



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
2019**

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### NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 6! I hope you and your family had a good half term break. The term ahead is an incredibly busy one and we look forward to the many activities planned in the coming weeks- keep an eye out for the key dates below! Sporting events, Arts Week, rehearsals, concerts and educational visits fill our school calendar providing a wealth of opportunities for our children.

Term 6 also gives us an opportunity to revisit our school values across both schools. Please ask your children about what they mean and how we can demonstrate them in school but also in our wider community.

Have a lovely weekend (hopefully the sunshine will return soon!)



Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins  
Executive Deputy Headteacher  
High Down Schools

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## Nursery



One morning the Toucans were talking together and said, "Wouldn't it be funny if we wore our pyjamas to Nursery?!" On Tuesday before half term, that is just what we did! 5W came across to read us stories as well - some of them were wearing their onesies! We had a lovely 'Pyjama Day!'

## Parent Coffee Morning



On Wednesday 12th June we will be holding the last of our Parent Coffee Mornings for this year. In discussion with Parents following on from last Term's meeting it was requested that we discuss how, as a school, we support our pupils transitioning into the next Year group or Key Stage. eg Y2-Y3 or Y6-Gordano. Mrs Gore will be talking about the Y6 Transition process and Mrs Jones will be explaining what strategies we use to ease the move for our Infant children to Juniors.

Please join us on Wednesday 12th June in the Staff Room at 9.00am

All welcome!

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## Infant School Council

School Council exists to provide an opportunity for the children to become more involved in discussions about things that affect them in school. For instance, this year we spent some time talking about the designs for painting the playground containers and have had really useful discussions to develop a 'Healthy Lunchbox Checklist', which you should have recently received.

Our most recent meeting focused on the work we are doing in school to improve recycling (see below) and to think about other things we could do to help. A key idea that came out of this was to reduce the number of disposable plastic cups we use in school. We do get through a lot of these and it is mainly for children who don't have a reusable water bottle with them in school. We are trying to find an alternative to the disposable cups, but **it would help enormously if children always had a reusable plastic or metal bottle with them in school for water.** Thank you for your support.



## Environment update

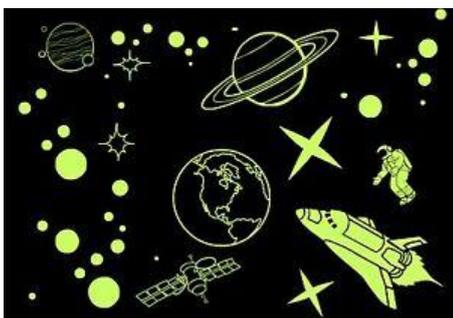
A big thank you to all the children at High Down for recycling used pens in their classrooms. We collected a large boxful at the end of last term and these have since been sent to Terracycle for recycling.

Lots of people have asked what happens at Terracycle. Processing centres around the country receive all sorts of different items that aren't currently recycled in kerbside boxes. (Check out their website if you'd like to know more.) All of the items are ultimately turned into little plastic peas which are then sold to make things like benches and play equipment. Brilliant!

Thank you to the parents who came forward to give 10 minutes a week to help some of the infant classes with their recycling. If anyone else would like to help, there is still plenty to recycle. Unfortunately, anything that isn't collected is goes into the school's bins and ultimately landfill which is such a shame. The ecobots are still working well for the collection of crisp packets, although we have received some random items, including half a pepperami, a new pair of insoles and an unopened packet of crisps! If you could just put empty (ideally flat) crisp packets in the ecobots that would make our life a whole lot easier. And finally, if you would like to start collecting used dental items at home (toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and electric toothbrush heads), you can put these in the ecobots or take them to Moose Hall Chiropractors or Woodburn Dental Practice both on the High Street.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for helping High Down to be greener.

## High Down Junior School Arts Week 2019



This year's arts week will begin week commencing 1st July. The whole school will be involved in exciting

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visual and performing art activities, which are being planned by each year group around the theme “To Infinity and Beyond”.

We have also arranged many amazing guests to visit the school, during this time, to inspire the children: all of which would not be possible without the Friends of High Down giving us a very generous donation.

Parent Support:

- Join us as a helper during the week.

Many of the activities that are being planned may benefit from extra helping hands and we would welcome help from any parents available during the week, even if just for a couple of hours. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you spare some time.

In addition, if you have a particular interest in any of the arts and would like to share your skills with your child’s class, class teachers would also be delighted to hear from you.

Many thanks  
Nina Bjergfel  
Art Co-ordinator



**Class Winners**  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 4M

### **Infant Celebration Service:**

**7th June 2019**

George & Arlo Puffins, Felix & Lottie Ducks, Sophie & Bella Penguins, Luca & Jonny Falcons, Sam & Isabella Owls

### **Junior Golden Book Assembly:**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Years 3 and 4** – Aiden & Nevaeh 3T, Arthur & Delilah 3W, Will & Lottie 3L, Dylan & Joseph 3AB, Ava & Euan 4D, Ava & Manny 4M and Lizzy & Ollie 4F

**Years 5 and 6** – Caroleen & Jacob 5C, Lucy & Dylan 5W, Millie & Harry 5S, Sophie & Jacob 6B, Harvey & Louis 6HW, Jayden & Tom and Sami & George 6D

## Key Diary Dates

### Term 6

**Monday 10th June** Phonics Assessment week

**Tuesday 11th June** Junior class photos

**Friday 14th June** Junior Summer Fair

Climbing Wall in the Junior School all day

Y5 NSPCC Workshops during the morning

**Tuesday 18th June** Year 6 health checks

Y1 trip to Folly Farm

Y2 Scooter Safety Training

**Wednesday 19th June** Y6 health checks

**Monday 24th June** New YR parents meeting at 1.30pm

**Tuesday 25th June** New YR parents meeting at 1.30pm

**Wednesday 26th June** Y6 Group 1 Visit Saundersfoot

New YR parents meeting at 1.30pm

**Friday 28th June** Infant non-uniform day

**Saturday 29th June** Infant Summer Fair

**Week commencing Monday 1st July** – Junior Arts Week

**Monday 1st July** Y6 Group 2 visit Saundersfoot

**Wednesday 3rd July** Group 3 visit Saundersfoot

**Tuesday 9th July** Moving up morning

Y6 induction day at Gordano School

**Wednesday 10th July** Y2 concert at 2pm

Friends/PSA textiles collection

Y3/4 countryside day

**Thursday 11th July** Tea Party in infant hall 2pm

RNLI Lifeboat puppet show for Y2

**Week commencing Monday 15th July** Infant and Junior Sports week (details to follow)

**Monday 15th July** RNLI Junior Assembly

**Wednesday 17th July** Y3 fun swim

Y6 Productions (details to follow)

**Monday 22nd July** Picnic

**Tuesday 23rd July** Last day of term