

Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

#### Is the summer really here?

Despite a warm week, it still seems as if we still need to occasionally send the children in with a raincoat. Please check the weather ahead of the school day. We expect to give children opportunities to play outside in light rain. Unless the rain is bouncing or falling sideways, it will not be wet break.

#### Art Gallery - Parent and community involvement

This will be held in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If parents create art for a hobby, private commissions or within their work, we are keen to support displaying this. This art could be photography, drawing, printing, painting, 3D/ sculpture or collage. Please email the school office regarding this.

# Climbing mountains - Thank you to the Friends of Haywood Village (formerly the PTA).

Thanks to fundraising, and skills from Mr Wilkinson (our Premises Manager), Reception children have been climbing mountains this week. The new climbing wall has further complimented the Reception children's learning zone.





#### **Congratulations to our Writing Winners!**



Following a showcase of whole school writing last term, some of our children deserve a particular mention for their improvements in writing. Well done to Leo and Xander who took home a trophy for having the best quality write in their key stage! Well done to Josephine, Oscar and Finlay who took home a prize for being the most improved writers, as voted for by their peers across the school! If you missed your child's work being showcased then please ask your child's class teacher to see some of their continued progress.

#### Famous writers visiting HVA online

Award-winning author S-F Said, who wrote Varjak Paw (a popular book in Year 4), joined KS2 for a live online writing session this week – it was an amazing experience for all.



#### History in an eggbox

This project is still an optional homework to join in with and the display is building up in the street. The UK's Historical Association is keen to publish this wonderful idea that is engaging children in their learning and plans to do so for the start of September, when as projects many as possible are in.



### England v Denmark Football Fundraiser

Families came into school on 20<sup>th</sup> June to watch the England v Denmark Euros football match. The event was organised and run by Year 6 children as a fundraising event for their end-of-year celebrations. The game was shown on our large projector screen and there was also a face painting stall, a BBQ, a bar and a sweet stand. Everyone had an enjoyable time and the evening was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Year 6 children.



## Sports Day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

- 9am 10am: Sports Day for Pre-school.
- 10am 12pm: Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- 12pm 1pm: Picnic lunch.
- 1pm 3:15pm: Sports Day for Year 3 Year 6.

Parents are invited to come into school to watch their children take part. The children will be having packed lunches on this day and will be eating these outside. Parents are invited to bring picnic food in for themselves and eat with the children at lunchtime. Sports Day will take place weather permitting. If the weather is poor and we have to postpone, the reserve date for Sports Day is **Thursday 11th July**.

## Phonics reading books in Reception, Year 1 and 2

We have exciting news. We now have new phonics matched reading books in school. You will start seeing these new books in book bags from now on.

## Assembly Themes in Term 6

Each week over the year, our assemblies across the week, including Team Talk, focus on themes:

Week 1: Great Learners

Week 2: Neurodiversity / Learning Disability Week

- Week 3 (This week): Safety Week
- Week 4: Diversity Week
- Week 5: Transition Week
- Week 6: Arts Appreciation
- Week 7: HVA Citizens / Global Explorers

Last week we were fortunate to welcome in 'online' some special guests to talk about their own neurodiversity alongside their successful careers. For example, Robb Jones, Mr Jones' brother, spoke about being a jeweller and dyslexia with Year 4. This week we enjoyed an assembly exploring fire safety with Avon Fire Service and Years 3 - 4 enjoyed a water safety assembly delivered by RNLI volunteers. In Team Talk yesterday, children explored sun safety and how to look after themselves.



## 24/25 Class Teachers

The Class Teachers are now aware of the year groups they will be teaching next year. We are still making some decisions regarding if some classes will have a reshuffle of pupils – more information to follow on this in direct emails to families.

Pre-school Apple: Mrs Freeman **Reception Beech: Miss Hall** Reception Birch: Mrs Giles Year 1 Cherry: Mrs Burton Year 1 Chestnut: Miss Walcot (new to school) Year 2 Elm: Mrs Horton (formerly Miss Philips) Year 2 Elder: Miss Farmer Year 3 Hawthorn: Mr Momber-Blake (new married name) Year 3 Hornbeam: Mr Alfieri Year 4 Maple: Miss Crisp (to be Mrs Short after summer wedding) Year 4 Mulberry: Miss Johnson Year 5 Pine: Mr Chapman Year 5 Poplar: Mr Allen Year 6 Whitebeam: Miss Hill (to be Mrs Thompson after summer wedding) Year 6 Willow: Miss Melson (new to school)

Miss Horton, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Lovely, as well as our team of Higher Qualified Teaching Assistants (HLTAS), will provide cover and release in specific classes. We will share this information in September.

### Also leaving...

Miss Billitteri will be leaving at the end of the year. Having been with us for much of the past 8 years, she is now taking a new teaching role in Bristol. Miss Billitteri knows so many of our children and has played an important role in in Early Years at HVA, as well as holding additional roles in leading Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, our Eco and environment work and the PTA.

## In the learning...

The school website captures some of the learning from this past 2 weeks:



Pre-school children get their 'big' muscles moving with our coaches at Gemini Gymnastics.



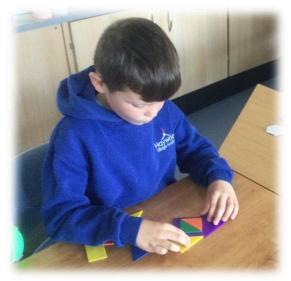
Reception children explore textures in Forest School this week: "All very sticky, thick and muddy!"



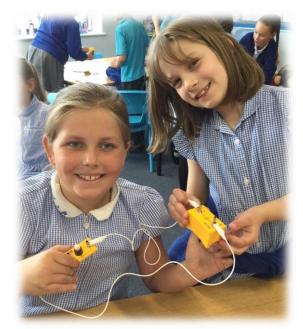
Year 1 scientists revisited the importance of brushing their teeth really well during a visit from the North Somerset school nursing team.



Year 2 learning their spellings in a simple but fun game of pairs.



Year 3 mathematicians tessellating with polygons.



Year 4 scientists revisited their understanding of electricity and creating circuits.



Year 5, like most year groups, continue to access the library each week to choose non-fiction or fiction books for themselves.





Year 6 gymnasts have been working well, with Gemini Gymnastics specialist teachers, to develop their skills.

## School Calendar

Check our events pages events for our school calendar:

(https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/)

### <u>June 2024</u>

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 28<sup>th</sup> School Diversity Week
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Rainbow Day
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer BBQ/Picnic, 3:30pm 6:30pm

### July 2024

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Coffee morning with Sarah Saunter, 9am – 10am
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> First stay and play for Reception 2024 children
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Second stay and play for Reception 2024 children
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Pre-school welcome meeting, 5pm – 6pm
- Friday 5th INSET Day school closed
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Haywood Art Gallery, 3:30pm 5:30pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Picnic lunch for Reception 2024 parents, 11am – 12pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Reception pupil showcase, 2:30pm – 3pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> PTA School Disco, 3:30pm 5:30pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Year 5 trip to Caerleon
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Reception Trip to Bristol Aquarium
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 End of Year Performance, 1:45pm – 2:45pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 End of Year Performance, 7pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of term

#### **Golden Mentions**



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week: Well done to Blake and Alfie in Year 6 for their impressive end of the year writing progress and Laine in Year 6 for his stop-motion animation scenery.

Nelesh and Oskar K in Year 5 for their fantastic maths scores. Connor in Year 4 for his wonderful eggbox creation (History – World War 2). Well done also to Hallie in Reception for an amazing detailed re-count of Forest School and George in Reception for his incredible progress with writing.

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