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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Our first full week of term has been a really busy and exciting one. Year 1 finally got underway with their balance bike lessons, now that they have a secure storage shed for the bikes. Reception and Y2 can look forward to using these as well later this year. Forest school activities moved onto Y3 and Y6 this week. Some lovely creative things have been made by children in the woods using drilling and cutting tools and some intrepid exploring Y6 children 'broke through' with Mrs Verge to the 'other side' of the woodlands area, that has not been in use for many years. A gradual clearance operation, combined with natural path finding will extend our area to one twice the size it was in September. Y2 enjoyed their first swimming session this week – we have never taken children this young to the pool before and they did absolutely brilliantly. With a new plan of Y6, Y2 and in the summer Y4 swimming each year, we hope to see over the next couple of years that any disadvantage caused by the Covid pandemic is addressed and exceeded.

Finally, the whole school was buzzing on Tuesday when Rocksteady came in and royally entertained us. We look forward to them returning to deliver band lessons after February half term, then there will be termly concerts for us all to enjoy thereafter.



Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following class assemblies taking place this half term:

Y6 Wed 1st Feb at 10.10am – followed by a parent meeting about SATs which will take a further 20mins.

Y5 Wed 8th Feb at 10.10am

This term you will also have the opportunity to view your child's tray of exercise books after their assembly.

Assembly dates for after half term will be available in the next two weeks.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES



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Resolution Read at Home

Our annual "Resolution Read at Home" was launched in Monday's assembly. As part of our ongoing commitment to developing our children's reading once again we are asking all our children and families to make a New Year's resolution to support our annual RESOLUTION READ AT HOME challenge throughout January and until 3rd February. As you will know, it is part of our Home Learning policy that all the children read at home every night and that an adult then signs their Reading Record or Contact Book to indicate this; we do appreciate that so many of our families do this already and give vital support to their children's reading development. The children will be given one house point for every night that they read at home and that their contact book or reading record is signed to show this when it is checked by a member of staff in the morning. There will be certificates each week for those children who have read every night and a special reward for those who read every night for the whole three weeks!

Special Mentions

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

- Imogen T – trying really hard in PE this week.
- Harry W – improving his listening skills and following instructions.
- Sonny NW – following instructions and great listening skills when using the bikes.
- Jaxon M – working hard to improve his writing skills.
- All of Yr2 – their sensible behaviour and enthusiasm during their first swimming lesson.
- Omolade O – working really hard to improve his handwriting.
- Demi B – always being engaged and persevering.
- Alfie L – a celebrated author! For developing his sentences and improving his handwriting.
- Kenny C – working hard in all areas at school and at home; a very positive start to the term!
- Fraser D – settling in well to his new school.
- Elsie W – fantastic effort in Maths.
- Bobby R – his positive attitude to learning.
- Tenuki A – her excellent attitude to learning and trying to improve.
- Eniforo I – fantastic effort writing his newspaper report.
- Elizabeth P – brilliant sketchbook of nature drawings.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 6
YEAR 2



In our classes this week

Reception – travelled in different ways in PE.
Year 1 – enjoyed using the bikes during their PE lesson.
Year 2 – wrote letters to Ernest Shackleton to persuade him to let them join his crew!
Year 3 – learned to write a newspaper article.
Year 4 – tested different materials in electrical circuits.
Year 5 – made fairground rides.
Year 6 – enjoyed their first Forest School sessions.

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	127	1335	Harrison F, Korlekie A
CHESTNUT	140	1407	Daisy B, Liam S
OAK	106	1360	Jamie W, Alice H, Elijah B, Lacey G, Elsie W
ASH	115	1159	Maisie K, Joshua W

Friends of High Firs

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**NEXT FHF MEETING -
don't forget!**

Join us on Monday 23rd
January at 7pm to help
plan this term's exciting
FHF events for our
children. All welcome!

We have a vacancy for a



**Midday
Supervisor**



5 days a week

12pm - 1pm

£10 per hour

More details & application information -

www.kent-teach.com



INSET DAYS
No children in school
Fri 26th May 2023

Coming up next week...

Clubs start this week

Monday 16 Jan – Deadline to apply for 2023 Reception

Tues 17 Jan – Choir: Young Voices Concert at O2

Weds 18 Jan – Maths day at Horton Kirby



Admission to

**Primary school
in Kent 2023**

Apply online at
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between
1 September 2018
and **31 August 2019**,
Transferring to Primary school
in **September 2023**



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