



# HIGHBURY NEWS...

## Keeping Parents in Touch



Hello,

I can't quite believe we have made it to the end of a very successful year and what an amazing year it has been! It has been so great getting to know all the children and the Highbury community, it really is a great place to be.

We have had such a fantastic summer term with visits to the Beach for all year groups, facilitated by Mrs Fuller and Mrs Bowdery. The children had the most amazing time, discovered new creatures and represented the school beautifully.

The children enjoyed their transition days and settled so well into their new classes. We also welcomed our new children into Reception and they had fun getting to know their teachers, sharing books and discovering their new classrooms. We welcome two new teachers to the team. Miss Burnham who will be teaching Rabbits class in Year 3 and Mrs Burt-Wood, who will be teaching alongside Mrs White in Ash Class in Year 6.

It was wonderful to read every child's report and the fantastic progress they have made this year, I hope they feel proud of their achievements as I know their teachers are very proud.

Once again, the PTA worked tirelessly to ensure we had a super Summer Fayre. The weather tried to defeat us but we were determined to have a great day. Thank you to everyone who supported us in the rain and although the takings are still be counted, we believe we raised just over £2000, so impressive!

We have been lucky to have had Open Box workshops where the children became fully immersed in the experiences. Theatre Arts Production Company performed their 'Explorer' show which helped us to understand the importance of looking after our environment.

The choir performed at the St Phillips Summer Fayre and did an absolutely wonderful job and the Athletics team were amazing representing the school at the County Championship. Well done to everyone!

Thank you for supporting us all this year and enabling the children to have such great experiences. I wish you all the most fantastic summer holiday making special memories and having fun in the sun. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Take care,

Mrs Watson





Farewell to our wonderful colleagues who are leaving us this year.

Mrs Chadwick has been a much loved member of the Highbury community for 18 years, making a difference to so many children and families. We wish her every happiness in her well-deserved retirement. Mrs Jordan leaves us for pastures new in the NHS after working at Highbury for 11 years. The children have loved working with her and her creative talents will be greatly missed. Miss Brand is starting an exciting new career in teaching after working with us for 4 years and we wish her every success. Miss Bailey is relocating to the bright lights of the big city! She has been an amazing teacher and we are going to miss her so much. Miss Gibson leaves us to start her teaching career in another Portsmouth school and we know she is going to be amazing. And finally Mr Partridge leaves us but we are hoping we can ask him to back in our times of need!

You are all amazing people and we will miss you lots and wish you every happiness.



### Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 6

We say a sad farewell to our Year 6 who have just been amazing this year! They have demonstrated all our school values and have grown in confidence and independence. We were so proud of their work ethic during their SATS tests and they all worked incredibly hard. They were true stars during their performance of Beauty and the Beast and entertained us all with their great talents. We will miss each and every one of them and wish them every happiness and success on their exciting new journeys at Secondary School. Remember to keep being the superstars we are so proud to know!



### Pupil Parliament

Once again, the Pupil Parliament have been busy this term with another visit to the Guildhall taking part in the annual Student Voice Celebration Day. The Pupil Parliament attended numerous different workshops and gave their contributions to the important issues relating to our community. It was a wonderful experience for them all and we were so proud of the way they represented Highbury.



## Celebrating Wonderful Achievements...

**Charity Football Match Mascots** - Luke U, Fraser W, Freddie A, Taylor BW, Thomas B

**Football** - Thomas B, Louie C, Riven M, Lawson T, Louie T, Fraser W, Hudson L, Parker M, Freddie A - player of the year

**Dancing** - Kyla F, Aaliyah B, Minnie C, Dexi D, Alba D, Ruby J, Hattie D, Molly S, Renae W, Olivia M, Freya A - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Eden C - Grand Final Competition

**Swimming** - Susanna T, Isabella S

**Gymnastics** - Minnie C, Evie E, Amalie B - joint 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Piano recital** - Erin G

**Taekwondo** - Caelen D

**Karate** - Otto S- bronze and silver medal, Thomas J, Lina K- orange belt,

**Race for Life - Muddy Challenge** - Fraser W, Gabby B, Maxwell B

**Bravery at Go Ape Challenge** - Esme P, Joseph H, Isabella S

**Brownie Olympics** - Elsbeth W - 2 medals, Annabel C - 3 medals

**Brownies Gold Award** - Bethany B, Tamsin P

**Brownie Camp**- Isabella S

**Cubs Silver Chief Scout Award** - James H

**Summer Reading Challenge** - Evie E, Sofia I, Maya I

**Oliver Twist Show** - Hanna D

**Guitar Performance at the Wedgewood Rooms** - Daniel W

**Futsal Champion** - Kada Q

What amazing  
achievements! You  
are all absolute  
stars!



WELL DONE TO EVERYONE THIS YEAR FOR YOUR FABULOUS ACHIEVEMENTS  
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. WE HAVE LOVED CELEBRATING JUST HOW WONDERFUL  
YOU ARE!

## **Polite Reminder...**

At Highbury we expect a high level of attendance and punctuality.

Thank you all for supporting your children on their return to school. It is so important that they attend school every day to ensure good routines are established, friendships are built and overall enjoyment of school life.

Requests for absences from school, other than sickness should be made to the Headteacher on a 'Leave of Absence form'. **Absence will not be authorised for family holidays except in extenuating circumstances.** As we work in partnership to enable your child to have the best learning opportunities, I ask that you support us by not taking your child out of school for family holidays.

### School Uniform

Just a gentle reminder that in September, all children should be wearing the correct uniform to school. Please ensure tracksuit trousers and leggings should only be worn as part of the P.E kit and black school shoes should be worn instead of trainers. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher if you have any concerns regarding the uniform requirements.



### Termly Attendance - 17/04/2023 - 20/07/2023

Whales	94.6%
Snails	96.4%
Teresa	95.1%
Armstrong	96.2%
Attenborough	95.4%
Earhart	97.4%
Steadman	96.4%
Obama	95.9%
Hawking	94.3%
Parks	95.4%
Peake	93.2%
Cambridge	95.4%
King	95.2%
Curie	96.4%

Well done Earhart winners for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term!



Please be sure to make a note of these important dates in the school calendar. Thank you.



#### September 2023

04.09.2023 - INSET DAY

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06.09.2023 - Term starts at from 8.30, doors closed at 8.45am

12.09.2023 - Year 6 Swimming Lessons - more information to follow

11.09.2023 - Little Professor Workshop - more information to follow

18.09.2023 - Little Professor Workshop - more information to follow

20.09.2023 - Family Workshop - Year 4

25.09.2023 - Year 6 - Nurses Health Check

27.09.2023 - Family Workshop - Year 4

More dates to follow in the new term...

#### INSET DAYS - 2023 - 2024

04.09.2023

05.09.2023

17.11.2023 - please note, this has changed from 24.11.2023

02.01.2024

15.04.2024

03.06.2024

08.07.2024

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