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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

We look forward with excitement to the return of clubs next week. There are a wide range of clubs on offer and I hope to see many children taking part enthusiastically over the coming weeks.

Well done to those children who completed the Resolution Read at Home challenge of 5 reads in the week this week. We gave out around 50 certificates in assembly this morning – I would really like to see that double to 100 next week, so GET READING! Remember, there is a book token as a prize for children who have completed their 5 reads all the way through January.

Continuing the reading theme, KS2 children select reading books from the library – most of which are on the Accelerated Reader system – meaning they have been banded by difficulty and the children have a particular band they can choose from, according to their performance in termly reading tests. To incentivise reading, children who read a book take a quiz in school once they have finished. If they pass the quiz, they 'bank' the number of words that were in that book. The running totals of banked words for each class are as follows:

Yr 3 513,635

Yr 4 811,153

Yr 5 2,473,811

Yr 6 1,539,142

Congratulations to all classes who have over half a million words banked now. Well done to Y5 who have the most words banked so far. However, in all classes there are a handful of children who have not completed a single quiz yet this year. Please do speak with your child about their reading (at home) and quizzing (done in school) and encourage them to read all the way to the end of the book and to take the quiz the next day in school (they usually do this at morning or afternoon registration).

A reminder that you can contact our Family Support Worker Mrs Kumah at the school gate every morning and that you can arrange to meet with her around any issues you are experiencing where she may be able to help, to do with your children or your own circumstances.

If you wish for your child to sign up to Rocksteady, please contact them directly yourselves. However, if your child benefits from Free School Meals, you can sign up for a school-funded place by arranging with the school office.



## Resolution Read at Home

Don't forget to take part in our annual **RESOLUTION READ AT HOME** challenge throughout January and until 2<sup>nd</sup> February by reading at home **at least five times a week**. The children will be given one house point for every time 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 at least five times and a special reward for those who achieve this every week during the challenge!

## Special Mentions

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

- Molly Z – super reading!
- Isla E – always being a kind friend.
- Jack F – working hard in all areas of learning.



## Register Rabbit

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



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- Alice H – super effort during phonics lessons.
- Darcie D – always being ready for learning and engaged throughout the lesson.
- Oliver M – his enthusiastic contributions to class discussions.
- All of Year 3 – working together as a whole class to reach their Reading Word Count target: a fantastic 500,000 words read!
- Josue PV – working hard in maths.
- Oscar S – working hard in maths.
- Ethan PV – fantastic work on long multiplication.
- Alfie L – great effort in Maths this week.
- Julian F – brilliant effort in PE and being a kind and helpful friend to others in his group.
- Lola H – a brilliant start to the term, working hard in all lessons.

**YEAR 2**  
**YEAR 5**

Our class totals were:

Year 2 98.9%  
Year 5 98.5%  
Year 6 98.1%  
Year 4 97.8%  
Year 3 97.6%  
Year 1 94.8%  
Year R 92.3%



### In our classes this week

Reception – learned about super powers!  
Year 1 – sorted animals into their animal groups.  
Year 2 – had their first swimming lesson.  
Year 3 – are writing a newspaper report about Sutton Hoo.  
Year 4 – are enjoying their new book, the Firework Maker's Daughter.  
Year 5 – investigated thermal insulators.  
Year 6 – learned about Charles Darwin's voyage on board HMS Beagle.



### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>197</b>	Robert Y2, Jack M Y6
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>217</b>	Molly YR, Luiza-Maria Y2, Annie-Grace Y6
<b>OAK</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>187</b>	Tallulah YR, Elsie Y6
<b>ASH</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>205</b>	Francis YR, Anastasia Y2, Emanuela Y6



### INSET DAYS

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
1 more date TBC

### Coming up next week...

All clubs starting except Recorder and Yr4/5/6 Speed Stacking.



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