

Dear Parents,

It was an honour and a privilege to be invited to the Year Six BBQ and performance on Tuesday. Having been unwell and away since school partially reopened, I feared I would not see them before they went. However, I am now firmly on the road to recovery and it was a delight to see and talk with the children. They have all grown since lock-down started! Other than that, they are the same wonderful bunch that I last saw back in March (Zoom calls excepted). There is something very special about the way in which this cohort of children has supported one another throughout the ups and downs of their primary school years and this has obviously been the case throughout these last strange weeks and months. Ada, Lucy, Adam, Charlie, Max, Leyla, Maria, Abigail, Abigail, Amy and Grace have a plethora of interests, talents, skills and knowledge that are far reaching and too numerous to mention. Over the last two years (as I have tried to add a little to those), it has been a joy to see the genuine and deep rooted interest and enjoyment they have taken in one another's achievements. They have 'been there for one another' through the good and the not so good and the down-right terrible. They have shown kindness, empathy and caring. They have laughed together and learnt together and I am glad to have been there for (most) of the last two years.

So, Year Sixes, I know that you will all thrive at secondary school on your next adventure and you will grow even taller! But don't forget your educational roots and please do come back to our little school and see us when you can. High Bickington will not be the same without you: you have been a credit to the school and yourselves. Thank you for all that you have done.

And while I am here, I know that they would want me to say a big THANK YOU to Miss Trofa who has done such an amazing job as Head of School and of organising all of KS2's learning over the last two months ... with quite literally no notice at all! Thank you to her and to Mrs Laurence and Mrs Goss who have ably assisted and to all the staff who have worked so hard. You all deserve and need a good break!

Hopefully we will all be back in September to start our next adventure.

Have a lovely Summer Holiday,

Rob

Rob Norton
Head of School

The link to the Y6 performance is:
<https://youtu.be/fKs1vCoBdoc>

The link to the Y6 toilet roll challenge is:
<https://youtu.be/xdtif7j9fT0>

Each year our Year Six leavers create a piece of artwork to be displayed in the school, which is revealed at the leavers' service. This year they have not been able to all work on the same canvas, but have worked on separate canvases which have been joined together.

