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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

What a super week we have enjoyed in school this week with all the science week activities going on, Y6 bikeability sessions, the beginning of the book fair, the Comic Relief Bake-off today and finally some better weather for the children going out to forest school!

Children in all classes have worked brilliantly at using their science knowledge this week to create and develop their own planets. The children worked in small groups within their class and then passed their work up to the next class up, who used the ideas established by the younger children to complete the task they had – so across the school 6 fully developed planet environments emerged. Great job!

Congratulations to all Y6 children who undertook and passed the bikeability level 1 (basic handling skills on the playground) and level 2 (applying handling skills out on the roads) awards this week. The trainers fed back that the focus and behaviour of all children was superb throughout all sessions.

Remember the book fair runs into next week as well – Wednesday is the final day. We look forward to dressing up as book characters or dressing down for story time next Tuesday – I am sure everyone is very excited to share their favourite characters and stories this year.

Thank you to all those who took part in Comic Relief this year by bringing noses and red clothing and by contributing a cake or buying a cake in the Bake-off event held today.

Look out for Parent Consultation meetings next Mon-Wed and I look forward to reporting for you next week how our Y6 children get on at the district small schools football tournament and how the scooter training sessions have gone.



Scooter Training

Next Friday, 22nd March, Years 1, 2 and 3 will take part in scooter training. This training is being provided by Kent County Council and each class will have a 90-minute training session on the playground in which they will learn practical skills to ride scooters safely. The trainers will provide all equipment including scooters, helmets and pads, therefore, children should wear their uniform as usual and do not need to bring their own scooter for the session. Following the training, parents will be sent a link to a short survey to provide KCC with some feedback on the impact of the event. (Yr3 sessions will work around Woodland times.)

Parents Consultations

We look forward to welcoming parents & carers into school next week for their consultation meetings with class teachers. Please arrive about ten minutes before your appointment time so you have time to look at your child's books beforehand.



In our classes this week

Reception – created their own planets.

Year 1 – designed weather for a new planet.

Year 2 – learned what a plant needs to stay healthy.

Year 3 – are enjoying reading and writing about “Arthur and the Golden Rope”.

Year 4 – compared Italy and England.

Year 5 – learned how to give First Aid for head injuries.

Year 6 – learned about the Falkland Islands.



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This year we are inviting all our children to take part in our **Hat and Headwear Parade** on **Thursday 28th March** and we hope parents will come along to watch – gates will open at 2.40pm for the Parade to start at 2.45pm. Children are invited to make at home a hat or item of other headwear on a Spring or Easter theme and bring this along on the day to wear for the occasion. You could make bunny ears, a bonnet, crown, headband... whatever you like on the Spring or Easter theme!

Special Mentions

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

- Tallulah C, Grace H, Esme-Jayne W, Betsy W – super learning working together to create “Planet Boing”.
- George P – his enthusiasm for all areas of learning.
- Nicole M – trying hard with her phonics.
- Mikey K, Imogen T, Charlotte G & Sophia S – a fantastic weather design for their planet.
- All of Year 2 – a fantastic class assembly.
- Jack W, Henry RW, Stanley W, Jaxon M, Jonas C – great group work designing a habitat for their planet.
- Sadie B, Chloe P, Edward S & Harvey RH – great work together on their Science learning.
- Millie B – trying her best in Maths.
- Clark RW – great learning in French.
- Evie T – a lovely diary from a character’s point of view.
- Mason T, Scarlett T, Maisie K & Smilte M – great ideas of flowers for their planet.
- Karina C – always working hard and trying her best in Maths.
- Ethan P, Sid P, Beatrice G, Freya T & Poppy G – fantastic innovation and teamwork in Science Week.
- Emanuela M, Lola H, Thomas D, Harrison E & Benjy A – their hard work and teamwork designing a sustainable form of transport for their planet.
- Teddy H – a fantastic formal letter to Queen Victoria from Syms Covington.



