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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Happy New Year everybody and welcome back. The build up to Christmas is a lovely and exciting time in a primary school, but it is also an exhausting one for all concerned – and that is most clearly seen when everyone comes back in January refreshed and raring to go. That has been no different this year, children have made a really positive start to the term. The Spring Term is almost always one where huge progress is made, as the children are well settled in their class routines and refreshed after the Christmas holidays.

I must thank you all for your incredible generosity in these challenging times – the money raised at the Christmas performances and the poppy appeal, for wonderful causes, has been staggering.

Today I am hosting Golden Tea for the Autumn Term Achievement certificate winners – two from each class – announced in the December 16th Newsletter. This will be repeated after Easter for the award winners for the Spring Term. This is a real honour to be chosen – only 6 children will have that honour from each class every year.



We raised an amazing
£443.61
for this year's Royal British
Legion Poppy Appeal -
thank you for your support.



Clubs

There are lots of fun activity & sports clubs for our children to join this term.

Please visit

<https://forms.office.com/e/LMF9HxDYLx>

to see what is on offer and to sign up.

The deadline for bookings is 9am on Tuesday 10th January.



Pupil Attainment Reports

Children are bringing home their Autumn Term attainment reports today. Please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/BLsNy6dd9x> by Friday 13th January to acknowledge receipt of your child's report and to add any comments you wish to make about this or to request a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss further. A copy of this link will be text to parents too for easier access!

In our classes this week

Reception – learned to describe a superhero.

Year 1 – investigated the properties of 3D shapes.

Year 2 – learned about the continent of Antarctica.

Year 3 – identified UK countries and capital cities.

Year 4 – learned about the structure of the earth.

Year 5 – identified different mountain ranges around the world.

Year 6 – started exploring how cams work in DT.



Interhouse Sports Events

News from our Chestnut Sports Captains (Summer & Lily) –

On Wednesday, Year 1 & Year 2 enjoyed taking part in their Multiskills Interhouse Tournament. Both classes had the chance to take part in lots of different activities, including "Stepper" where you have to run through a course but avoiding stepping on the yellow triangles! There were also some target and throwing activities to try. The children took part in their house groups and were awarded points for how well they did at each activity – well done to Beech who were the winners for Year 1 and to Ash, winners in Year 2. The overall KS1 winners were Beech. On Thursday, our KS2 classes had the opportunity to all play in the Netball Interhouse Tournament; there were three matches to play per house. Well done to: Year 3 – Chestnut & Oak, Year 4 – Beech, Year 5 – Chestnut, Year 6 – Ash. KS2 overall winners were – Chestnut.



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Special Mentions

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

- Sophia S – for settling in so well into Reception.
- Nicole M – for her improvement in her phonics recognition.
- William B – being a super-star member of the class!
- Louisa C – always trying her best.
- Beatrice J – her positive attitude towards her learning.
- Dylan H – always trying his best.
- Maisie K – her amazing knowledge of UK countries and capital cities.
- Oscar S – settling in to his new class so well and being engaged in learning.
- Michael C – working hard to improve his reading.
- Grace F – working hard to improve her reading.
- Thomas D – fantastic effort in netball interhouse.
- Teddy H – fantastic effort in netball interhouse.
- Evie T – fantastic passing, marking & intercepting in our netball tournament.
- Joshua E – fantastic passing, marking & intercepting in our netball tournament.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2

YEAR 4



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association Supporting Our Children's Education Registered Charity No. 1137633

Monday 9th January

is our

Pyjama Day

Children are invited to wear their pyjamas (or other suitable nightwear) to school in return for a donation to the FHF of any unwanted:

- Christmas gifts
- Toiletries
- Toys

Children should wear normal school footwear (not slippers or trainers) and coats, please. Representatives of the FHF will be on the gate to collect your donations –
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Homes for Ukraine

Can you offer a spare room for six months?

Find out more about welcoming a Ukrainian family at our host events:

Wednesday 18 January 6.30pm to 8.30pm
at Swanley Link, BR8 7AE

Thursday 19 January 6.30pm to 8.30pm
at The Vine Evangelical Church, Sevenoaks, TN13 3AT



To find out more email homesforukraine@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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INSET DAYS

**No children
in school**

Fri 26th May

Coming up next week...

No sports or activity clubs after school – FOSC BC/ASC only

Monday 9th January – FHF Pyjama Day

Tuesday 10th January – 9am Club booking deadline

Friday 13th January – Deadline to return attainment report acknowledgements.



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