



High Littleton Church of England Primary School 28th June 2019

"Valuing all God's children within an inclusive community."



We've gone platinum!!

OPAL: As you will be aware, during the past twelve months, we have been working hard to improve playtimes and lunchtimes for the children. To this end, we embarked on our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project, working alongside Michael Follett (CEO, OPAL). Last Wednesday, Michael visited the school for our final audit and he was blown away by the breadth of play opportunities that the children are provided with at High Littleton. In his words "...in all the years I have been to schools all over the world, I have not seen a school which has better play provision." Michael went on to say "...there is a real deep sense of joy amongst the children. They are the happiest children I have come across. The children are both sociable and socialised." Michael was in no doubt that High Littleton Primary School should receive the highest accolade of the Platinum Award. My grateful thanks to Mr Gunning, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Bolton and all the staff for their incredible work. However, we're certainly not resting on our laurels! We will hopefully be able to share with you some more fantastic news before the end of this term!

Sport Day: Although I was unable to attend this year's event, Mr Gunning tells me that this year's sports day was another great event. A huge thank you to you all as parents and carers for attending the glorious afternoon and for supporting the children during all the events. Congratulations to Greyfield and Mearns who rose to the top to claim joint-first prize. Mr Gunning tried to convince Mrs Obern (Greyfield) and Miss Evans (Mearns) to have a race-off, due to various sporting injuries (!!), this was not possible and therefore both house were awarded a share of the spoils!

Pilgrims Day: I was fortunate enough to be invited along with our Year 6 children to Wells Cathedral last Friday. The behaviour of the children was excellent throughout as they participated in a range of activities around the theme of 'pilgrimage'.

Classes: Next Thursday, 4th July is our Transition afternoon. This is the time where the children get to spend time in their new class for September. Yesterday, you will have received a letter confirming your child's class. Any questions, please come and ask me!

Leavers' Service: Please note that our Leavers' Service will take place on Friday, 19th July at Holy Trinity Church. The service will begin at 2.00pm.



"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club: We are in the process of possibly starting a Breakfast Club at school from September. I know that a number of you would value this provision. Once we have more information to give you, we will let you know.



Tennis

On Monday 24th June 2019, High Littleton School competed in a Year 3 & 4 Mini Tennis Tournament at Writhlington Leisure Centre. We took two teams, each containing two girls and two boys. Matches began with a 'toss' to decide who would serve. Every child played four matches each against other schools, gaining points which all contributed to an overall team score. At the end of the first round – High Littleton A and High Littleton B were the highest scorers – and were put into the final – competing against each other. Every child did our school proud, playing some exceptional tennis, showing great displays of skill, hand-eye coordination and fitness. Both teams came away with medals – a silver medal for the B Team (Seb, Thomas, Lauren and Amaya) and gold for the A Team (John, Tom, Charlie and Becky). As the overall winners of the tournament, High Littleton A Team, will now compete in the County Final on Tuesday, 2nd July at Combe Dingle, Bristol. Well done to all of you – what a fantastic achievement!



QuadKids

One week ago, High Littleton A and B athletics teams travelled to a local primary school to compete in a tournament. Many types of activities were available for the team to participate in including: 600m run, 75m sprint, howler throwing and standing long jump. Both our teams did very well, the A team came second out of small schools and fourth overall helping them qualify for the county final in Bristol. Out of all the girls in the competition Gertie managed to come 1st winning herself a gold medal - Mr Gunning was very pleased. All of the A team athletes were thrilled to be in another competition and are prepared to do their best.

Sports Day

This week the weather 'held off' in every respect and we had perfect overcast conditions for our annual Sports Day. All of the children competed with a determination to win and also a mutual respect for the other houses. Of course the Year 6 'Catch the Train' race brought smiles to the faces of all of the children and parents alike. It was great to see so many parents and friends there supporting the children! We were so pleased to invite Nova Sports who brought Evie's race running bike. She is one determined young lady! Well done to all of the children and congratulations to Greyfield and Mearns for their joint win!



Fox Class Visit to Roman Baths

On Thursday 20th June, Fox Class went to visit the Roman Baths. We started with a workshop led by a nice man called David and he told us lots of interesting facts about the Romans. We had the chance to look at and touch some real Roman artefacts and learn about what they were used for, as well as dressing up in tunics and togas! After that, we had our picnic lunch in the Parade Gardens but we had to work hard to stop the pigeons from stealing our food! When we got back to the Roman Baths, we had free time going around the museum and listening to the audio guides. Finally, we looked at the pools and the other rooms like the caldariums and tepidariums. We had a great time and earned two marbles for our fantastic behaviour. Another visitor to the museum even commented on how sensible we had been.



Race For Life

High Littleton Staff Get Muddy For Money!

On Saturday 29th June at 11.30am, our team of High Littleton Hellraisers will once again be taking part in the Cancer Research Pretty Muddy event. Last year saw them raise a hefty few hundred quid, providing much needed funds for a really important cause. If you would like to donate this year, please use the following link.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/high-littleton-hellraisers>.

We will also be holding a mufti day where children can dress in casual clothes for a suggested donation of £1. This will be held on Friday 12th July.



School Games Award

Last week, we were awarded the Sainsburys gold School Games standard - what a fantastic achievement! I would like to thank Mr Gunning in ensuring that the children receive the very best sporting opportunities throughout the year. The school has shown that both participation and competition are equally important and I would also like to extend my thanks to all the children who have participated in sporting activities - you have been brilliant!



