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## High Down Junior School

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Dear Parents and carers,

### High Down Junior School Arts Week 2019

During the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July, children in all year groups blasted off to infinity and beyond: crafting a range of space scenes, a variety of rockets and planets, alien pompoms, space pods, button moons, tie dying and clayens, while using a variety of techniques and mediums. The school was bursting with a lot of inspired designing and making, which produced a wonderful creative and gravity free vibe around the school.

Many children comet-ed on how they wished the week could last forever and enjoyed the opportunity to use so many different methods which they could then explore further and be independent with their design ideas and creations.



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On top of all the activities planned by teachers we have welcomed a variety of visitors to help enthuse us on our space theme:

Sue Parker came in to inspire all children in Years 3 and 4; singing and dancing in her drama and music workshop. Children had fun learning songs from out of this world and dancing like aliens in a whole class sequence of steps and movements. Each year group then finished their day with an intergalactic performance to each other.



A local artist, Matt Jeanes, came in to work with all children in Year 5 and 6. Together they created a variety of space scenes and planets, focusing on perspective and the colour pallet: using warm or cold colours to create various effects and adding different glitter finishes for some star like sparkle. All this work is soon to go up on display in our reception area...so watch this "space".



Our very own guitar tutor, Andy Jones, came in for an extra day of musical fun and shared his collection of guitars, talking about different beats and encouraging the children and teachers to join in with the pulse, rhythm and sing along to some space themed songs...some with cosmic volume!



John Fjeld, of Alec French Architects, worked with children in Year 6. They went on a historic tour of houses from caves to modern day and beyond. While looking at the impact of design from around the world the children were then able to design their own futuristic house, taking into account the specifications we have grown to need in our homes, and which may even be suitable for space living. Children were then given the opportunity to present their plans to the class.



In addition, the North Somerset Music service brought their samba workshop to school. Working with Year 3 and 4, they were given rhythms to copy on a variety of different sized drums. With lots of fabulous NOISE the children raised the roof of the hall all day.



## **THANK-YOU!**

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to say **'one small (but loud) thank-you from me and one GIANT THANK-YOU from everyone'**, to the **Friends of High Down Juniors** who made these exciting opportunities possible for your children to experience, with a very generous donation. Thank you, as well, to those who helped, by donating their own time to work with their child's class.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer and remember to look up to the moon and stars this weekend as the world remembers the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lunar landing.

Nina Bjergfelt  
Art Co-ordinator

## **Portishead in Bloom Painting Competition**

Thank-you to all who entered the Portishead in Bloom competition: Get rid of Plastic, Go Green.

Well done to our winners:

4 - 6 category:     1<sup>st</sup> Aurora  
                          2<sup>nd</sup> Alice  
                          3<sup>rd</sup> Louis  
                          Highly Commended Rhys

7 – 11 category:  1st Bethany  
                          2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Bjergfelt  
                          Highly Commended Anthony

Winning entries will be on display in the Library from next week until the middle of August and Bethany's entry has now gone into the South West in Bloom competition.

