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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

At this time of year, each day brings enough events to feel like a week from other times of the year!

This week brought Transition morning on Thursday, where children enjoyed the opportunity to move up to their next classes for the morning. Having a familiar feeling about the classes they will be in and the adults they will be with next year should whet the appetite over the summer for the new year ahead, when it comes in September.

We celebrate our marvellous athletics team from Years 5 and 6 this week after they were victorious in the District Championships. See below for photos and further details. Great job guys for bringing it home – we are the first school to win this shield on three separate occasions!

It was an absolute privilege to take some Year 3 and Year 4 children to Froggnal House Care Home on Wednesday. Again pictures below, but to see the joy and pleasure in both the residents and the children as they shared conversation, games and songs was lovely. We are delighted to re-establish this connection and we look forward to many further such occasions in the future.

We enjoyed the High Firs Has Talent Key Stage finals this week – congratulations to all children who made it through their class heats to reach this stage – and a special well done to the winners, listed below, who will perform once again next Thursday in the overall grand final.

Next week we also look forward to the Rocksteady concert on Monday morning at 9.45am.

Finally this week, children will be coming home with their end of year school reports on Friday. I have really enjoyed reading about all of the incredible achievements and progress they have made over the last year. Another really successful year is nearly over and our current crop of pupils and staff have taken our school to a great set of results where we exceed national expectations in nearly all areas of every phase of the school from Reception to phonics to the Year 6 SATs. Well done to everyone who has worked so hard to improve the life chances of all of our pupils and to guide them through the year. See a summary of these results attached at the end of this newsletter.

And a late addition to the newsletter before going to print – all classes were represented by three of the countries competing at the European Football Championships over the past weeks. Reception, representing England and Year 2, representing Spain, are the two classes left in the final, so we had a class penalty shootout on the field after lunch to predict the winners of Sunday's final. If we are right, it will be a truly epic contest with England prevailing by 23 goals to 19!



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District Athletics Champions!

Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 children who attended the District Athletics competition on Tuesday morning - after a busy morning of field and track events High Firs came away from the event as this year's District Champions! It was also lovely to receive some very positive comments from the other schools attending about our children's lovely manners and sporting attitude. Well done.



Visit to Avery Frogmal House

After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, it was great this week to finally be able to return to visiting the elderly residents at Avery Frogmal House in Sidcup. Our group of Year 3 & 4 children, along with Mrs Kumah, Mr Kilbride and Miss Rennie, had a lovely morning chatting to the residents, playing games, doing jigsaws and sharing songs. We took Tilly along too to say hello and one of the residents even enjoyed throwing the ball for her in their lovely gardens. We hope to make visiting a more regular event again in future terms.



Payments Owing

In order to support our end of school year financial processes, please can we ask that any outstanding payments for activities / meals / clubs etc. are sent in to the office or paid via SchoolMoney by **Friday 12th July**.

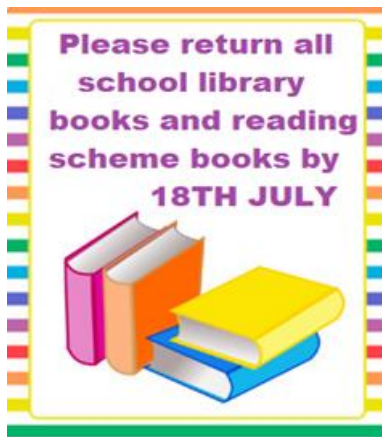


Summer Term finishes on Tuesday 23rd July at 3.15pm.
Autumn Term starts on
Tuesday 3rd Sept (Yrs 1-6) or Thursday 5th Sept (Rec).



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All High Firs families are warmly invited to join us for this year's

Open Evening, refreshments and High Firs has Talent event

on **THURSDAY 18TH JULY**

5.45pm OPEN EVENING – an opportunity to view the school and look at examples of learning from the year in all classes with refreshments until 7pm.

7pm HIGH FIRS HAS TALENT with performances from our children.

In our classes this week

Reception – learned what a ? means.

Year 1 – learned to use conjunctions.

Year 2 – wrote and illustrated their own pages for "The Secret of Blackrock".

Year 3 – described 3d shapes using faces, edges and vertices.

Year 4 – wrote their own Ancient Adventure stories.

Year 5 – converted units of measurement.

Year 6 – wrote newspaper reports.



Our talented children

Well done to all the children who were selected in Key Stage heats this week as class winners for this year's High Firs has Talent and who will have the opportunity to perform to parents next Thursday evening:

Reception – Esme-Jayne, Meadow, Lyla, Bobbi & Esme

Year 1 – Imogen & Emma

Year 2- Teddy M, Jaxon & Jonas

Year 3 – Emily & Ivy

Year 4 – Scarlett

Year 5 – Poppy, Bethanie, Isabella & Freya

Year 6 – Mabel



Special Mentions

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

- Isla W – for her super writing.
- Madeleine S – for always trying her best.
- Imogen T – her amazing handwriting
- Leo W – working hard and being an enthusiastic learner.
- Mason B – his interesting story writing about Blackrock.
- Francesca F – being a supportive and caring classmate.
- Darcie D and Luca C - working so well together to create a piece of artwork inspired by Mandy Barker.
- Morgan W – working hard on her Ancient Adventure story.
- Thomas Hunt – his enthusiasm and hard work in Maths.
- Albert B – always having a positive attitude to all aspects of school life.
- Olivia W – growing in confidence in her abilities.
- Thomas D – a brilliantly written newspaper report.
- Ronnie R – super work in computing (writing codes for a micro:bit).



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1

YEAR 4

Our class totals were:

Year 4 99.2%

Year 5 98.5%

Year 1 98.1%

Year 6 97.8%

Year 3 96.8%

Year 2 96.3%

Year R 93.3%



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HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	121	1428	Lola F; Elliott R; Michael C; Harrison A
CHESTNUT	119	1574	Esme B; Benji A; Laquisha M-D
OAK	118	1527	Tallulah C; Elijah B
ASH	133	1533	Florence F; Jenson G; Eva O; Jack B



Coming up next week...

Monday 15th July

Rocksteady Concert 9.30am

No clubs all week.

Tuesday 16th July

District rounders at Horton Kirby 1pm

Thursday 18th July

Open Evening 5.45pm

High Firs Has Talent 7.00pm



#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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REPORTING OF STATUTORY DATA 2024

The outcomes of this year's Early Years, Yr1 Phonics and Yr6 statutory assessment are shown below.

EY (RECEPTION)	% AT GOOD LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT
2022	63%
2023	72%
2023 National	67%
2024	73%

YR1 PHONICS SCREENING	% AT PASS
2022	79%
2023	73%
2023 National	79%
2024	76%

YR6 STATUTORY TESTS OUTCOMES AND TEACHER ASSESSMENTS

% at Expected +

	Reading	Writing	Maths	R+W+M combined
2022	70%	63%	73%	57%
2023	86%	64%	75%	54%
2024	87%	77%	90%	73%
2024 National	73%	71%	73%	61%

% at Above Expected

	Reading	Writing	Maths	R+W+M combined
2022	37%	23%	20%	20%
2023	17%	3%	27%	3%
2023 National	29%	13%	24%	8%
2024	27%	13%	27%	10%



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