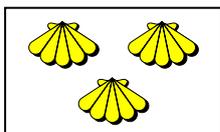


July 20th  
2021

High Wych CE Primary  
School  
(Founded in 1861)



# School Achievements 2020/21

Well .....sadly not the normal finish to yet another school year. Thank you to the staff and children who have tried really hard over the past few months to take every opportunity to keep their learning going.

### Our school priorities next year

For the next academic year our priorities will continue to be to ensure the children build upon their learning and feel secure in anything they may have missed. This will be alongside ensuring a positive approach to life. This is in line with our vision of 'build a house upon a rock' Matthew 7-24 where the rock represents our school values and knowledge taught within lessons built on subject by subject and year on year.

### School Council and Eco Council

Although the work has been limited this year the children have still managed to raise money for charity including Red Nose Day - £296.90. The children will hopefully have more opportunity to be part of the School and Eco council to support local and global causes next year.

### Music

Music has also been tricky this year due to the COVID rules as they were not allowed to sing but they have used Charanga to learn about music and composition. Thank you to Mrs Earl for her hard work this year across the classes. Year 4& 5 have continued to develop their musical knowledge through stringed instruments so thank you Mr Davis.

### PTA events:

Sadly the PTA events have had to be on the back burner this year but we hope that next year with lots of new parents there will be lots of new ideas, so please getting thinking as you are all members of the PTA. We look forward to our first meeting in the Autumn term.

### Charity Events/Collections

The children participated in numerous charity events to support:

- Christmas Shoe boxes-We collected 47 boxes
- Children in Need- we raised £465
- Christmas Jumper Day raised £221

### Other Events

**Pantomime** -Sadly the pantomime had to be cancelled but we have booked Harlow playhouse for this December so fingers crossed.

### PSQM- Science Award

Well done for the hard work that went into achieving the PSQM Award. We had to demonstrate high quality science within school.

### Travel Award

- **Road Safety** - Year 1 enjoyed developing their understanding of road safety. Thank you to Mrs Oakman for organising this.
- **Wheelie Wednesday** - KS1 enjoyed bringing their scooters for breaktimes during the year with **scooter training** for Year 1 in the Autumn term.

### Sports competitions and activities

- **Sports events**- Sadly we have been unable to have any inter school sports this year but we hope to be able to start these again next year.
- **Coaching**- Through our involvement with the Sports Partnership the children received coaching from local sports organisations in Handball and Cricket.
- **Bikeability** Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in the programme at either Level 2 or Level 1 standard. Well done Year 6.

Thank you to Mrs Clayden for all her hard work as our sport continues to go from strength to strength.

- **School Games Gold award**. We were aiming to achieve our Platinum award again this year as it was put off last year due to COVID but unfortunately, it was suspended again due to COVID-19. We hope that we will be able to apply for this next year as we have held the Gold award for 3 years prior to this.

### Trips and Visits

- **Year 1,2,3 and 5** all had the opportunity to go to Skreens Park for some outdoor adventurous activities which they thoroughly enjoyed
- **Year 4** enjoyed a trip to Aquasplash
- **Year 3** went to Celtic Harmony at the start of the Autumn term before the rest of the Autumn and Spring terms trips were cancelled due to COVID.
- **RE** The children enjoyed the services via Teams for Harvest, Easter and Christmas.
- **Year 6 residential**. We were really pleased that Year 6 had the opportunity to attend Grittleton House in Wiltshire. This was a new destination for us and we are pleased to report that the children had a really lovely time.

### Remote learning

I want to say a big thank you to the staff who have work incredibly hard learning a new skill of teaching via video link through Teams. Thank you to the children and parents who embraced remote learning by accessing J2E for their daily learning activities. It was incredibly hard for everyone but seemed to work very smoothly for the most part.

### 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our school was 160 years old this year and I am pleased that the children got to celebrate with some art and written work. We also had a whole school photo which we hope to put onto the website soon.

### Reading reminder

Those children who read for pleasure **every day** are more likely to achieve at least the expected standard. Children who read daily have an increased vocabulary, which they can use in their writing. Please continue to encourage your children to read regularly over the summer by taking part in the Herts Library reading challenge - called 'Wild World Heroes' in partnership with WWF.

Well done for another exciting, busy and successful year.

### FINALLY

Have a lovely summer. We wish Year 6 all the best in their new schools and hope they achieve all that they can. Thank you to all staff, parents, governors and pupils for their continued support.

We look forward to seeing you all return on Thursday September 2nd.

Yours sincerely

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