



12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

# High Firs Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Mr Kilbride

A quieter week in school this week as the diary is kept fairly clear to ensure all resources and priority can be given for Yr6 taking their National Curriculum tests – the SATs. Well done to all children who conducted themselves superbly throughout the week. Every child gave their very best effort - the culmination of years of hard work by children and the staff, who have helped these children on their way. Many thanks go to the staff and volunteers who helped out with an 'all hands on deck' approach, ensuring that we navigated the week smoothly with before school breakfasts, invigilation support and general moral support for the children.

Please support our inaugural FHF Bingo night on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We are hoping to lay on an entertaining evening that will raise a good amount towards additional resources in school to benefit your children.

### Voluntary Fund

Thank you to all those parents who have already made this term's Voluntary Fund payment. We greatly appreciate these donations which are used to support many of the extra activities undertaken in school by the children. The suggested payment is £2.50 per child or £6 per family and can be paid in cash to school or via our SchoolMoney app.

*What is the Voluntary Fund used for?* The termly voluntary fund money is used to pay for lots of different things! Essentially, it is used for expenses which we are not allowed to allocate to government funding but which we believe lead to a broader educational experience for our children or which support our community & families links. This also means we do not have to charge parents every time! Just a few examples of this spending are:

- Concert & performance costumes
- Refreshments for parents & visitors at school events – Nativities / Assemblies / class meetings etc
- Cookery ingredients
- Celebration of commemorative events – Whole School Jubilee Day party etc.
- Expenses for Open Evening & events
- Visitors in to school
- Additional resources for school visits

We believe that visits and these other experiences are a vital part of our children's education – thank you to all those parents who support us in this way.



### Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly today –

- George S – a huge improvement in his writing.
- Freya S – always trying her best in all areas of learning.
- Henry T – trying hard and improving his focus in lessons.
- Kaylee V – always working hard and being an enthusiastic member of the class.
- Ivy C – working more confidently in Maths and showing more independence.
- Rebecca B – improvement in reading comprehension.
- Daisy S – working hard to improve her handwriting and reading.
- Omolade O – working hard to improve his reading.
- Alfie L – Answering questions thoughtfully during the Ancient Egyptian workshop and for showing real enthusiasm for learning.
- Piper W – for working hard in maths and English.
- Bella A – for improving her writing and receiving her pen licence.
- Sam W – working hard in Maths by challenging himself and explaining how he has solved problems.
- Korlekie A – always contributing in lessons and sharing her ideas.
- All of Year 6 – for working so hard on their SATs all week: well done!



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### Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:

YEAR R  
YEAR 6



### In our classes this week

Reception – found out what “prized possession” means and shared our own.  
Year 1 – grouped and shared objects.  
Year 2 – wrote a recount of the Coronation.  
Year 3 – learned about the HMS Challenger expedition.  
Year 4 – learned about the water cycle.  
Year 5 – learned about Greek mythical creatures.  
Year 6 – practised perspective drawing in Art.

**THIS WEEK'S  
LEARNING**

### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	94	3086	Robert Y1; Olivia Y6
CHESTNUT	97	3522	Henry & Daisy Y2; Benjamin, Ezra & Isabelle Y5; Amelia Y6
OAK	79	3069	Francesca Y1; Oliver & Eleanor Y2; Smilte Y3; Walter Y4
ASH	96	2692	Lowen Y1; Jack B Y5; Tenuki Y6

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education Registered Charity No. 1137633

**Don't forget to book your tickets for our fantastic FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm to 8pm. £5 per adult ticket – children FREE!**



### Coming up next week...

World of Work Week in all classes

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Girls' Football Tournament at Crockenhill 12pm-3.30pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Yr4 Class Assembly 10.10am

**INSET DAYS**  
*No children in school*  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

We have a vacancy for a 

# Midday Supervisor

 5 days a week  
12pm - 1pm  
£10 per hour

More details & application information -  
[www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/vacancies/](http://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/vacancies/)



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