



Highampton Community Primary School

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What a busy two weeks we have had at Highampton!

Year 5 and 6 children from Black Torrington, Bradford and Highampton had two exciting days of activities and challenges on Dartmoor and Bodmin. The first day saw the children navigate their way across the open moor using a map and compass, over seen by staff and instructors. Along the way the children talked about conservation, ecology and tor formation as well as learning practical skills of navigating and staying safe on the moor.

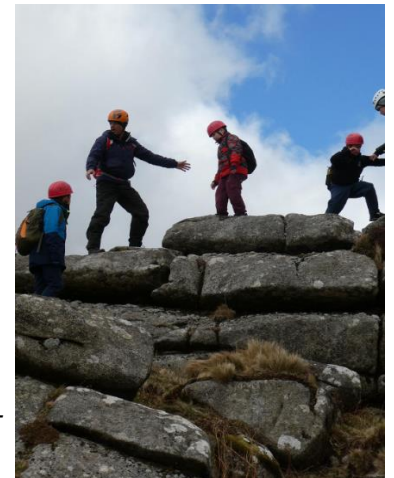
The second day was spent clambering, scrambling and weaseling over, round and through rocks on Bodmin. Adrenaline carried the children successfully over many obstacles, all the while the children were supporting one another and making new friends in preparation for secondary school.

Year 3 and 4 represented the school at the TAG rugby event too, this was a brilliant experience, and the children did so well.

Thank you to everyone who came to our reading café. We aim to work towards a regular opportunity for families to come into school to share books and have a peek at the children's work as well.

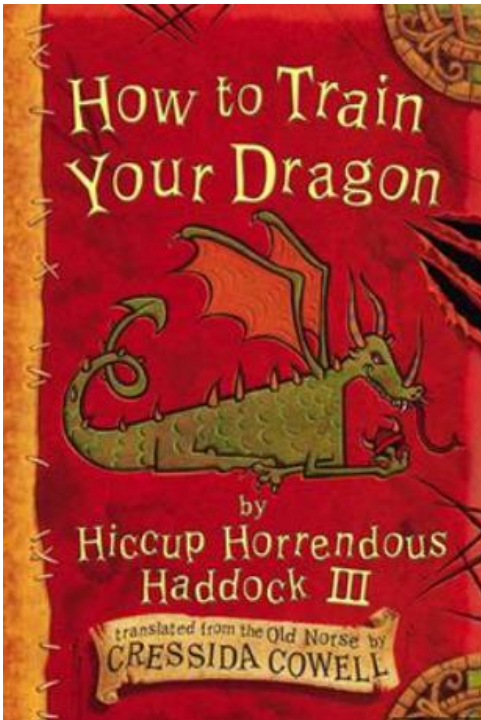


I liked crawling through all the holes, and finding the mysterious track but my favourite part was meeting new people and making friends.' - Yr 6 child.



Day	Club
Monday	Multi Sports KS1
Monday	Year 6 Club
Wednesday	Multi Sports with Mr Pugh KS2
Thursday	Gardening Club KS1 Postponed
Friday	Friday Fun Club @ BT

Class News



Ruby Class have been really enjoying their new English text- How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell. The focus has been very much on reading aloud with fluency and expression and the children have been getting to grips with whole class reading using the text. The Dragon work has inspired lots of Dragon related activities including Dragon eyes artwork.

In Maths we are having a big push on times tables, as they underpin so much of our other learning in all areas. We have come up with lots of fun ways to practise them. Don't forget you can log on to Times Tables Rockstars at home if you want to do some extra practise.

Lots of change for our little ones this week but they have coped immensely well!

We had a fantastic time on Monday afternoon taking part in our first wild tribe session with our new Black Torrington friends.

In English, we have been reading the 'Extraordinary Gardener' and thinking about the environment around us. The children designed and created their very own plants!

In science we investigated the stretchiness of different materials. We all drew pictures of materials, tested their stretchiness and then ordered them from least stretchy to most stretchy.



Stars of the Week, Learner of the Week & Ruby Heart



Hannah- well done for being star learner in Ruby Class. A well deserved award for excellent learning in all areas.

Ethan- superb independent writing this week, well done.

Brooklyn- an all round superstar this week- fabulous positive attitude to all her learning, well done.

