



Friday 9th  
November 2018

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### NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2! The children have settled back incredibly well and have made an excellent start to Term 2. We have a busy term ahead but we are sure that the children will enjoy the many activities and learning opportunities they will be taking part in over the next few weeks.

#### School Values

Our School Value this term is **Respect**, one of the school's five Core Values. We want the children to be happy and successful at school and have set high expectations for how we treat each other around the school and in class - being and trying our best!

#### Friday 19<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. Children may also wish to bring in a teddy.

#### Hayley Williams

After just over 4 years working across High Down Schools, Hayley Williams, who is one of our LSAs, is leaving us to start a new job at Hilltop Pre-School. She will be greatly missed by staff and children and we would like to wish her all the best for her next adventure.

## Anti-Bullying Week (12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November)



This week, you have received information regarding Anti-Bullying week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is 'Choose Respect' and this year runs from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will be holding 'Odd Socks Day' for Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November to promote this incredibly important subject.

### The 'Big Sing' in Portishead

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, the Junior School welcomed a children's choir to Portishead from the Jolaurabi School near Kenya, which, thanks to Educate the Kids (a UK charity), supports underprivileged children from six villages near Mombasa, Kenya. The choir performed to our Junior children during the morning assembly. It was an incredible privilege to have been part of this very special visit and our children were a superb audience. After the performance, our Junior School Council had an opportunity to ask and answer some questions with the children which they found incredibly interesting. Our Year 5 choir then attended a 'Big Sing' with the Kenyan choir alongside other Portishead schools. Again, the children were an absolute credit to the school. Thank you for your kind donations. We were able to raise a total of £108.



## Remembrance

There was no Infant Celebration service this week due to Remembrance Day commemorations. Year One and Year Two watched an age appropriate video about the First World War and we talked about what and who we are remembering when we wear poppies. Foundation Stage have had their own age appropriate forms of remembrance in their classrooms, including this beautiful display of poppies, printed by the Nursery children with half inflated balloons and cotton reels.



The Junior School have been completing a range of activities in their classes to commemorate Remembrance Day together with a service this morning. You may have also noticed the number of wonderful poppies displayed around the school. These have been created by our children.



A message from Mrs Bjergfelt and Mrs Peprrell:

A 'River of Poppies' display can now be seen in Jubilee Park, off Burlington Road, in Portishead. The powerful installation has been created to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI and to remind us of the sacrifices of those who lost their lives during the conflict.

With over 3000 poppies, created by children in Portishead - including High Down Schools, I'm sure you will agree it creates a stunning community display and is well worth a visit to reflect on its significance.

You may also have already noticed the 64 poppies, which now stand proud on the roundabout as you enter Portishead. These represent the 64 men from Portishead, who sadly lost their lives.

Many thanks to all of you who helped contribute to our bottle top collection last summer, allowing us to have such a valuable and memorable impact on our community.

We have also had the following kind message from the co-ordinator of Portishead in Bloom about the wooden poppies made across both schools back in the summer.

'On behalf of Portishead in Bloom can I say a massive thank you to our Youth Centre , schools and nurseries for their support during our Poppy Project. I do hope you have all managed to see our display in Jubilee Park and on the roundabout entering Portishead. I have this morning been interviewed on Radio Bristol because they have seen all the beautiful photographs on social media. Portishead is becoming well known for its great community spirit and this project is certainly proof of that. We could not have done it without the help of so many people. The most touching thing for me is to see the River of Poppies and the 64 poppies standing proud on the roundabout and know that this has been created by the children and youth of Portishead. I hope it will stay longer in their memories as it will always be in mine'.



## Road Safety Competition

You may remember that earlier this term we publicised a competition, organised by the road safety charity Brake, to create a banner design raising awareness about road safety. In particular, the aim was to encourage road users to be more aware of cyclists and motorcyclists. Sadly, none of our entries was a winner, but you can see from the photos what wonderful designers and artists we have in school. A super achievement!



Erin Hewitt  
5S



Evelyn Aston  
5S



Rose Pennell  
6D

## Year 1

Year 1 have been creating moving sea pictures during Design and Technology sessions.



## French Club

Would your child like to join our Tuesday after school French club? We learn through role-play, games, drama, singing and craft to bring the language to life and build your child's confidence in speaking French. Please contact me on [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) or 07375306881 if your child would like to try next week's lesson.

Best wishes

Anna-Kate

## Junior Golden Book Assembly:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November:

Year 3 and 4: Eva and James (3L), Jacob and Lucy (3T), Romilly and Thomas (3W), Olivia and Alejandro (3AB), Harvey and Phoebe (4D), Louis and Callum (4F), Owen and Charlie (4M)

Year 5 and 6: Joanna and Sam (5C), Harrison and Amelia (5W), Alfie and Lily (5S), Will and Saskia (6B), Harry and Calli (6HW), Olivia and Isla (6G), Jaydn and Esme (6D)

## Key Diary Dates

### **Term 2**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November Anti-Bullying Week (Wear Odd Socks Day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need (Non-school uniform and children can bring in a teddy)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November Junior Christmas Fayre (Evening)

6-9 November- Fancy Dress Drop

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December Penny Brohn Concert- 6.30pm at Clifton College

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December Infant Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Junior Discos

Y3/Y4 5:30-6:30pm

Y5/Y6 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December PM Junior Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church

**Year 3 and Year 5 - Carol Service 1.30pm to 2:15pm**

**Year 4 and Year 6 - Carol Service 2:45pm to 3:30pm**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Infant School Christmas Dinner (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Junior School Christmas Dinner (Christmas jumpers can be worn)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins

Executive Deputy Headteacher

High Down Schools