Clubs next week

Please note the following arrangements for clubs next week:

CLUBS WHICH ARE NOT RUNNING

Story Club: Monday
Recorder: Monday
Coding & Computing: Tuesday
Speed Stacking: Tuesday
TT Rockstars / Lego: Monday
Craft: Friday

CLUBS WHICH ARE RUNNING

Board Games & Puzzles: Monday
(Room change to Yr2)
Tri-Golf: Tuesday (Room change to Yr4)
Speed Stacking: Tuesday (lunchtime)
Basketball: Thursday
French: Monday
Football: Friday
TT Rockstars / Lego: Friday

Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2

YEAR 6



Our class totals were:

Year 1 – 88.1%

Rec – 90%

Year 4 – 91.9%

Year 2 – 93.3%

Year 5 – 97.3%

Year 3 – 98.4%

Year 6 – 98.5%

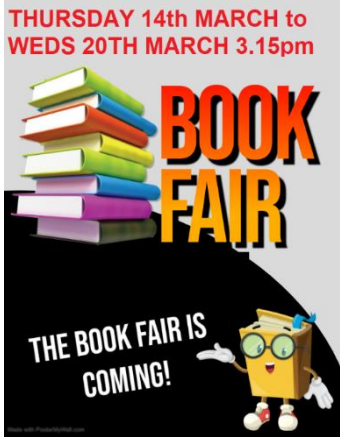


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Book Week

Next week is our school Book Week. We have lots of class learning planned as well as some special events—



Thursday 14th March to Wednesday 20th March
BOOK FAIR
 3.15pm

Your World Book Day voucher and RRAH voucher will be valid at this event. There will also be a special assembly to show the children some of the books available to purchase.



Tuesday 19th March
BOOK CHARACTER DAY
 As part of our Book Week Celebrations, on Tuesday 19th March children can come to school dressed as a favourite book character! If your child would prefer not to dress up, they can simply bring in a book of their choice or come dressed in their pyjamas ready for some bed-time reading!

CLASS READING SWAPS We will be offering the chance for children to hear stories told by different teachers and buddying with other classes.

CLASS OPPORTUNITIES There will also be lots of in-class opportunities for book-themed activities and story times.



WORLD BOOK DAY VOUCHERS are worth £1 off selected books in book stores or all books at our Book Fair.

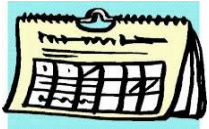
HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	133	1462	Meadow W, Sophia M, Harrison A
CHESTNUT	163	1951	Albert T, Bella O
OAK	134	1519	Oscar S, Lacey G
ASH	132	1708	Anastasia P, Jack B, Baraa R



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INSET DAYS

Fri 24th May 2024

Mon 1st July 2024

Coming up next week...

Monday 18th March

Book Fair – 3.15pm

Parents Consultations by appointment

FOSC ASC in Yr4

Story Club cancelled

Recorder Club cancelled

TT Rockstars / Lego Club cancelled

Board Games & Puzzles Club is running with room change to Yr2

French Club is running

Tuesday 19th March

Dress Up as a Book Character / Pyjama Bedtime Reading Day

Book Fair – 3.15pm

Parents Consultations by appointment

FOSC ASC in Yr1

Coding & Computing Club cancelled

Speed Stacking Club cancelled

Tri-Golf Club is running with room change to Yr4

Speed Stacking Club is running at lunchtime

Wednesday 20th March

Football Tournament at Princes Park am

Book Fair – 3.15pm

Parents Consultations by appointment

FOSC ASC in Yr4

Thursday 21st March

SEN Coffee Morning – 9am

Reception Sharing Assembly – 2.30pm

Basketball Club is running

Friday 22nd March

Yr1/2/3 Scooter training sessions

Yr3 Woodland as normal

Craft Club cancelled

Football Club is running

TT Rockstars / Lego Club is running



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SEN COFFEE MORNING

Come along to our SEN Coffee Morning - everyone is welcome whether they have a child on our SEN register or just want to find out more...

**Thursday
21st March
at 9am**

There will be coffee and chat, along with the chance to ask any questions you may have about our provision. We will also be welcoming a representative from BEAMS to talk about the support they can offer.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU!**



**Did you
know our
school hall is
available for hire?**

***One-off and regular letting
times are available.***

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available from our office:
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