



Parents Meeting

Wednesday 1 July 2015

Communication, Self-help Skills, Independence

New Initiatives This Year



- Daily reading time
- Enterprise Education
- Appointed a full-time work experience co-ordinator
- Introduced curriculum theme days to extend the curriculum
- Piloted our first holiday programmes



Speech & Language Therapy



- Trial speech and language storytelling day during May Half-term
Five pupils attended
- The storytelling programme will run for four days during the first week of the summer holidays



Work Experience



- 25 pupils have had external selling opportunities
- 21 pupils have had internal work experience semi-regularly
- 44 pupils have had work experience at Highshore Events
- 15 pupils have had external work experience for a flexible length of time to suit employers
- 2 pupils have accepted part-time paid jobs
- Held two Business Networking lunches to increase opportunities for our pupils

Education, Health & Care Plans



- Introduced this year – replaces Statements
- 25 completed so far at Highshore
- Feedback from the Local Authority is that our plans are of a very high standard
- 40 parents attended a meeting in Autumn Term
There will be another meeting in September

Sixth Form

- Four classes this year
- Five classes from September – two pupils will join us from other schools
- Almost all pupils now staying until 19 years old
- Our focus is on education, enterprise and employment



Our Leavers

- Five pupils in year 14: three going on to college, two to alternative provision
- Two pupils in year 13: one going on to college, one to alternative provision/college
- One pupil in year 11: going on to alternative provision



Enterprise Education



- New this year
- All sixth form pupils spend one day a week on Enterprise Education
- Mirrors the workplace
- Teaches pupils that work achieves money, which enables them to buy things
- Great success selling our products – e.g. at Borough Market, Camberwell Arts Fair
- Online Twitter site - @MadeAtHighshore
Over 1,000 followers



Friendship Fortnight - February



- School Council produced a Friendship Charter
- Older pupils acted as playground friends
- Special friendship post
- Friendship sing-along in the atrium



Citizenship – May 2015



- Highshore General Election
- Five pupils chosen to represent political parties and prepared election broadcasts
- Councillor Vicky Mills advised pupils on election strategy
- All pupils able to vote - almost all pupils voted
- Older pupils acted as election officers
- Picked up by the Guardian Newspaper



World Book Day – March



- All classes completed book reviews and decorated classroom doors
- Everyone dressed as a book character
- Special assembly
- Story telling
- Prizes for best costumes and best book reviews



Business Links Day - March



- Every pupil visited a workplace – including:
 - Discovery Channel
 - Barclays Bank
 - Choccywoccydoodah
 - Royal Bank of Scotland
 - Mudchute Farm
 - Resonance 104.4 FM
 - Old Bailey



Dragons Den Day - June



- Pupils in class groups presented to the Dragons on the theme of 'Make Break Time Better'
- The Dragons gave away £450
- Winning projects included:
 - 12T – mini-golf = £100
 - 12J – ice pops = £50
 - Year 8 – table football = £60
 - Year 9 – graffiti wall = £40
 - 11L – Talking Tubes = £60
 - 10N – Music in the playground = £90



Literacy Week - June



- Based around the theme of 'Dickens and the Victorians'
- Events included:
 - Storyteller
 - Visits to Tate Britain
 - Visit to Dickens World
 - Victorian day (dressing up)
 - Victorian games in playground
 - Victorian snacks at break
 - Victorian Music Hall
 - Special assemblies



Celebrating Achievement



Jack Petchey Award

- Nine pupils received Petchey awards this school year
- Celebration in June at the Southbank Centre
- Total of 30 Petchey award winners in school
- Two members of staff have received Leaders awards

Pupil of the Term

- 42 pupils received 'Pupil of the Term' awards

Attendance Awards

- At the time of writing, 14 pupils are eligible to receive 100% attendance awards



School Awards

- Sophia Stewart received the Southwark Council Parent & Carer Award
- Kathy Black and Ali Naqvi received Enterprise Grants from Southwark
 - Kathy - £335
 - Ali - £750
- Julia Manning received grant from Veolia £500 for her Enterprise Education project



Our New Building



- We have been here over a year
- The atrium has proved a flexible space
- Dedicated sports hall means we can run sensory circuits in the mornings
- Drama studio can accommodate visiting storytellers and sing-and-sign
- Soft play and sensory rooms are well used
- We continue to develop the playground space





Film Club – new this school year

- Monthly film screening
- Older pupils sell refreshments as part of Enterprise Education
- Attendance around 40 pupils each film
- Suggestions for films come through School Council



Parent Training & Meetings



- eSafety
- ICT
- EHCP
- Coffee mornings with speakers
- Parent and governor coffee morning (Autumn Term)

2015/16 – Our Ambitions



- Further develop our website
- Increase parent training sessions: ELKLAN, Reading, eSafety
- Develop our holiday programmes
- Employ a CAMHS worker one day a week
- Recruit an Occupational Therapist
- Enhance our enterprise partnerships

We Need Your Support



- Parental survey
- Parent View
- Coffee Mornings
- Resource-making Group
- Volunteering on Theme Days
- Your Connections
- Sign up to our Twitter sites - @MadeAtHighshore and @HighshoreSchool
- How would you like to get involved?

