

As we approach the end of the academic year, we hope you are able to look back on a successful year and look forward to the summer break.

### The Art Gallery

Last week, it was great to see so many families come to support the annual Art Gallery. The children were incredibly respectful and praiseworthy of the art on display. We will be sharing the *Children's Choice Prize* and *Exceptional Art Award* in the Leaver's service on Friday.



### Year 6

This summer we will see the founding group children, who opened the school in September 2016, move onto their secondary schools. They are a unique year group, who have 'grown' in numbers over the years forging friendships and memories as the school has grown ten-fold in staff and children in their 7 years at HVA.



Miss Dack, Mrs Stainer, Ms Shapiro, Mrs Hester, Miss Billitteri and Mr Jones remember the first few days for the 27 children that opened the school. Over time, this group has finished Year 6 with 60 children and many teachers and adults working with them. The photo reels from the school website reflect the many opportunities the children have had.

We are really proud of them for the values they have shown over time. We are also proud of the development in their characteristics of *Great Learners*.

We wish them all the best for their next adventures and hope that they look back on their entire primary school time with fond memories of the events and people: different teachers; learning in their favourite subjects; school trips – especially Year 6 Beam House; clubs; spelling quizzes (the messy ones); PTA events (fireworks, Christmas fayre, discos) to name a few. We also hope they look back and remember or know the feeling of the small moments (we think these are as important): warm and friendly greetings, being cared for, being listened to, being forgiven for mistakes made; being encouraged; knowing they are safe, being understood and being helped.

### Thank you Miss Dack

After 7 years, Miss Dack is leaving HVA. Miss Dack has been a Learning Partner supporting in EYFS and Key Stage 1. "Miss Dack is really kind" and "She helps me" are two comments from children this week which could not be truer. We wish her all the best!

### Reading summer challenge

The North Somerset summer reading challenge is now available online

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



North Somerset libraries are also hosting a series of free events for children to celebrate this year's Summer Reading Challenge 'Ready, Set, Read!'.

- **Detective Dog** An engaging theatrical experience which brings to life this well-loved Julia Donaldson and Sara Ogilvie story. These free events will feature captivating puppetry, surprising smells and toe-tapping live music. Taking place at the various libraries, these can be booked on [Eventbrite](#), including [Weston Library](#) – Monday 14 August, 2-3pm.
- **Shake, Rattle and Roleplay** Delivered by [Theatre Orchard](#), these free magical storytelling sessions will have an extra sprinkling of music and drama for those aged under five and their families. Weston Library – Thursday 10 August, 10-10.30am.
- **ZooLab ethical and engaging animal encounters at The Campus** 'The Zagaro' storytelling session – Tuesday 25 July 4-5pm. Travel with 'The Zagaro', the rat on a trip – based on the story of a famous children's book – through the deep, dark woods

and meet a host of weird and wonderful animals on their way. Book a space at this free event on [Eventbrite](#).

**Parent survey**

At the start of the term, the Cabot Learning Federation launched a parent survey. The results for HVA were very positive. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Various questions (approximately 4-6 in each category as below) were asked for a score out of 5, which has been converted by the survey provider to percentages. There were comments that we have reviewed to support ongoing improvements.

Positive responses	Against benchmark	
86%	+16%	Pupil needs
84%	+14%	Mutual trust and respect
83%	+15%	Communication methods
83%	+11%	Parental confidence
83%	+17%	General
79%	+13%	Informing parents
78%	+12%	Parents' events
77%	+14%	School accessibility
74%	-6%	Pupil needs Cabot bespoke
72%	+12%	Relationship with the Trust



Reception as scientists exploring aquatic habitats.



Year 1 designers learning to sew.

**In the learning...**

So far already there is busy-ness in the children's learning. More images can be seen on the website curriculum year group pages.



Pre-school enjoying their Sports Day with families.



Year 2 mathematicians practising their times tables.



Year 3 scientists creating rainclouds!



The Year 6 sportspeople in a challenging race in Sports Day.

### Recent PTA fund-raising

The uniform sale was a success and raised over £150 for the PTA. The weekly summer Tuck shop has been a huge success, raising over £1500. This summer, PTA funds will be used to cover the costs of new playground markings for the children to enjoy.



### News items for 23/24

#### Uniform for next year

Please ensure when you purchase new uniform that you are referring to the uniform policy:

- The trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey and not black.
- Grey skorts/culottes are acceptable (this will be added to the policy).
- PE kits, children can use blue or black short leggings (this will be added to the policy).



#### Next year's school trips/visits:

Next year, we are aiming to offer at least 2 school trips and/or visitor experiences for each year group. Our school team have been working hard to organise these and make bookings in advance. We hope to place these trips onto Scopay at the start of the year to support payments over time.



Year 4 musicians have been learning the clarinet and have performed to parents and children in the past week.



Year 5 designers finger knitting.

### House Teams for next year

We have decided to reset the House Teams for the next school year. Over time, the House Teams (Red/Cabot, Green/Price, Yellow/Campbell, Blue/Brunel) have become imbalanced in numbers as pupils have followed sibling houses and pupils have joined and left. In September, we will share new House Teams and we thank you in advance for supporting the 'Sorting Hat's decision'. The improved balance will help with the *Inter-House* competitions we will look to offer next year.

### Clubs for next year

We have been busy organising the after-school clubs for the next school year. We have already released the opportunity to join Angels Dance Academy club (Years 3 -6). Parents of children who got a place on this club will be informed this week.

If there are parents who are keen to support a club, please email the school and we can organise to set parents up as volunteers. We are keen for arts, crafts, languages and sports enthusiasts.

### Cookery club

Children in cookery club have enjoyed making a variety of sweet & savoury recipes this term and practising their cutting, measuring, mixing, rolling & cutting skills.



### Music lessons

We are really pleased to confirm that we are extending our partnership with North Somerset Music Service. Every child between Year 1 to Year 6 will have 10 weeks of music lessons learning an instrument taught by a music specialist. Children will learn either the recorder, clarinet or ukulele.



### Swimming

Thank you for the parents who shared their views regarding swimming. The support for this was really positive and your feedback was helpful. We have agreed to continue with Hutton Moor Leisure. We have decided to have a mix of shorter and longer courses with fewer year groups.

Term 1: Year 4

Term 2: Year 5

Term 3 & 4: Year 2

Term 5 & 6: Year 3



### Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year. We hope to have the majority of events updated ahead of September (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 leavers assembly - 2pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – First day of school
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Individual school photographs
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – PTA fireworks display

### Golden Mentions

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The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week:

George, Max and Elsie excelled in their dance opportunity at their link school in Bristol. Lilly, Lottie, Dahlia, Ivy, Mia and Angel performed amazingly in the BIG CLF Dance festival. Rory and Kacie produced outstanding writing.

Have a restful, safe and enjoyable summer.

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