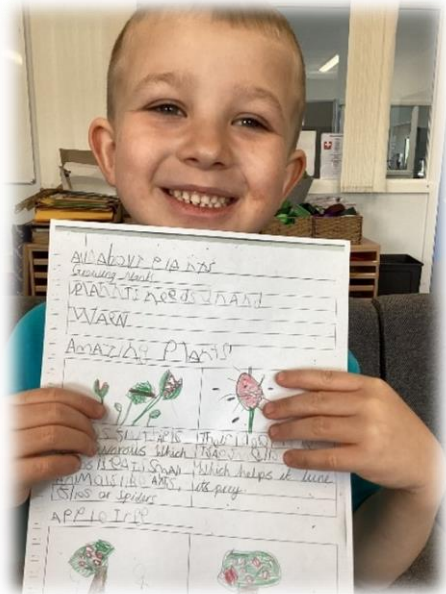


We have reached the end of Term 5 – and we are soon to arrive at what always seems the quickest term of them all. We still have a lot to teach and celebrate over the final 7 weeks. Our newsletter begins with news of this fabulous proud smile – in Year 1, and absolutely delighted with his own writing about plants!



Attendance

There is little surprise that the attainment, behaviour and all-round character of the children is extremely positive given that attendance is also very high in school. Keep this up!

We heard a rumour that some parents think that the money from penalty fines imposed by the council, for families whose children miss over 5 days of school, comes back to HVA – this is not the case.

Our school values – Lovely People

At our school we regularly revisit the school values as part of conversations around school. We also refer to these in the weekly assemblies. If you ask your child, they will probably know what they are. (They do not form a memorable acronym).

K is for Kindness, E is for Empathy, H is for Honesty, R is for Respect and Responsibility, T is for Trust.

Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning on Wednesday 7th June will have a SEND & Inclusion focus. Mrs Lovely & Mrs Saunter will be in attendance, along with representatives from Send & YOU, North Somerset Parents & Carers Working Together, Young Carers and the North Somerset Parenting Offer team. All parents are welcome, not just those whose children have additional needs.

News about Mrs Brice

We are sharing the sad but also exciting news that Mrs Brice is going to be continuing her teaching and leadership career in Dubai from September. Mrs Brice has been with us since 2017 and has not only taught many of our children in school but has led Reading and Writing at various points, as well as being our Assistant Principal. She is leaving to join a school that is part of GEMS Education - a leading global education organisation. We wish her all the best and I'm sure you will help her to enjoy her last term with us.

Swimming update

Thank you for families who shared their views on swimming at HVA in the recent survey. There was overwhelming support to continue swimming. There were mixed views on longer 10-12 week courses as opposed to 5 week courses. The shorter courses are cheaper and means everyone goes, whereas the longer courses give a chance for greater progression, but specific year groups will need to pay more. We will continue to swim, but we are reviewing whether we continue with the current provider and how long each group swims for. We will keep you updated.

There were a couple of parents who queried the cost as some other schools may not charge. To clarify, we charge families to top up the school's payment for the true cost of swimming. If other schools are paying for swimming in full, this means they are choosing to spend their budget in this way. We provide a number of opportunities that we would not be able to offer (that perhaps other schools do not provide) if we covered the full cost of swimming: Forest school for everyone, subsidised trips and visitors, a managed library, in-school clubs, attendance at sports events and more.



Book fayre & book exchange

The Travelling Book Fayre hopefully gave families an opportunity to pick up recommended and popular new books.

Next term, we will look to do another low-cost book exchange.

Reminder: Please return library books to school each week. If your child has not finished with a book they will be able to renew it.



School, but not at school

Well done to all the families in Year 2 for supporting the recent school trip. On Wednesday, Year 2 families organised themselves to transport all children to start and end their school day at Court Farm. With the support of parents, we did not need to hire a coach. This saved a considerable amount of money and time, allowing the children to spend more time at the farm. We will look to do more of these types of trips in the future to help ensure children have enriching experiences, but at lower costs. The children had a great time – as they usually do – but with much less of a cost to families. Thank you, Year 2 parents, for being the first to try this and making such a success of it!



Reception were curious this week as they tasted fruits from the rainforest as part of their themed enquiry.

Community cycle ride

On Saturday 8th July, Fiona Mayne (Academy Council and Haywood Village Church minister) is leading a community bike ride from Haywood Village to Brean and back. Please see attached flyer. It will be a fun family friendly ride - not too fast but probably more suitable for KS2 accompanied by parents. They will keep to the cycle paths and stop for ice-cream in Brean!



Year 1 scientific writers have created fact files about plants. They are so pleased with them and cannot wait to share them.

In the learning...



The Pre-school children in Apple class have been mathematicians – working together to measure their bodies.



Year 2- Learning outside! Following a challenging week of quizzes Year 2 have enjoyed some reading time outside.



Year 3 mathematicians playing an angles game – with chalk, outside.



Year 6 learning spelling words through memorable games.



Year 4 children, having practised their spellings, enjoy the Great Spelling Quiz and soak their teachers!



Year 5 children being religiously conscious and learning specifically about Sikhism and the symbols associated with the religion.

Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year. (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

- Mon 5th June – start of summer term
- Tues 6th June – Year 5 trip to Roman baths
- Weds 7th June – SEND focus coffee morning
- Tues 13th June – Year 6 walking history tour of Bristol
- Fri 16th June – Year 3 trip to Wessex Water
- Wed 5th July – Sports Day
- Thurs 6th July – Reception trip to Bristol Sea Aquarium
- Fri 7th July – INSET Day – school closed

Golden Mentions

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The following pupil went into the Gold Book this week:

Lauren and Grace in Year 6 for stunning artwork. Zuzanna in Year 6 for significant improvement in writing. Lily-Sue in year 4 for her improved maths. Riley in Year 1 used his science knowledge to produce an impressive Plant fact file.

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