



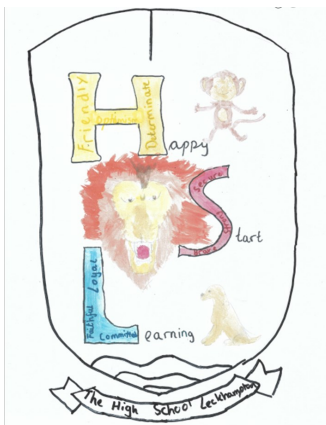
I'd like to start my newsletter by offering congratulations to all the prospective pupils who entered our planner competition. The quality of the entries was superb, and the judges had a difficult decision to make! I am delighted to announce that the winning entry was created by **Bella, from Leckhampton Church of England Primary**. We felt her design really captured the values of our school and was a powerful image that would look fantastic on the cover. Bella's picture will be the first of many pupil covers over the years and we hope to see even more entries for 2022!



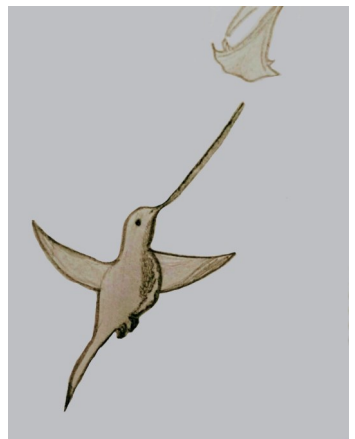
We would also like to congratulate the following pupils whose entries were judged to be 'Highly Commended,' either for their particular artistic skill or the meaning behind their designs:



Freddie, Naunton Park



Marina, Lakeside Primary



Edith, from St Mark's





Farm Lane: Time seems to be a constant theme in my newsletters, possibly because so much happens every day when setting up a new school! Since I last wrote, we have had the welcome news that the pending Judicial Review has been withdrawn and we can now see the steels going up at the Farm Lane site. They appear to have started with the dining hall wing, which we all agree is a jolly good idea!



The Balcarras building remains ahead of schedule and we learnt this week that TG Escapes are now fitting the Cedar cladding and the external glazing. I imagine that after the Easter holidays we will see it looking quite different on the outside!



Parent Forum: Thank you to the parents who attended Parent Forum on 17th March. We were pleased to welcome parents from 5 of our feeder Primary schools and were interested to hear their views about school uniform and the impact COVID has had on their children. As a result of the Forum, we have been able to confirm all items of school uniform with our suppliers and we will upload the much-anticipated information to our website shortly. We are delighted that many of our uniform items including the Blazer, Skirt and Trousers will be 'Eco' products, using polyester made from recycled plastic bottles. As the first Carbon-neutral school in the county this seems very fitting. All those consulted were impressed by the comfort and quality of the fabric. Our stockists tell us that you will be able to purchase the uniform after May Half term.

PTFA: We are still interested to hear from you if you are able to join the Steering Group for the PTFA. Please email thsl@balcarras-gloucs.sch.uk - I am hoping to convene an initial meeting in the week beginning 19th April.

New website: We will be moving away from our temporary website next week. You will still be able to access it through hls.gloucs.sch.uk but you will see that the information is arranged a little differently. Please do bear with us whilst we continue to build the content over the coming months.

With warm wishes,

Helen Wood

