



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

11th Mar 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very exciting week for us! On Monday we welcomed Face Front Theatre company who performed "It's my move" for two groups of sixth form pupils and their parents. Thank you to those of you who came along. It was a special pleasure as the words and music for the production were written by ex pupil Aldean who left us in 2005 and who spoke after both performances about his work as a professional musician.

Also on Monday our parent's group met to continue with plans for the international evening on Friday 18th. I do hope that a good number of you will be able to come along and support this. It is going to be a great evening and is a chance for families to get to know each other.

BBC news day on Thursday was a busy and energising day. A number of pupil reporters were busy making films during the day and you can view their work on the school website. Thanks go to Nick Clark for all his work on this.

Today we are very proud to let you know about Alfie's appearance on BBC2 today on the Victoria Derbyshire show. Please see my full write up of this later on in the newsletter. Well done to Alfie who had to get to the BBC for 8am this morning. Alfie's story very much exemplifies our core aims of developing pupil's communication, self help and independence skills. We believe that our young people are more than capable of making a contribution to society and to that end we do our absolute best to give them the skills they need to enter the workforce. Well done Alfie!

Eileen

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Monday 14th March—Parents Resource Meeting

Thursday 17th March—Cinema Club

Toys in the Attic

Friday 18th March—International Evening – 5pm—8pm

Monday 21st March—Family Link Coffee Morning. 10am –Midday

Wednesday 23rd March End of Term— pupils finish and leave school at 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th April—Pupils return to school



Shomari helped to make the mosaic which was presented to HRH Prince Charles by Peter Mather, a director of BP. Shomari said 'I was happy to meet Prince Charles and shake his hand. The Prince was really nice'. The meeting took place at the Troxy on Commercial Road in the East End and is a clear sign of the progress Shomari has made on his journey towards the world of work.

Pupils of the Week

7E	Ryley For contributing to class discussions with peers	8/9	Haley For being kind to another pupil	11N	Josiah For being much more positive and supportive	14M	Luke D For amazing Gollum impersonations during Literacy
7L	Mohamed M K For good work and excellent behaviour in all lessons	9	Mohamed J For working hard all week	12A	Aisla For attending all her lessons and making an effort	 STAR OF THE WEEK 	
7S	Blake For working independently on his Farmer Duck topic	10L	Luke B H For doing all his Science homework	12K	Jack For trying his best to improve his behaviour		
8	Isabel For growing confidence in swimming and much calmer behaviour in class	10T	Fisayo For working hard in all lessons	13J	Rebecca For outstanding work in the Enterprise workshop		
Garnet	Ferdi For a consistent week of remaining focussed in classroom	11J	Ibi For being able to recognise 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1 and £2 coins.	13S	Jamal For being friendly within the class and around school	 PUPILS OF THE WEEK WELL DONE!!!!	

Pupils of the term

7E—Mario
7L—Caroline
7S—Blake
8—Tom
Garnet—Samuel D
8/9—Joshua H
9—Denaye
10L—Suhail
10T—Demi
11J—Ibi
11N—Habib N
12A—Azeez
12K—Sheriff
13 J—Rebecca
13S—Abdulai
14M—Aneesa

All the pupils of the term will be going out for a meal together next week on Wednesday to Pizza Hut.

Don't forget

Cinema Club

Thursday 17th March

Toys in the Attic

Return your slips as soon as possible



IT'S MY MOVE



We are very proud of Alfie who today appeared on national television! Alfie was a guest on the Victoria Derbyshire show (9-15 - 11am BBC2). Alfie is a pupil in 14M and for two days a week this year has been on work experience with Alix Partners, a leading business advisory firm. This placement was brokered through the Down's Syndrome Association. Alfie was initially supported by a member of school staff in his placement but now is independent in the workplace. Everyone here believes that Alfie is capable, with the right support, of gaining paid work when he leaves Highshore.

The programme can be watched via BBC I Player



Teresa Hay—Family Link Worker

After working within the Special Needs field for 30 years, I now feel it is time to change direction a little.

As you no doubt already know I am retiring at Easter and am hoping I will not be put out to pasture (not yet). My plan is to continue doing respite work, week-ends and holidays, so I will still have contact with students.

I wanted you all to know I have loved every minute of working with both the students and the families. I have great relationships with most of the families and very special relationships with students, carers, colleagues and parents alike, all of which I will treasure always. I want to thank you all for your continued support and confidence in me and it has made my job so worthwhile. I will miss you all and hope I have helped your child reach their full potential. You must continue to remember, just because you have a disability it should not stop you trying to achieve the best you can.

I am holding a Farewell Coffee Morning to enable me to say goodbye personally; this will take place on Monday 21st March 10am to 12pm. I hope as many of you as possible can attend but I can understand that some of you may have work commitments. I hope you all do well in the future and take care. Thank you again for all the happy years I have spent in Highshore. Best wishes —Teresa Hay