipop Lady, taking turns to stop the traffic and help others cross the road safely.



"I liked it when I be the Lollipop Lady." Rae

"I liked it when she gave us stickers." Cruz

"I liked being the cars." Edith

"She said to us 'Stop!'" Pala

"She helped us cross the road." Ariana



## Spooky Hair Day

There were some very strange hair styles at Highwood on the last day of half term. Thank you to everyone who donated a tombola gift.



"I liked seeing everybody's different hair." Grace, Year 1



"I enjoyed getting the coloured pipe cleaners put in my hair. Humodh Year 1

"I enjoyed making my hair spooky." Poppy, Year 1

"My hair has a tall spider and a web." Elsie, Year 1

"I liked spooky hair day because you can have your hair all different colours." Mille, Year 1

## Year 4 Egyptian Day

Year 4 had a wonderful time during their Egyptian Day. They all dressed up in Egyptian costumes to take part in lots of exciting activities, such as learning about Egyptian gods and where Egypt is located. They learnt an Egyptian dance, which was lots of fun, researched the Egyptian way of life and even took part in the mummification process, which ended in a funeral procession! It's safe to say that they are expert Egyptologists now!



"I learnt new facts about Egypt that I never knew before. I got to hold and carry a mummy." Max

"It was really scary. He was creepy and loud but funny and very smart. It was gross when he was cutting up the body. He killed Pharaoh." Sabawon



"I enjoyed Egyptian Day because it was fun when we were pretending someone was getting mummified." Poppy

"Egypt Day was the best. We dressed up as Egyptians and did a fun workshop which made me laugh." Jessica



"I liked it when we had to put the Pharaoh in the tomb." Olaf



"Egyptian ay was fantastic because everything was realistic. I had a really good time." Harry



"Really fun and pretty shocking because I never knew the person held a curse. The man was funny, creepy and wore lots of masks." Daniel



## Year 2 Trip to the 1940s Experience at the Lincolnsfield Centre

As part of their 'London Now and Then' topic Year 2 went on a trip to the Lincolnsfield Centre to experience what life was like in the 1940s. Whilst they were there the children visited the school room, the victory garden, the 1940s house, the air raid shelter and the museum.

"When we went into the shelter the noises were scary."  
Sarvi

"When we went into the 1940s garden it was scary because we heard the air raid siren." Charlie



"I liked the dark and spooky air raid siren."  
Vihaan

"It was pretending to be like the children in the old school." Abigail

"I liked the bit when we went into the school because the teacher was pretending to be mean with the cane." Izzy

"When we went into the school we weren't allowed to put our elbows on the tables." Sebastian



"The man showed us the airplanes." Maya





## Year 6 JCA

Year 6 went on a residential trip to Condover Hall in Shropshire. The children had a wonderful time taking part in all the activities including aerial track, fencing, canoeing, Jacob's Ladder, archery, climbing, raft building, abseiling and a silent disco.



"It was really fun. I especially liked the aerial track because we were really high in the air and there were loads of different types of obstacles." Amelie



"When I was abseiling I liked going backwards down the wall and going really fast." Bradley



"I really like archery because it was a really cool skill to learn. It was really easy to do, all you had to do is just draw back the bow and make sure you were aiming at the target. I love that people could get Gold and I thought it was probably one of the best activities I have ever done." Osman



"It was really fun to climb up the Jacob's ladder especially hanging off and waiting to come back down again." Billy

"I loved abseiling because when the instructor asked you to stand at the back of the board, your body's telling you not to... and then the instructor tells you to stand on it and you're really scared. But in the end it's really fun and I'd love to do it again sometime." Eva



"I really liked the silent disco which was funny because everyone was just trying to sing along and some people didn't know the actual words to the song." Callum

## Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

The children spent the day finding out about 'The Great Fire of London'. They also learnt about Samuel Pepys and why his diary is so important.



"I really liked it when we made a long line to pass the buckets and put out the Great Fire." Dexter

"I really loved finding out about Samuel Pepys' diary." Lewis

"The Great Fire of London was in 1666. We walked back in time to find Samuel Pepys' treasure." Zainab

"I liked when we did the pretend fire. We passed the buckets and Dexter poured it on the fire." Maxwell



## North Bushey Baptist Church Assembly

Dan visited Highwood to give an assembly on friendship. In the assembly Dan told us a story from the Bible about a man called Zacchaeus who was a tax collector and, because of this, was not a popular man. In the story Jesus befriends Zacchaeus and helps him to redeem himself. Dan explained that we could use this message to ensure that we see the worth in everyone, even when they have done wrong and help them to be a better friend.

"I liked Jesus being friends with the man that was naughty because everybody should be happy." Robin, Year 1



"I learnt that you should respect everyone and give people a chance." Willow, Year 3

"I liked it when Jesus said he wanted to have dinner at Zacchaeus' house because he was trying to make him happy." Grace, Year 1

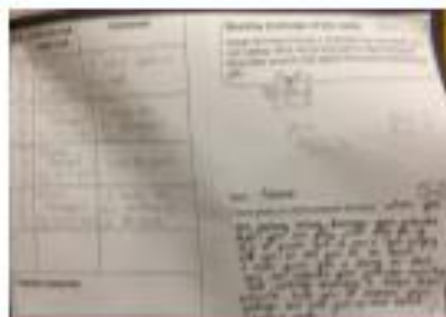
"People who do not have friends, make one, because it makes everyone happy." David, Year 1

"In assembly, we talked about what it would feel like to have no friends." Millie, Year 3

## Celebration of Reading in October

### Reading Journals

It has been wonderful to see the children busy reading our 100 Best Books! There has also been some fabulous work in their new Reading Journals. Here are some examples that have been put on display in the library. These show the children are really thinking about what they are reading.



"I like the new reading journals because the activities are all different and they help you to understand and think about the book you have read. My favourite activities so far have been drawing my favourite part of the book and choosing the birthday present I would give to a character." Clara, Year 6

### Reading Passports

Congratulations to Catherine in Year 1 for completing the first Highwood Reading Passport. Remember to sign, date and star rate each book when you have read it and then get a stamp from your teacher. Merits can be won for consistent and thoughtful reading at home and school.



"I am happy because I have completed the first reading passport. One of my favourite books was 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. I liked it when the tiger came to tea with the little girl and ate all the food and drank all the water in the house." Catherine

### Reading Gladiators

Children in Year 2 and Year 4 have started their exciting reading journey this year, where they will be reading a range of challenging books. Here are some quotes from the Gladiators in Year 4 discussing their first book: 'Word of Mouse', by James Patterson.



"I really like Reading Gladiators because you get to discuss all the books you have read and you get to do it with your friends." Alice, Year 4

"Reading Gladiators is fun because the books are good and I really enjoy it." Riley, Year 4