



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2017**

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### NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents,

Last weekend was a busy one here at High Down with the ever popular Infant Toy Sale on the Saturday morning and the Junior Fireworks in the evening. Thank you to our wonderful Parent Association and Friends for organising these events.



### Fireworks Night

Yet again families were treated with a spectacular show. Sadly quite a number of people chose to watch from outside the school site which we believe has impacted on the money raised. It is a huge and high profile event within the community and takes a great deal of effort to organize. A big thank you to everyone – Friends, staff, parents and governors - who helped set up, marshal and clear up over the weekend. An extra special note of thanks to Jo Shayler who led the event and to Geoff and Chris our site team. The event raised in the region of £2500 for the school.

### Jolaurabi School Kenya



It was lovely to hear that some of our lost property school uniform has found it's way to Jolaurabi School in Kenya. The school has been established by a charity group called Educate the Kids.

" From humble beginnings the charity has thrived, the school now a complex of four school blocks, an orphanage and we have kept the original converted building which houses our thriving kindergarten. Thousands of children have completed both primary and secondary education, and a few a few have been fortunate enough to attend college and university." [www.educatethekids.com](http://www.educatethekids.com)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Parker,  
Associate Headteacher,  
High Down Schools

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## Junior School Golden Book Children

### 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Years 3 and 4** – Caitlin & Sophie 3L, Kristiyan & Zoe 3W, Ruby & Matthew 3R, Jacob & Charlotte 4F, Samuel & Poppy 4D and Lucy & Rhys 4S.

**Years 5 and 6** – Milan & Emily 5W, Ben & Grace 5C, Alexi & Tom 5B, Scott & Lani 5S, Elizabeth & Tom 6HD, Poppy & Lucas 6G and Hannah & Anthony 6HB.

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**Years 3 and 4** – Callum & Holly 3W, George & Beth 3R, Lucas & Szaffi 3L, Eden & Jasper 4D, Jacob & Chloe 4F and Abbie & Dylan F 4S.

**Years 5 and 6** – Jessica & Solomon 5W, Grace & Callum 5C, Jamie & Amelia 5b, Esme & George 5S, Riyn & Daisy 6G. Hannah & Charlie 6HB and Jake & Josie 6HD.

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need



Next Friday will be Children in Need and the children will be welcome to bring in donations and wear non-uniform clothes. Year 2 children have been asked to dress as Superheroes!

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas jumper day this year will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. **No-one needs to go out and buy a sweater. Swap, borrow, or bling up old ones** with trees, tinsel, snowmen, baubles or pompoms. Let your imaginations run riot and bring a donation of £1 for Save The Children.

### Year 6 Football at Gordano school



*On Wednesday 1st of November, the High Down girl and boy football teams competed in an interschool football tournament at Gordano School. High Down were up against Trinity, Portishead Primary, St Peters and St Josephs. Unfortunately, High Down came last but this encourages them to work harder. The part of the tournament that Mrs Davies, the girls coach, was most proud of drawing against the winning team.*

High Down have many memories from the match that they would like to share:

Rachel said she was really proud of the team and that it was very hard in goal. Emily said that it was tough but we all had fun. All the team would like to thank Mrs Davies greatly for spending most of her free time coaching them.

Beth and Luke won star player from our teams, they were showing incredible skills throughout the tournament.

The boys coach, Mr Shayler, was appreciative of the boy's team even though they also came last. The boys showed great effort however, they were matched with other talented footballers.

The girl's team played four matches on the astro-turf but lost two and drew the others. The boy's team also played four matches but lost three and drew one. When swapping players, a quick pep talk made a big difference as they started to believe in themselves.

They would like thank Gordano School for letting them play football in their school grounds, they would also like to thank Mr Yau for organising the whole event, and also the schools that the girls and boys played against. All of the girls and boys teams would like to thank Mrs Davies and Mr Shayler greatly for spending most of their free time coaching them.

By Daisy and Emily Y6

## Year 2 visit from local Geologist



The Year 2 children had a visit from a real Geologist 'Ricahrd Pollock' this week. They had the opportunity to learn even more about fossils as well handling many amazing samples that were millions of years old.

## Mr Culverhouse meets the Commons Education Select Committee

It was an honour and indeed a privilege to be invited back to the Houses of Parliament last week. I was one of ten teachers chosen from across the country to meet the new Commons Education Select Committee, a group of cross-party MPs whose job it is to scrutinise the government's education policies. Items on the agenda included teacher recruitment/retention, workload and mental health in schools, and interesting and productive discussions took place on these very prominent topics. It was a fantastic opportunity to make my voice (and that of other teachers) heard, and hopefully influence some of these issues in some way! High Down Junior School celebrates its second Parliament Week next week - please do get involved and support this via the hashtag #UKPW17 on social media. *Mr Culverhouse*



## Bottle Top Art – please help and send us your bottle tops!