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Wind In The Willows

This week, our **Year 6 pupils** delighted audiences with their wonderful end-of-year production of The Wind in the Willows.



Wind In The Willows (cont'd)

They entertained children across the school before taking to the stage for parents and carers, showcasing their confidence, teamwork and impressive talents.



A huge well done to every member of the cast for learning their lines, supporting one another and delivering such a memorable performance – we are incredibly proud of you all!

Optimistically Confident

Our Key Stage 1 Celebration Assembly yesterday was a wonderful opportunity to recognise children who have demonstrated our school values of being **Optimistic** and **Confident**.



Optimistically Confident (cont'd)

It was fantastic to celebrate pupils who approach new challenges with a positive attitude, believe in themselves and are willing to have a go. Well done to everyone who received an award – you are excellent role models for our school community!





Summer Safety



As we look forward to the summer holidays, this week's assemblies focused on helping children enjoy a fun, safe break by using our school value of **Critical Thinking**.



We explored how making sensible choices can help keep us safe around water, when meeting new people, while travelling, in unfamiliar places and during hot weather.

We hope all of our families have a wonderful summer and remember to **Think, Choose, Stay Safe!**



A huge thank you to everyone who completed our annual Parent Survey. We were delighted to receive over 190 responses, providing us with valuable feedback about what is working well at Harlands and how we can continue to develop as a school.

We were incredibly proud to see **such positive responses from our families**, with:

98% of parents agreeing that their child feels safe at Harlands

97% saying their child is happy at school

98% agreeing that their child does well at the school

97% recognising that the school helps their child develop positive attitudes to learning, attendance and readiness for the next stage of their education

95% of parents saying they would recommend Harlands to others



It was wonderful to read so many comments celebrating our caring and committed staff, the strong relationships we build with children, and the welcoming, inclusive community that makes Harlands such a special place. Parents highlighted the progress children make, the confidence they develop, and the wide range of opportunities available through clubs, performances, residential visits and enrichment activities. We are incredibly grateful for your kind words and recognition of the dedication of our whole staff team.

Your feedback also helps us identify areas where we can continue to evolve. Over the coming year, we will focus on:

*# Continuing to **develop communication with families**, including how we share information about children's learning journeys and progress.*

Working with all of our many external club providers with their booking processes.

*# **Continuing to grow our SEND provision**, ensuring that every child receives the support and opportunities they need to thrive.*

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we will continue to make Harlands an inspiring, inclusive and successful place for every child.

Trustees

On behalf of the Trustees, may I thank everyone in the Harlands community for another successful year.

Thank you to the children who all achieve so much on their Harlands journeys; thank you to the families who - as ever - have been so supportive in helping all the children to thrive; and thank you to the PTA, whose contributions in staging events and raising funds have again been wonderful. And, of course, thank you to the tremendous team of teachers, TAs and office support whose commitment and dedication is excellent.



Our best wishes to Year 6 leavers. We look forward to everyone else returning in September after a well-earned and happy holiday, and joined by two full classes of new Harlands pupils in Reception.

On a personal note, I am standing down as Chair of Trustees, after several years in the role, making way for the next generation! It has been a privilege, and a great opportunity to learn about the challenges facing schools and appreciate the commitment and enterprise of Harlands in managing those challenges. It is no accident that Harlands is a success!

Michael Swiggs, Chair of Trustees

Diary Dates / Reminders

Wednesday, 22 July

Last day of Summer Term

Tuesday, 1 September

INSET Day

Wednesday, 2 September

INSET Day

Thursday, 3 September

Term starts for children in Years 1-6

Friday, 23 October

INSET Day

Monday, 26-Friday, 30 October

Half term

Friday, 18 December

Last day of Autumn Term



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