Ollie- for being so kind, caring and helpful at all times towards his friends and so polite, helpful and smiley with all the adults.

Notices

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up and enjoying world book day. We had a brilliant day sharing stories and talking about favourite books



Red Nose Day

We are challenging ourselves to an afternoon of non-stop skipping or dancing. Everyone will take part in a relay so we all contribute to the high-energy fun without getting too tired! Donations can be made directly to Comic Relief at [Donate | Comic Relief](#)

Our PTFA would be grateful for any items suitable for raffle prizes please.

Chocolate would be great, but all donations are welcome. Prizes can be left at school or passed to Davina.

Also if you would like to buy raffle tickets, even if you can't attend the event, please see Davina.

Highampton Primary School PTFA

Spring Bingo

Friday 24th March

At

Highampton Village Hall

Doors open 7pm

Eyes down 8pm

Entrance £1

Cash Flyer

1 line/2 line prizes

Fullhouse meat dinners



Festival of Hope

The Festival of Hope is returning for its second year of celebrations in March 2023.

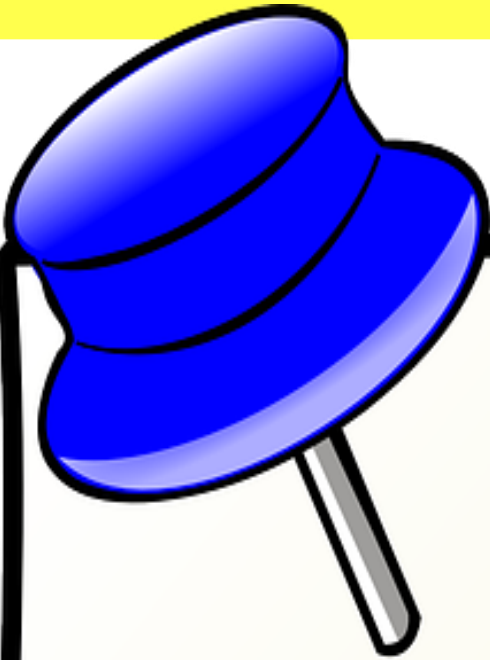
The month-long celebration will allow for lots of enrichment opportunities for our children as well as chances for children to share their work with our community. These events will include:

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite story character
Friday 10th March	Reading Café 2.30pm-3.15pm	Parents and grandparents are welcome to come and share favourite stories in the classroom.
Tuesday 14th March	Indoor Athletics @ HCC Depart 9am	Years 3 and 4. Children need PE kit, water bottle and packed lunch.
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day	Afternoon Dance/Skipping challenge.
Friday 17th – 18th March	Year 6 Pre-Residential Sleepover @ Highampton	Children from Bradford and Black Torrington will join Highampton to build friendships before the Normandy Residential. Drop off 5.30pm, pick up 9.00am Saturday. Please see separate letter for more details.
Thursday 23rd March	Outdoor Project Afternoon 2.30pm-3.15pm	KS2 children will be starting to revive our pond area. Please can children bring gardening clothes and wellies. If parents/carers are available, we would love some support for the afternoon.
Friday 24th March	Netball Tournament @ Bradford	KS2 children will take part in a netball tournament at Bradford. See separate letter for details.
Monday 27th March	Performing Arts Festival @ Holsworthy Community College 1pm	Year R -2 children will spend the afternoon trying different dance and drama activities. Please can children come to school with a packed lunch. See separate letter for details.
Friday 31st March	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Children to bring appropriate footwear to school (wellies/boots).

Attendance This Week

98.08%

This is excellent attendance. Well done everyone!



Diary Dates

2nd March – 31st March – Festival of Hope (see separate page)

14th March – Indoor Athletics at HCC Y3/4

17th March - Red Nose Day Comic Relief

17th March Year 6 Sleepover

24th March – PTFA Spring Bingo at Village Hall 7/8pm

27th March - KS1 Performing Arts at HCC 1pm - 2.30pm

28th March – Holsworthy Y6 Transition visit 2pm for students and after for parents

31st March – PTFA Easter Egg Hunt and Last Day of Term

3rd April to 14th April 2023 - Easter Holidays

20th April – Swimming begins in afternoon

May – After School Club for Y4/5 Watersports

19th June – NCMP NHS Visit for Y6 and Reception

29th June – Visit to Paignton Zoo