

May 2022

Greetings from High Green Primary School (HGPS) Governing Body

Welcome to the summer term!

As we move to 'living with Covid' we are really pleased to see how HGPS staff and pupils have made huge strides towards closing the gaps that the impact of the pandemic left behind for the children. It is great to see that children have settled back into school life, that they are enjoying their learning and other activities across the school.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some updates since our last communication in December 2021.



You may have noticed that the school's signage has been updated, a big thank you to all involved in this.

United for Ukraine:

We appreciate that the war in Ukraine, will be worrying many of you presently. Please be assured that staff at the school are doing all they can to support and reassure the children. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the United for Ukraine effort. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Governing Body updates:

At the end of the summer term current members of the school's governing body will be stepping down from their current roles. This includes Sally Green (Chair of Governor's), Matthew Evans (Vice Chair of Governor's) and Alicia Plane (Co-opted Governor).

As a result of this we will be advertising for new members of the governing body, if you would like to know more about the work of the governing body or express an interest please contact Sally Green (sgreen@highgreen.sheffield.sch.uk) or Matthew Evans (mevans@highgreen.sheffield.sch.uk) by email.

School website:

The new school website is now up and running, we hope you love the look and feel of it and find everything you need at your fingertips. If you have not yet visited the website, the link is below:

<https://highgreenprimary.co.uk>

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Friends of the School (FOTS):

Thank you to our hard working FOTS team for organising Gruffalo Day, the event was a huge success and opening this up to younger children in the local area was a great way to show off our beautiful school woodland. All the children across the school were able to enjoy activities, including; making Gruffalo crumble, face painting and the Gruffalo himself made a special appearance to ensure the children all received a chocolate egg. The FOTS team do fantastic work to support the school, organising events such as Gruffalo day for the children and raising funds for school. The team welcome new volunteers and if you are interested in volunteering you can contact the team by emailing fots@highgreen.sheffield.sch.uk.



Active breaks and sporting activities:

Children across the year groups have been encouraged to take part in active breaks. Lots of new equipment has enabled staff to promote and encourage being active, this will be even further developed in the summer term. Our Year 6 active champions are also working incredibly hard with children across KS2 in providing weekly active challenges, promoting and supporting their peers to be active.

Sport and physical activity within school continues to be facilitated by sports coaches undertaking PE lessons and also after school sports activities. The use of sports coaches has been a great success across all year groups and has improved the excitement for PE and the children have learnt new skills, by experiencing different sports.

In the spring term Quidditch was well attended. The introduction of fishing and horse riding taster sessions will enable children to experience less intensive/high impact sports, in the hope that all children will have the opportunity to participate in after school activities, during the summer term.

The children have commented on the improvement in fitness and well being, whilst staff report that pupils relationships and working as a team has improved across school.

Quotes from the children about how they have experienced active breaks include:

“I have made more friends and I have more fun at break times”

“I feel fitter, braver and stronger!”

“I love circus skills, because I can bond with people”

Other initiatives across school:

Plans are in place to make improvement to the school grounds and fundraising from FOTS events will enable us to start to make some progress towards this.

Our well-being ambassadors in school have worked hard on an anti-bullying assembly, promoting the core values of our school.

Members of the School Council have been involved in book sales, to promote a love of reading across all the year groups. Donations of books are also welcome to support future book sales.

Rock Steady is available in school, this offers fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons for children, it can also support children's confidence, well being and resilience. For more information visit- rocksteadymusicschool.com

Music lessons are still available within school and the school choir is well attended, currently choir members are working hard to prepare for the below upcoming events:

Valley Music Festival- 8th June at the Venue in Stocksbridge

Chesterfields Gotta Sing- 13th June at the Promegranate Theatre

School Music and dance festival- 9 July (Schools annual summer fayre) there will be stalls, food, face painting, bouncy castle, musical performance from the school choir and a dance troop is scheduled to be performing.

Our amazing Eco Warriors featuring in the local free paper Look Local in March, have planted trees on the school field. The children involved in this project are always looking for ways to improve the environment, litter picking and turning lights off around school includes some of the ways they contribute to this on a daily basis. Thank you and keep up the excellent work!



We would like to ask you to promote HGPS and the amazing learning environment this provides our children within the local community to anyone you know who has pre-school children.

We look forward to a fun summer term, with lots for the children to learn and enjoy.

Best wishes, Governing Body, HGPS.

For more information about the governing body, please visit the school website. If you have any feedback that you would like to share with the governing body, or any questions you would like to ask, you can also contact us via the school website.