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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

Well done to everyone for getting to the end of a really busy term. Children are by now well embedded into their new classes and I hope that your Parent Consultation meetings have provided you with sufficient information to keep you well informed regarding your child's progress and attainment.

We were very proud of our Y3/4 footballers this week, many of whom were representing the school for their first time. They finished second in their group – winning one, drawing two and losing one of their matches. Their behaviour was excellent and Oscar was especially acknowledged for this, winning a medal for his outstanding sportsmanship and commitment – well done Oscar.

All KS2 children enjoyed taking part in the end of term inter-house competition, which this term was tag-rugby. Well done to the sports captains for their role in helping organise the day – the results of the winning teams are printed below.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break with fun, rest and recuperation so we can all come back with bags of energy for Term 2 – probably the busiest term of the year as early term assessments and Remembrance give way to preparations for Christmas towards the end of term.

## School Council



Our Year 5 & Year 6 school councillors had the exciting opportunity last week to attend a meeting at Swanley Town Council, along with children from other local primary schools. They found out about the work of the Town Council and met the Deputy Mayor – they even got to try on her chain of office!

## Year 3/4 football



Our team of Year 3/4 footballers enjoyed their morning on Tuesday when they participated in the Dartford Schools' Champions Trophy at Princes Park. Well done to all the children who took part.

## December performances

We know parents appreciate early information on our December performances so they can book these into their diaries! This year's performances will be on:

- Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm
- Year 3 & Year 4 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm & 6.30pm
- Year 5 & Year 6 - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm & 6.30pm



We will let you have booking information and more details after half-term.



## Event Feedback

We hold lots of events and opportunities for parents over the course of the year including class assemblies, information sessions, open mornings, parents consultations and inclusion meetings. If you would like to leave us any feedback after these please do complete the form at <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/eventfeedback> or click on the QR code.

Thank you to those parents this week who have already commented on the **Year 4 assembly** or your **Parents Consultations**.



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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 –

- Tallulah C – always being a kind friend.
- Bobbi H – trying super hard with her name writing.
- Leo W – his fantastic phonics.
- Penelope T – always working hard in her lessons.
- Henry RW – much improved effort with his learning.
- Sonny NW – trying hard with his learning.
- Dylan H – applying amazing knowledge of writing a diamante poem.
- Lennie J – working really hard on his spellings.
- All of Year 4 for a fantastic assembly.
- Scarlett T – her lovely Tudor menu.
- Freya T – always working hard and trying her best.
- Karina C – for always working hard and trying her best.
- Luke G – writing a fantastic discussion text based on “Goodnight Mr Tom”.
- Teddy H – writing a fantastic discussion text based on “Goodnight Mr Tom”.



### Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's winners of Register Rabbit for the best attendance this week:

#### Year 4 & Reception

Our class attendance was:

Year 4	96.3%
Year 6	95.6%
Year R	95.2%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	83.1%



### Inter-house Tag rugby competition

KS2 classes part in inter-house tag rugby tournaments this week.

Below are the winners:

Year 3 – **Chestnut**

Year 4 – **Chestnut**

Year 5 – **Beech**

Year 6 – **Ash & Oak**

The overall winners were: **OAK**

### In our classes this week

Reception – learned to number and order Numicon pieces to 6.

Year 1 – learned about the Arctic.

Year 2 – created artwork inspired by the short film “Bubbles”.

Year 3 – learned why Mary Anning was so important.

Year 4 – created their own portraits of Henry VIII.

Year 5 – investigated pulleys.

Year 6 – had a brilliant World War Day at Horton Kirby.



### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	63	588	Freya S, Bethanie L
CHESTNUT	77	593	Marco P, George N, Roman T
OAK	84	535	Charlie F, Elijah B
ASH	83	622	Michael K, Mabel R



#### INSET DAYS

#### No children in school

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1 more date TBC

#### Coming up...

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term holiday

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day: no children in school

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – children return to school

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 9.30am – Reception 2024 Tour (by booking only)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.10am – Year 6 Class Assembly



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#Stay Safe  
Get Active

Got to drive?

Park and stride!

Sign up to join us at -  
<https://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/park-stride/>

No Parking

Think before you stop.  
Choose a safe spot...

... and please show consideration to our neighbours.

PUMPKINS FEED WILDLIFE



**Squirrels**, foxes, birds & badgers absolutely love pumpkins so don't bin yours - take them to the bottom of your garden, the local woods or park. Imagine how **YOU** can be a **wildlife HERO** by helping them & not adding to the rubbish thrown away. Do it and you become a true **WILDLIFE HERO** for **FREE**!



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