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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Our final Values Pencils assembly of the year took place on Thursday morning this week. It has been a lovely addition to school this year to have an extra reward linked to our school values for children to earn throughout the year. Many children were very excited on Thursday to have completed the full set of four – we have a great number of experts in our school values in school – really growing up to be very impressive young citizens indeed. Watch this space for news of what prize linked to the school values might be on offer next year.

On Thursday evening this week it was lovely to invite in families from across the school and beyond for Open Evening to see the super work children have been up to this year. Families toured around the whole building seeing work from all year groups, watching scrolling images and videos on whiteboards that capture the year and enjoying conversations with staff of past, present and future years in school. See below for some of the great work on display.

Following closely on the heels of Open Evening, we had lovely weather to host our High Firs Has Talent event on the playground. The overall winners who made it through to the final were listed last week and are shown in a photo below. The breadth and standard of the acts this year was really tremendous. We had comedy, tap dancing, singing, musical recital and cup song performing! It really was a joy to behold the confidence with which children performed – and it was lovely to see the acts that children had chosen as winners to represent their class being so deserving with the hard work that had gone into each and everyone's talents. The audience of parents, carers and children left feeling very well entertained indeed!

We gave out certificates to reward children for their great attendance in school over the summer term and over the whole school year this morning in assembly. We also commended a significant group of children who have recorded the greatest improvement in their attendance this year, by comparison with the figure they achieved last year. This group had children whose attendance last year was below 95% and in some cases below 90% - but now this year, many of them are up into the high 90s, which is where it should be. Research shows that for the group of children who achieve below average GCSE results, many of this group have attendance below 95%. If you attend below 95%, the chances of attaining below national benchmarks are dramatically increased – and that is what drives our determination to encourage children to attend well. Listed below are the children who have achieved an incredible 100% attendance for every day of this school year.

We look forward next week to sending our Year 6 children off on their way to secondary school and all the excitement and opportunity that that brings. Their assembly and water fun afternoon on Monday and their book and shirt signing on Tuesday always bring mixed emotions, but with the overarching sense of pride and admiration at what great young children they have grown into – maximising their academic potential and well-rounded, confident children who are well-prepared to deal with their next phase of education and life.



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).

100% attendance for the whole year:

Congratulations to the following children for their perfect attendance!

Isla from YR; Jake and Francesca from Y2; Omolade, Omolayo, Ellie and Smilte from Y4; Isabella from Y5 and Annie-Grace, Bella and Bobby from Y6 – **TREMENDOUS!**



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Open Evening

It was great to see so many families – both past and present – at yesterday's Open Evening. The classrooms were filled with lots of examples of the wonderful learning opportunities the children have had this year and the school was buzzing with conversations about the new year ahead.



High Firs Has Talent!

Well done to all our fantastic acts who performed at last night's "High Firs Has Talent!". They performed brilliantly to a packed audience who thoroughly enjoyed their evening of singing, dancing and comedy – all compered by two fantastic hosts!

For lunch on **MONDAY 22nd JULY** we will be having a whole school picnic!

Either bring a packed lunch from home or order a packed lunch meal online using the CH&Co meal portal.



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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	Bobbi George Esme-Jayne Molly	Tallulah Eva Lyla Luna	Jessica Frankie Reyansh Reggie	Esme B Charlie Ziggy
1	Brooke Logan G Isabella W	Emma Gloria Jamie Leo W	Bella B Charlotte Mikey Nicole Julia George S	Bella B Hannah Freya S Penelope Harry W
2	Sofia Lowen Willow Jack W	Teddy C Teddy M Sonny Henry R-W	Mason B Maddy Robert Iyah M Kaya	Jaxon
3	Leo A Daisy B Luca Beatrice J Harvey	Leo A Ellis Danny Natasha Elias	Ivy Harvey Roman Joshua W	Darcie Morgan J Beatrice J Emily
4	Iyah B Mariana Thomas Smilte Isabella O Faye	Poppy C Josue Morgan W	Lottie Miraculous Ellie Evie T	Iyah B Isabella O Omolayo Tunde Clark
5	Honey Karina Samuel	Kenneth Alfie	Harrison C Hashmin Grace F Freya	Bella C Hashmin Alyah Poppy G Holly
6	Emanuela Bella O Ella Belle	Benjamin Elijah Julian Ronnie Sam W	Annie-Grace Jack M Liam Ezra Elsie	Aayden Harry F Lola Baraa Jessica Alan Z



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Staff news

Today in assembly we recognised Mrs Boreham's much-appreciated 5-year service. Miss Medhurst is finishing her teaching placement in Year 1 today and we wish her all the best as she starts her teaching career.

**Staff
News**

Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 6

YEAR 1

Our class totals were:



YEAR 6 – 97%

YEAR 4 – 96.6%

YEAR 5 – 95.8%

YEAR 3 – 95%

YEAR 1 – 94.6%

YEAR 2 – 94.5%

YEAR R – 93%

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception – made amazing animals out of clay.

Year 1 – learned to write a diary.

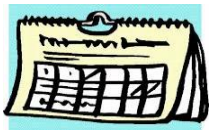
Year 2 – wrote poems about animals in the rainforest.

Year 3 – learned the different parts of a flower.

Year 4 – have enjoyed unwrapping their mummified oranges to see how successful they were at recreating the ancient process of mummification.

Year 5 – have sewn the Greek myths!

Year 6 – have been making bread for The Day of The Dead Festival.



INSET DAYS

Mon 2nd Sept 2024

Coming up next week...

Monday 22nd July

10.10am – Yr6 Leavers Assembly

pm – Yr6 Water Activity afternoon

No clubs

Tuesday 23rd July

Yr6 – bring in shirts / leavers hoodies

2.55pm – Yr6 leavers photos

No clubs

#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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