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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

It was great to see so many parents and carers attend our SEN Coffee Morning this week. We hope you found the event useful in terms of the information shared and the opportunity to meet with and discuss experiences for a wide range of families seeking to support their children's emotional wellbeing. Keep an eye out for further information on this in next week's newsletter.

I received a photograph from a concerned parent this week showing other parents parking on Court Crescent in such a manner that there was barely room to pass a car between the parked cars on either side of the road. Several cars had to mount the pavement as they swung in and out in avoidance of the cars that had been carelessly parked. Please can you take the utmost care to park in accordance with the signs. Parking outside the white boxes on Court Crescent during school drop off and collection is illegal. Please allow a little extra time for your journey, park elsewhere on the estate and walk from there.

As we have now moved into October, our first WOW badges for children who have walked, cycled or scooted into school were given out in assembly this morning. The badges themselves are made from recycled plastic from bottle tops. There are badges to collect for each month for children who are travelling sustainably to and from school on a regular basis. On that note, we are doing Walk to School week next week too, where you can join staff in walking in from locations around the estate – see details below.

We look forward next week to bringing you news of our Y3/4 children, who represent our school in the Champion's Cup football tournament next week.



## In our classes this week

Reception – used human scales to practise the words 'heavier' and 'lighter'.

Year 1 – learned how to compare numbers using greater than and less than symbols.

Year 2 – wrote their own pirate stories.

Year 3 – wrote their own instructions about how to wash a woolly mammoth.

Year 4 – wrote newspaper reports about The Iron Man.

Year 5 – Investigated water resistance in science.

Year 6 – learned about evacuation during World War 2.



## Register Rabbit

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

**YEAR 2**

**YEAR 4**

Our class totals were:

**Year 2 – 100%**

**Year 4 – 99.6%**

**Year 1 – 99.6%**

**Year 5 – 98.2%**

**Year R - 95.6%**

**Year 6 – 94.8%**

**Year 3 – 90.7%**



## Parents Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who signed up for consultation meetings with teachers. We will confirm your appointment time next week.



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### School Values Rewards

Last year we introduced special rewards presented in assembly once per month for excellence in the demonstration of our school values. From January through to July, children collected special values pencils in recognition of their achievements. This year, children will collect specially printed values stickers – and once they have the full set of four values, they will be awarded with a values cup pictured here, that contains each of the four school values of be safe, be kind, be honest and be your best.



## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

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See the information at end of newsletter about the upcoming sponsored bounce event – please complete the form to come in and count bounces if you can make yourself available for even just one hour.

Watch this space soon for a chance to book Christmas ice skating at a reduced rate – this was an extremely popular event last year.

Please continue to engage with the Asda scheme to provide funding for schools – we are currently over £400 with a couple of months left to go –

[https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZWQCMTEAR1z8LmtQbuURZg6KZwQAtdu5HxFX8ehJNVDP1rzkcStd83uPD-fsu90i8\\_aem\\_M1jIxp4wiDNGmhyhcYcEBg](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZWQCMTEAR1z8LmtQbuURZg6KZwQAtdu5HxFX8ehJNVDP1rzkcStd83uPD-fsu90i8_aem_M1jIxp4wiDNGmhyhcYcEBg)

### Black History Month

In assemblies this week we looked at Reclaiming Narratives through the story of comedian and writer Yewande Morenike Osho, who changed her name as a young adult to Andi Osho, believing this would prevent discrimination from harming her career chances moving forwards. At the current time, she and many others are revisiting and reversing similar decisions in order to reclaim their narratives.

We also looked at the story of Katherine Johnson, who is a hero of the moon landings from the 1960s. Her genius with engineering calculations played a huge part in ensuring the smooth missions to land on and safely return humans from the moon. We discussed how the traditionally known and recognised figures from the moon missions are the astronauts and the largely white, male mission control workers. Recent focus on reclaiming narratives has enabled the outstanding work of Katherine and many other young black females within her team to receive the recognition their work deserved.



### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>506</b>	Harrison F, Harry W Y2; Joshua Y3
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>492</b>	Reggie T Y1; Daisy B Y4
<b>OAK</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>519</b>	Logan G Y2; Dylan H Y4
<b>ASH</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>519</b>	Bella B Y2; Daisy G-S Y5



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## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>h</sup> October

We are asking all families to try to walk to school every day in Walk to School Week - if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you could park a few roads away from school and walk the last part instead; this will still count as walking to school! Each class will have a chart to record the children who have walked to school each day. There will be a house point for each child that walks each day and a certificate at the end of the week for children who have walked every day.

