

Highwood Round Up September 2019

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Frog Week!

To celebrate our first week back, the whole school was learning about the book 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. We've had life cycles, crime scenes, frog fiction and not forgetting the Great Highwood Frog Hunt! We hope your children have enjoyed the book. It has been a hopping mad start to the term!



"It was really fun making frog crossing bridges out of tin foil and sellotape." Chloe, Year 4

"There was a mess! The frogs made our middle room all messy!" Dolcie, Year 1

"I liked it when we went on the treasure hunt for the frogs, it was fun." Lucie, Year 4

"It was a good story when they were flying and crashed into the washing line. It was quite funny." Archie, Year 5

"I liked it when the frogs went into the Grandma's house and they nearly got caught!" Kanish, Year 1

"I liked it when we wrote the recap of Tuesday and were interviewing the characters." Joshua, Year 3



Frog Week Continued.....



"I liked how we made a bridge for our frogs in our table groups and as a team."
Imogen, Year 4



"I liked it when the frogs had been naughty and they messed our middle room up!"
Mattie, Year 1



"I liked writing about the story of Tuesday."
Candice, Year 3



"I enjoyed it when we had to act out all the freeze frames, we didn't just have to write, we were acting too." Charlie, Year 6



First week at Nursery

A big welcome to the youngest members of the Highwood community. Our new nursery children have been getting to know each other and their teachers. They have all settled so well and are really enjoying being at school.

A big thank you to the Friends of Highwood for the special gift for the nervous parents on the first day!



Settling into Reception

A big Highwood welcome to all of our Reception children. They have been very busy settling in and meeting new friends. The children have been very busy in the outdoor classroom, especially when they were enjoying the downpours! They have also had a visit from the local librarian. We hope the start of your school year was filled with fun and learning.



***** **Highwood Reading Update** *****

100 Best Books Project

Thanks to all of your donations during the sponsored read last year, Highwood has been able to launch the 100 Best Books Project. Led by Mr Meyjes, our aim is that every child at Highwood from Nursery to Year 6 will have read 100 of the best children's books ever written by the time that they leave us. The money that you raised has enabled us to buy multiple copies of each book for our school library. You will know if your child has brought home one of the books as it has a special sticker on the spine. As you can see from the before and after picture below, the books are flying off of the shelves!



"Mrs Faulkner is my reading champion. The book that we were reading was quite funny."
Ronnie, Year 5

"100 Best Books is a good project because it challenges people to read more, whatever their level."
Hadlee, Year 5

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.



Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of our fantastic readers who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. Mr Meyjes was so impressed to hear about all of your reading experiences over the summer and has made a fantastic display for our school library.

Reception Reading

A librarian from Bushey library came to speak to our Reception children about reading and kindly gave them some books to take home.

"We are so lucky because we even get to take a book home and we don't have to bring it back!" Ayla, Reception

Year 6 Balloon Debate

Year 6 has been learning about persuasive writing and debating skills. Children wrote speeches for a balloon debate, where they have to persuade the audience that their character should be saved and their opponents thrown out of a leaking balloon. Chestnut 6 children then ran the debates in Year 3 and Year 4 classes, who voted for their favourite speech.



"It was very funny and interesting to hear other ideas and meet children in different year groups."
Owen, Year 6

"I thought it was really good and the speeches were so persuasive that it was really hard to pick."
Sienna, Year 3

"I picked the dog because you can keep them as pets and elephants and sharks you can't." Georgie,
Year 4

"It was fun because we got to choose which animals had to go off and which had to stay on." Asher,
Year 4

Watford Schools Trust Visit

Year 1 had a visit from Watford Schools Trust. They were learning about how Christians believe that God created the world in 6 days. The children enjoyed listening to their visitor talk as part of the R.E. curriculum.



"It's about the world. It was made in 6 days."
Jack, Year 1

"We are learning about God creating the world. He made the moon and stars and the night time." Lacey, Year 1

School Council

"Welcome to our new school councillors. This wonderful bunch have been nominated by their peers to represent their class at our bi-weekly meetings. We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead so check in with your school councillors regularly to see what's going on." Miss Denny



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