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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

We enjoyed our second Timestable Rockstars themed assembly this week, where housepoints were awarded to children who had been practising this week and children came out the front to challenge me or each other with their tables speed. Children are working really hard with this fun tool that really transforms your child's tables knowledge with just a little regular practise a few times per week.

Miss Rennie and Mrs Kumah enjoyed a visit to another school this week where they observed some new approaches to lunchtime play. We look forward to seeing some new ideas emerging from this visit on our playground very soon, combined hopefully with some lovely new markings on the playground as a result of money raised throughout this year by the Friends.

Please see below the letter and reply slip from FHF regarding the upcoming family bingo evening. We look forward to another really fun evening after a very successful inaugural event last year – hopefully we can raise lots of money towards the new playground markings.

Also take note of this term's key meeting and class assembly dates below.

We gave out more school values pencils in assembly this morning. Many children now have collected 2 or 3 of the pencils, but a special well done to Billy in Reception, who is the first child in school to complete the full set of 4 pencils – Billy you are the walking embodiment of our school values – congratulations!

Well done to our Y6 netballers who represented the school this week at Hextable in the annual High Fives netball competition. They won one game and lost three, taking part very well and enjoying the event.

Save the date!

Please note the following diary dates for the coming term:

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following **Class Assemblies** taking place this term:

- Year 3 – Thursday 16th May at 2.30pm
- Year 2 – Thursday 23rd May at 10.10am
- Year 4 – Thursday 6th June at 2.30pm
- Reception Sharing Time – Friday 7th June at 2.15pm
- Year 1 – Thursday 20th June at 10.10am
- Years 5&6 IofW / Activity Week – Thursday 4th July at 10.10am



Our **Sports Day activities** this year will be on Friday 14th June (KS1 am / KS2 pm).

Our next **Open Morning** will have a writing focus and will be on Thursday 9th May. Booking now open at: <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/openmorning>

The following **parent meetings** will be taking place on Monday 20th May –

- Year 5 Secondary Transfer information – 5.30pm
- Year 6 RSE curriculum information – 5.30pm
- Year 6 Isle of Wight information – 6pm

More dates and information to follow...



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	207	316	Harrison Y1, Joshua Y2, Connie and Harrison Y5, Aayden Y6
CHESTNUT	218	357	Mason Y2, Faye Y4
OAK	218	331	Teddy C Y2, Sadiya Y4
ASH	212	342	Logan, Lowen and Anastasia Y2, Michael Y1, Emily Y3

Values Pencils

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. Congratulations to the children who were recognised in today's assembly -

	Be kind	Be your best	Be honest	Be safe
R	Lyla Elliott Drew Jessica B	Lola F Rania Francis Isla	Billy Joel Eva Tallulah	George P Meadow Grace R-H Bobbi Ted
1	Gloria Nicole Marco Hannah N	Aaron Logan G Sophia Julia	Harry W Isabella W Freya S Anthony	Harrison F Oscar Rose Imogen
2	Josh C Lenny G Louisa Luiza-Maria	Courtney Robert Kaya Jonas	William Henry R-W Stanley Teddy C	Teddy M Jake Logan Sabiha
3	Sadie Chloe	Lewis Ivy Dylan Edward S	Ellis Emily Henry F Rebecca	Annabelle Danny Daisy B Natasha
4	Maisie Selena Josue Emelia	Sadiya Hannah C Daisy S Logan T-G	Demi Lilia Lily G Mason T	Omolade Marianna Thomas Miraculous
5	Harrison C Grace F Beatrice G Connie Isabella T	Poppy G Ethan Samuel	Albert B Michael Fraser Agnish	Lily L Karina Jacob Bethanie Daisy W
6	Luke Baraa Benjamin	Harry F Emanuela Bella O Bobby	Belle Elijah Harrison A Sienna	Julian Sam Thomas Teddy



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THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Spring Disco! We raised a fantastic £363.

We are pleased to confirm that this year's FUN DAY will be on Saturday 15th June.

Our Family Bingo Night is on Friday 17th May – more info at the end of this Newsletter.