Walk to school with the staff! Members of our staff will be at various points around the local area to meet and walk to school with our families on the following dates –

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October at 8:40am	Meet us on the corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October at 8:40am	Meet us on the corner of Charnock and Court Crescent
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October at 8:40am	Meet us on the corner of Waylands and Pinks Hill

Our Park and Stride will also take part as usual for those who have booked.



**INSET DAYS**  
**No children in school**  
 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 30<sup>th</sup> June  
 21<sup>st</sup> July  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Coming up next week...

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Y4 parent meeting for Blackland Farm residential trip – 6-6.30pm

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Walk to school week - corner of Pinks Hill and Cranleigh Drive (top junction)

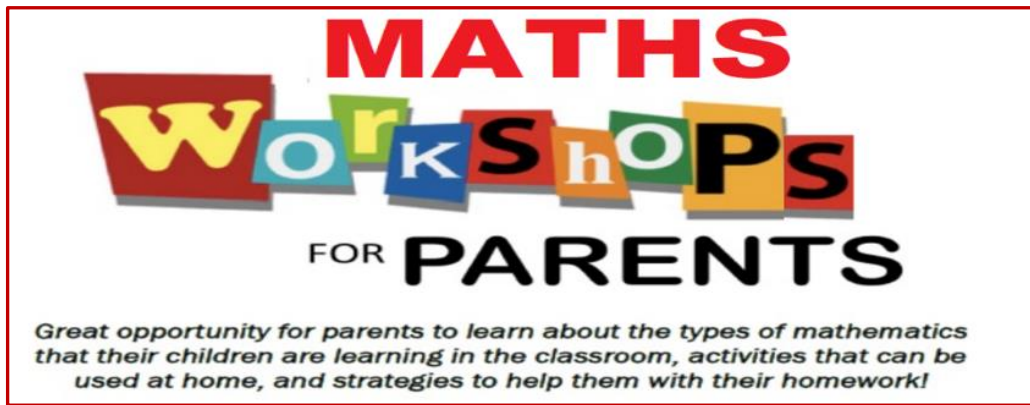
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Y3/4 football tournament during school hours  
 Walk to school week - corner of Charnock and Court Crescent

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Walk to school week - Waylands and Pinks Hill  
 Y5 Class assembly – 10.10am



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**Join us on –**

**Y5/6 – Thursday 24th October at 10.40 (after Y6 class assembly)**

**Y3/4 – Thursday 14th November at 10.40 (after Y3 class assembly)**

**Y1/2 – Thursday 21st November at 10.40 (after Y2 class assembly)**

No need to book – please just come along!



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## Sponsored Bounce

Dear Parents/Guardians

Your child is invited to take part in a Sponsored Bounce on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, during school hours.

Please help your child to get as many sponsors as possible and at the end of the day your child will bring a certificate back to you completed with the number of the bounces they were able to do.

Please then collect the promised sponsor money and return the money and the form to school via your child by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Also, if you are eligible for gift aid, please tick the appropriate box on the form and add your door number and post code so that we are able to claim extra on your donation.




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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

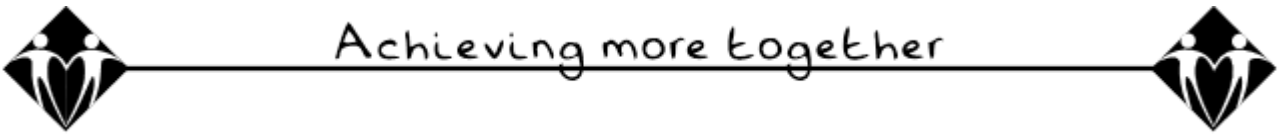
In aid of my School, High Firs Primary School, I am participating in a Sponsored Bounce. I will try and do as many bounces as possible in 3 minutes (2 minutes for Reception and KS1). Please sponsor me.

<p><b>Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.</b></p> <p>This means that £100 can be turned into £125, just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid. Imagine what a difference that could make and it doesn't cost you a thing.</p> <p><i>To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.</i></p>						<p>So just tick here to Gift Aid your donation. It's that simple</p> 
Name	Door No.	Post Code	Amount per Bounce	Amount Overall	Total	

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP £ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you  
Happy Bouncing!!

This form is valid from the date it is returned until the date of the event. The Friends will hold your records securely until all sponsor money and gift aid claims have been processed.



# Sponsored Bounce

Dear Parents/Guardians

We need your help in running this event!  
If you are able to spare some time, please complete and return the form below.  
Thank you.

**Child's Name :** ..... **Class** .....

I would be delighted to come along and help at the Sponsored Bounce on **Wednesday 16th October 2024.**

Name:.....(parent/guardian) Telephone Number: .....

Email address: .....

I can help at the following times – (please tick the relevant boxes):-

9.00 – 10.30am

10.45 – 12.00

1.00 – 3.00pm

Please return this slip to school by **Friday 11th October 2024.** Thank you.



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