

# NEWSLETTER



**Howard**  
Community Academy

22nd September 2023

## A Message From Staff

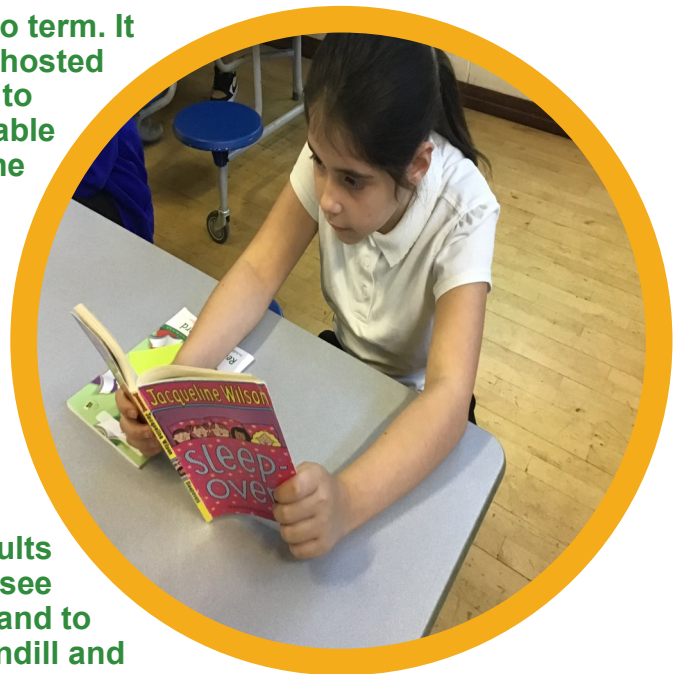
I can't believe that we are already three weeks into term. It has been jam-packed with activity. This week we hosted a visit from the Arts Council, who were delighted to hear about our Gold Artsmark award. They were able to see some of the fantastic art work we have done as a school and hear about the arts experiences that Howard children have been part of over the last few years.

Year 6 continued the arts theme this week as they headed over to County High for a musical workshop using the Gamelan. The Gamelan is a traditional instrumental ensemble from Java and Bali formed of many different bronze percussion instruments. From all accounts the gong was a favourite!

Badger class really enjoyed reading with their adults at their reading café on Thursday. It was great to see so many parents come along to the reading café and to our weekly coffee and chat session with Mrs Grundill and Mrs Spall on Wednesday afternoon from 2-3pm. It will be running again next week so do pop in and join them. We will also be running our Macmillan coffee morning after school on Friday– more details to follow– so why not pop in before or after collecting your children.

In other great news, we are extremely proud of our Year 5/6 football team who represented us at the Bury School games tournament. Mrs Biggs and Mr Copsey were extremely proud of their teamwork, sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. Well done!

One last plea from us is to ask that parents refrain from smoking directly outside our school gate, as children do have to walk through this area to access school. *Mrs Weir*



Next week at Howard....

Thursday 28th September 4pm– Year 6 parents meeting for County High

Friday 29th September 2.45pm– Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale

## Headteacher Awards

I am pleased to announce the following pupils have received a Headteacher Award. Congratulations!



Joanna G

Elyse S

Charlie K

Reggie H

Blake L

Harry B

David O

Jack R

Vinnie G

Kai C

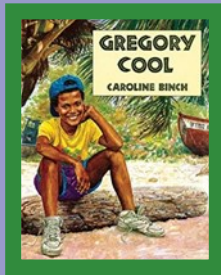
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Adam P

## Looking for a good read?



The Bear and the Piano  
David Litchfield



Gregory Cool  
Caroline Birch



A Girl Called Owl  
Amy Wilson

## Dates for your diary

3rd October 6pm – Y6  
Residential trip meeting

17th and 18th October–  
Parents evenings

20th October– Last day of  
half term

## Star of the Week

Mrs Hall for all her hard work on phonics and writing.



## Attendance

This week 93.1% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all. Do let us know if we can help in any way.

Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines may apply.

## SEND News from Mrs Wakeman

This week I would like to sign post to the Sendiass website, where there is a wealth of useful videos that you can access including:

Information about EHCPs.

Choosing an Early Years setting if your child has SEND.  
Transition to Secondary School.

Support with Cognition and Learning needs, Social Emotional and Mental Health needs, Speech and Language needs, Coordination difficulties and Specific Learning difficulties.

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/training/parent-and-carer-information-sessions/>

## How to Contact Us

If you need help with advice on how to get online, resources to help your child learn at home or any other support we are here to help. Please speak to a member of staff or phone the school office on 01284 766278.

Class teachers can be contacted via class emails e.g. [otter@howardprimary.org](mailto:otter@howardprimary.org) for Otter class, [badger@howardprimary.org](mailto:badger@howardprimary.org) for Badger class.

## Howard is fabulous!

Keep up to date with news about our learning in school, events and activities as they happen, and some useful links for activities to complete at home, by following us on our social media pages:

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