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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

It was a real joy to celebrate success in our school values in assembly this morning.

Children are nominated by staff once per month. Being kind and being your best are quite easy values for children and staff alike to recognise and reward.

Being honest is a more abstract concept, as we are interested in far more than the children simply telling the truth. We describe to the children that honesty is seen as they ask for help in class when needed – this takes courage, honesty and open-mindedness to get the most out of the support available in school as we all navigate the learning process. Letting an adult know when you have finished your work and choosing appropriate resources and equipment to support your learning are further examples of things children are getting right consistently, when they are awarded with the Be Honest pencil.

Being safe is another more elusive concept at times. We are interested in children using equipment in a safe manner that is unlikely to cause harm to others and moving through space safely too – be it moving inside the school building or out on the playground. We are also looking for children who notice a problem and take steps to solve it – perhaps they see that a piece of equipment has become broken or they notice that a game is being played in an unsafe manner and they attempt to resolve this.

All the while we are looking for our values to be more than just decoration on the walls around school. We are seeking to use this approach to help the children become very familiar with the sorts of behaviours and characteristics that we are looking for in a model High Firs pupil. The lovely art work on the values posters, the regular singing of the school values song and now a specific school reward related to the values, all help with a shared understanding of what our values mean, leading to a shared purpose in aspiring to really positive characteristics in all of our pupils.

Well done to all of our avid January readers – today, children who reached 20 reads across the month of January received their book vouchers entitling them £1 off any book from our book fair, visiting soon in March.

Finally from me, upcoming dates are listed overleaf as usual but today is the first time we have added the final INSET day to our list of calendar dates – this will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## Values pencils

Today was the first of our celebration assemblies based on our values. This year, to promote our values, all children have the opportunity to earn a pencil to represent each of our values. To earn a pencil, children need to show a value consistently over a period of time. We hope that as many children as possible can earn all of the pencils by the end of the year and we are very proud of our first recipients today!



## World of Work Week

Thank you to Mr Ziepe and Ms Malcolm who have also visited to talk about their jobs. All our children have contributed to displays in the hall so do take a look when you are next in school.



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## Values Pencil Winners

	Be kind	Be your best	Be honest	Be safe
R	Isla Eva Meadow Billy	Esme-Jayne Bobbi Reggie Charlie	George Grace Madeleine Jenson	Jessica Joel Drew Florence
1	Jack F Sophia M Anthony Harrison	Sophia S Oscar Mikey Hannah	Rose Penny Leo	Aylen Charlotte Marco George S
2	William Courtney Anastasia Kaylee	Francesca Iyah Luiza-Maria Albert	Jake Sabiha Henry T Willow	Louisa Maddy Sofia Lowen
3	Danny Henry Emily Morgan J	Alan Darcie Oliver Daisy B	Edward S Sadie	Millie Chloe Lewis
4	Rakshanaa Evie T Scarlett T	Ellie Faye	Mariana Maisie Selena Emelia	Lily G Sadiya Smilte
5	Lily L Alfie Laquisha Olivia	Beatrice Bethanie Isabella T Freya Daisy	Karina Poppy Connie Samuel	Albert Kenneth Ethan Sid
6	Jack M Sienna Jessica Annie-Grace Lacey	Elsie Liam Teddy Jack B Ella	Bobby Lola Thomas	Ezra Harrison Korlekie

### Register Rabbit

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

**YEAR 6**

**YEAR R**

Our class totals were:

Year 6 96.7%

Year R 95.4%

Year 4 94.1%

Year 3 94%

Year 5 91.9%

Year 2 & Year 1 91%



### In our classes this week

Reception – learned about one less and one more.

Year 1 – enjoyed making fruit salad.

Year 2 – found out facts about Emperor penguins.

Year 3 – learned about the Anglo-Saxon god Wodin Allfather.

Year 4 – enjoyed practising vaulting and using the wall bars in gymnastics.

Year 5 – investigated dissolving.

Year 6 – learned how different animals are adapted to their environments.



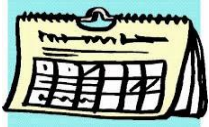
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# HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	151	625	Elliot YR; Jack M Y6
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	219	1027	Esme B YR; Isabelle Y6
<b>OAK</b>	161	801	Jack Y2; Harry Y6
<b>ASH</b>	203	971	Drew YR; Emanuela Y6



### Coming up next week...

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – No Recorder Club today

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Year 5 Class Assembly at 10.10am

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Reception Hearing & Vision Screening

### INSET DAYS

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

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024



#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.



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