Hedgehogs go to Weston-Super-Mare

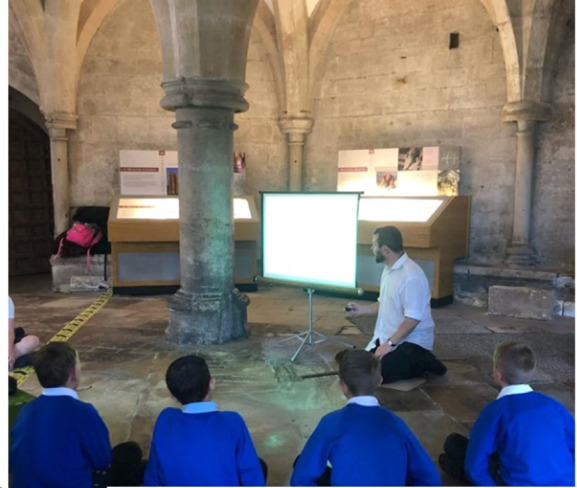
On Monday, 17th June we went to Weston-Super-Mare. First we went on the enormous coach to the seaside. Next we looked at the sand sculptures and my favourite sand sculpture was 'What if I had wings?' Then we got to make our own sand sculptures so we made a house out of water, sand and shells. Ours was really good. After that we had our yummy lunch on Weston beach. A little while later when everybody had eaten their lunch we had a play with our friends on the sand. Finally we got back on the coach all the way back to school. What a busy day we had!

Written by Bella – Hedgehog Class



Pilgrims Day at Wells Cathedral

On Friday, 21st June, our Year 6 pupils attended the annual Pilgrims' Day at Wells Cathedral. This day is a celebration of the children's time at primary school as they look forward to moving on to secondary school. The children took part in a number of workshops and then attended a service of thanksgiving for their schools and for each other.



Attendance

Class	Attendance
Owl Class	96%
Hedgehog Class	97%
Fox Class	97%
Badger Class	98%
Otter Class	98%
Deer Class	97%

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Attendance

Following a meeting with the Education Welfare Officer this week, we have been advised that we require a more detailed reason for absence when a child is unwell. Please contact the school office and leave a message regarding your child's absence by 9am. Please also state their symptoms and whether you have consulted a doctor (for absences more than 3 days). If your child has been absent for more than 3 consecutive days or their attendance is low you may be asked to provide confirmation that you have consulted a GP/pharmacist. If we do not receive detailed information regarding the absence, we may contact you requesting further information. **Please note: if your child experiences vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is recommended that you should keep them at home for 48 hours from the last episode.**

OPAL Please [click here](#) to see our OPAL Loose Parts list on the school website to see if you have anything you're able to donate.

Dates for your Diaries 2018—2019

Please click on the link below to take you to the 'Diary Dates' page and scroll down to see Club dates! ['Diary Dates/Clubs'](#)

Please check out the website. Click on the link www.highlittletonschool.com

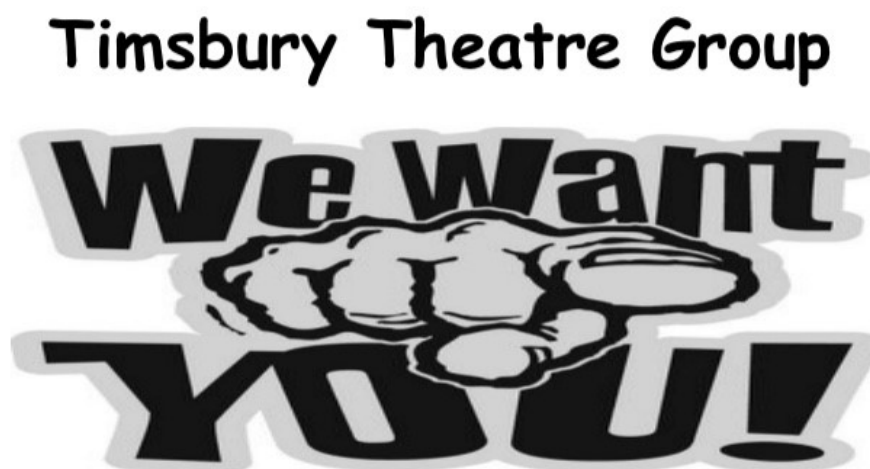
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High Littleton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.



We are an award winning organisation based at the Conygre Hall in Timsbury for over 40 years and we'd love you to join us.

Every year we put on a pantomime in December, present variety shows aimed at all age groups and deliver award winning plays.

We'd love you to come and see what we do in more detail at our **open day**

You'll see our vast costume collection; take a tour back stage; meet our members who work on stage, back stage, make costumes, design and make scenery & props, create sound and lighting effects.

Do you fancy treading the boards, working back stage or being involved in various other roles? Please come and see us.

For more information about us visit our website: thettg.org and find us on...



TTG OPEN DAY

Saturday 27th July from 2pm ~ 4pm

Conygre Hall, Timsbury, BA2 0JQ

Refreshments provided

High Littleton Summer Fayre



5th July 2019

5 – 7:30pm

High Littleton Recreation Ground

Tickets go on sale from 3 June at

www.pta-events.com/high-littleton-primary.

Register now to volunteer and help us run the fayre!