

Highampton Community Primary School

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I'm going to start by saying thank you to our families for showing resilience and flexibility around changes of plans made necessary by staff shortages. Staff illness is an unavoidable fact of school life, but we regret and apologise for any inconvenience caused by changes of plan.



Last Friday was Red Nose Day. The children were very keen to get involved and had lots of ideas for fun ways to raise awareness and hopefully encourage you to make a donation! We enjoyed an exhausting very active afternoon of juggling, hula hooping, stilt walking and skipping led by Mr Pearson. When we'd finished our non-stop activities, we recharged our batteries with some delicious and gorgeous cakes courtesy of Hannah in Ruby class, thank you Hannah!



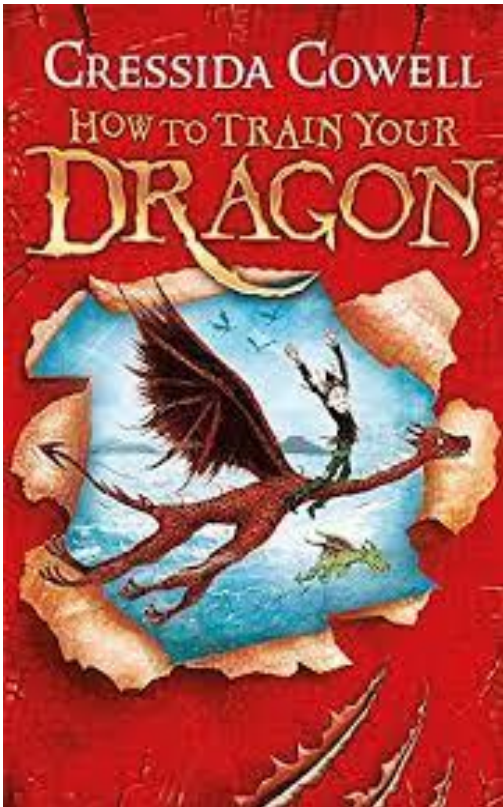
Ruby Hub Update

As a trust we feel strongly that it's our duty to do everything we can to support our small-school pupils with the transition to Secondary School. One of the things pupils have told us really helps is having the opportunity to get to know other pupils in their year group who will be going to college with them. For this reason, we try to do as much work with both Okehampton and Holsworthy Colleges as well as bringing the children together with their peers whenever we can.

Last week we had our first ever Year 6 sleepover at Highampton. A total of eleven Year 6 pupils from Bradford, Black Torrington and Highampton came together for an evening of fun and bonding. Miss Presswell and Mr Pearson organised some very energetic team games in the village hall, then we settled down to enjoyed a hot-dog tea. We took part in a girls vs boys team quiz before settling down with our sleeping bags for a film with hot chocolate and popcorn. We even got to share some of Brooklyn's birthday cake! The Year 6s behaved impeccably and were a credit to their schools and families. It was wonderful to see them bonding with their new friends as well as enjoying time with the old ones. Mrs Luxford, Miss Presswell and Mr Pearson even got some sleep!



Class News



Ruby Class have continued to work around the book 'How to Train your Dragon', reading excerpts from the text with increasing dramatic flare. The children have now begun writing their own versions with Superhero Schools, Explorer Schools and Caveman Schools all in varying degrees of creation. In maths the children are now exploring shapes, finding their perimeters and areas and applying their general mathematical knowledge to a real context. (How many times do you need to run around the playground in order to run 1 km). Our work in Science and geography have combined looking at how population growth leads to greater use of fossil fuels and how that affects climate change.

Team Tarka have been absolutely brilliant. Mrs Luxford has really loved teaching them and Mrs Haworth is very happy to be taking up the baton. We have been doing lots of measuring in maths in the last two weeks. Year 2 have been measuring in centimetres and metres and Year 1 have been using non standard measurements such as cubes. Everyone has been busy comparing and ordering by length.

In English we have been enjoying a very funny story called 'The Day Louis Got Eaten' (link here if you'd like to look). [The Day Louis Got Eaten - Read aloud - ☆ with Monster QUIZ!!! ☆ - YouTube](#)



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



Learner of the Week: Quinn for excellent expression and creativity reading "How to Train Your Dragon".



Tarka Star of the Week: Lexi for sharing her learning of the environment



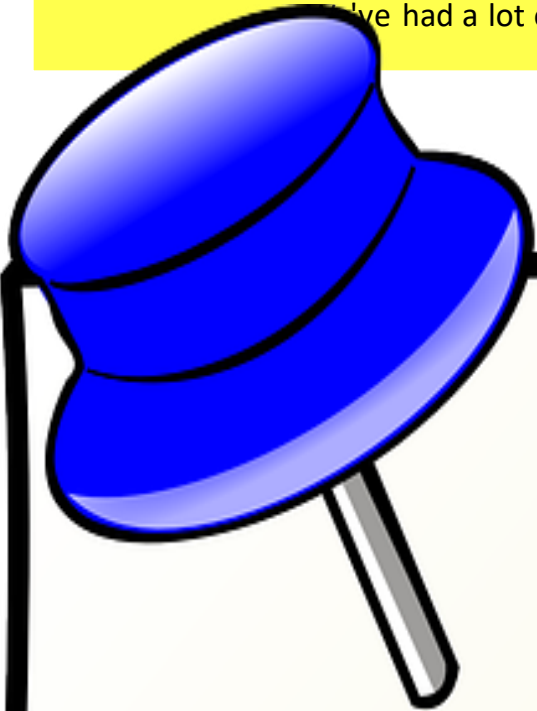
Ruby Star of the Week: Moss for an excellent reading assessment

Ruby Heart: Archie for being kind and helpful

Attendance This Week

89.2%

We have had a lot of illness with the children as well as staff this week.



Diary Dates

28th March – Holsworthy Y6 Transition visit 2pm for students and 3pm for parents. Would parents please let Mrs Ford know if you would like to meet Mrs Greener

28th March – Parent Information Evening for the Y6 French Trip; 4.30pm at Bradford School

29th March – HCC Book Club at Black Torrington School for Y6

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

17th-18th April – Y3/4 Outdoor Activity Days

3rd April to 14th April 2023 - Easter Holidays

20th April – Swimming begins in afternoon

14th-19th May – French Trip for Y6

18th May – After School Club for water sports starts

8/9th June – Year 3 Residential Trip

19th June – NCMP NHS Visit for Y6 and Reception

23rd June- Space Odyssey visit to School

26th-28th June – Year 4/5 Residential Trip

29th June – Visit to Paignton Zoo