

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

28th June 2024

A Message From Staff

I was fortunate to watch a group of young people, including some of our very own pupils, from across Bury St Edmunds perform as part of the primary steps ballet programme this week. They were brilliant– so confident and clearly thoroughly enjoying their dance! It made me realise again the importance of the arts and how great it is that we are able to offer our children some great **experiences** in school. This week the children watched the 'Not So' Big Bad Wolf or The Strange New Space production by Doorstep theatre company. I had a lovely lunch with smiling children in Badger class telling me all about the characters, the plot and their favourite parts.



On Wednesday Mrs Biggs and I were fortunate to take part in a celebration day for the Creativity Collaborative projects that have been running in schools across Anglian Learning trust. Mrs Biggs shared the amazing learning of some of our youngest learners and the work Hedgehog and Hoglets have been doing to develop our children's confidence and curiosity. It was wonderful to be part of this project, which is one of only nine from across the country.

On Friday our futsal team will be heading off to our rearranged futsal tournament in Ipswich. They are very excited and we are so proud of their **aspiration** and achievement to make it to the final. Most of all we are proud of their great teamwork and I look forward to cheering them on!

Coming up at Howard.....

Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew– 1st July

Key Stage 2 visit to West Suffolk College– 2nd July

Rabbit class trip to Banham Zoo– 8th July

Move up afternoon –10th July

Headteacher Awards

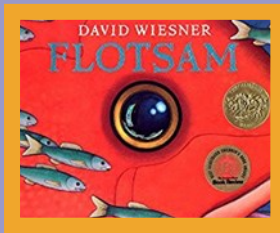
I am pleased to announce the following pupils have received a Headteacher



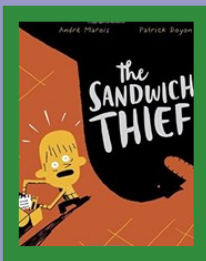
**Well done to all of our
Futsal team superstars
this week!**



Looking for a good read?



Flotsam
David Wiesner



The Sandwich Thief
Andre Marois



The Arrival
Shaun Tan

Stars of the Week

Mrs Grundill, Mrs Spall and Miss Gillingham for their great flexibility!



Attendance

This week 92.6% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all. Government expectations are 96% attendance for every child. Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines may apply.

A message from Mrs Wakeman

Some useful tips that give ideas to help with transition! The most important thing is to think about what your child will find most difficult (e.g. changes to routine, environment, or staff) and discuss ways they can be supported with this.



- Try to find out **what your child is worried about** and talk to them about what might make things better.
 - Explain to your child **what will be different**. Discuss what is the same and what will be different.
 - Seeing **photos or a virtual tour** of the class/school layout may benefit your child
 - Think about **what has worked well** in the past when you've helped your child prepare for a new experience.
- Your child will be **reassured by your calming responses** and a reminder that you and school or college can support them in managing the changes.

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.

Dates for your diary

10th July Move up afternoon
11th July Year 6 Leavers BBQ
12th July Year 6 Leavers assembly
12th July PTA Summer disco
16th July Hedgehog picnic and parachute trip
18th July Last day of term

Howard is fabulous!

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