Find out more about how we teach **WRITING** in school and visit our classes to see them in action at our

OPEN MORNING

On Thursday 9th May at 9am



Places are limited so book soon at:

<https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/openmorning>

In our classes this week

Reception – had their first balance biking lesson where they learned to use dinosaur steps

Year 1 – used the chromebooks to do some creative writing

Year 2 – used Chrome Musiclab to create images with music

Year 3 – learned about direction of travel from city to city in the UK

Year 4 – enjoyed beginning their new class novel, Ancient Egyptian Sleepover

Year 5 – enjoyed upgrading their writing using the ARMS technique (add, remove, move, substitute)

Year 6 – refined speech punctuation and solved angles problems

**THIS WEEK'S
LEARNING**

Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1

YEAR 3

Our class totals were:

Year 3 99.6%

Year 4 97.7%

Year 6 96.7%

Year 1 96.2%

Year 5 95.9%

Year 2 95.2%

Year R 95.2%



INSET DAYS

Fri 24th May 2024

Mon 1st July 2024

Coming up next week...

Clubs are starting – see slips sent home

Monday 29th April

Yr2 Small Steps session



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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.

**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...

**Tues 21st
May at 9am**

Save the date!
Focus(es) to be confirmed...

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU!



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Spring 2024

High Firs Primary School

FOCUS ON: Physical Education

What sports do we do in PE?



We cover a variety of sports in our lessons. These are split into -

Invasion games -
Netball, Football,
Basketball, Rugby,
Multi skills,

Bikes -
Balance bikes used in
year 1 and 2, opportunity
for bikeability in year 6

Striking/fielding -
Cricket, Rounders,

Athletics -
Running, Throwing,
Jumping, Relays,
Sports Day, Hurdles

Gymnastics Floor -
Rolling, Balance,
Partner balances, Travelling
Gymnastics apparatus -
Vaulting, Table tops,
Climbing frame

Dance -
Rhythmic, Stimulus,
Gesture, Yoga

Swimming -
Year 2, 4 and 6

Net/wall -
Tennis, Volleyball

Target games -
Golf, Boccia

Structure of lesson



Each lesson follows the same structure;

- Warm up – heart raiser, mobilising and get ready for exercise
- Skill Practise – introduce new skills or improve skills already learnt
- Game – small sided, restricted, smaller area, attack versus defence, full sided
- Cool down – stretching, recovering from exercise, evaluation

Each class gets set terms with the PE specialist to teach the lessons. They also have outside coaches who come in to teach lessons in cricket.

Inter-house competition
And extra-curricular clubs





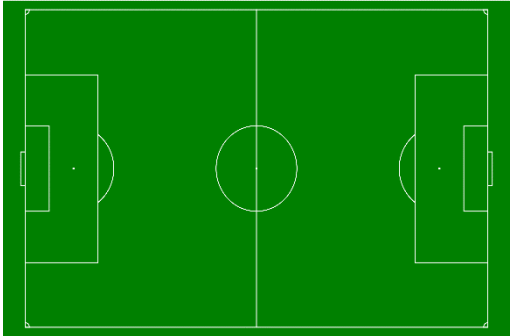
We run competitions each term for different year groups, they compete in houses against each other. All students are now wearing house coloured t-shirts which look amazing.

- Tag Rugby
- Indoor Athletics
- Netball
- Tri-Golf



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Sports day <p>We offer lots of extra-curricular clubs, sports one being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tri-golf • Basketball • Netball • Football • Dance/Gym • Tennis • Cricket • Multi-skills • Rounders • Athletics
<p>Playground Leaders</p> 	<p>Year 5 playground leaders have training with Mrs Verge to lead and support different activities during lunchtimes. They play tradition games like stuck in the mud or specific skills from sports like dribbling in football.</p>
<p>Fixtures and district meetings</p> 	<p>Throughout the year we play different fixtures against other schools in football and netball. We also compete in Swanley and Dartford district activities including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Netball • Cross Country • Benchball • Rounders • Multi-skills • Athletics • Tag Rugby • Kwik Cricket



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Friends of High Firs are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a family bingo night. This fun filled evening will take place at High Firs Primary School on Friday 17th May 2024, 6-8pm.

Please bring along your own non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles for this family evening.

Tickets will be £5 per adult per book (free child entry comes without a book, but ticket will need to be booked to allocate seating). **Payment in cash due by Wednesday 15th May.** Extra books will be available on the night, at £3 each.

We hope that you will join us for an evening which is fun for all ages, with prizes to be won!

Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, as tables are limited due to space. If you would like tickets, please complete the form at the bottom of this letter with the required payments.

Yours faithfully,

Friends of High Firs

Name.....

Child/Children.....Class/Classes.....

I would like adult ticket/s andchild ticket/s to the FHF family bingo night.

I enclose my payment of £.....



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