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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

We have enjoyed a terrific week at High Firs this week. I will share two highlights with you - Tilly having her photo taken for the staff board on Tuesday inspired a few children who were worried about having their photo taken to be brave and go ahead. Also Tilly joined Y6 in their classroom for her first whole lesson on Thursday. The Y6 children were superb as they created the right climate in the room to help Tilly to relax and feel calm in a busy space. The work the children produced that lesson was really detailed and thorough – well done to all! Thursday was also the day when our bike trainers came into to train our staff to teach Y1 and Y2 children on balance bikes. The sessions were extremely enjoyable and the children progressed superbly in a very short space of time. We look forward to using the bikes to teach whole classes and smaller group and individual sessions over the coming weeks. We will know we have cracked it once the bikes become a seamless vehicle through which to deliver the curriculum for our younger children.

Please see the link to Park and Stride that begins next week. I have updated the information on the website to reflect a meeting I had this morning with the staff who will be supervising. Key messages are – you can drop off from 8.35-8.40 – but the group will leave on the journey to walk in at 8.40 promptly. If you are late, you will need to bring your child to the school gate directly. Then in the afternoon, collection is 3.20-3.25. If you arrive after 3.25, your child will have been walked back to school for collection from there.

Sign-up for future weeks will be via a text sent out every Monday morning – form to be completed that week by 12pm Friday, for the following Monday.

To begin Black History Month this week, I shared a 'Who am I?' quiz with the children in assembly. There were 8 questions about the life and achievements of prominent black British people and none of them were answered correctly. So each class is taking on a challenge to learn about one of these individuals in detail and we will repeat the quiz in our first assembly back after half term. The 8 significant figures are: Ignatius Sancho, Claudia Jones, Paul Stephenson, Naomi Campbell, Ira Aldridge, Phyllis Wheatley, Sir Learie Constantine MBE and Mavis Best.



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In our classes this week

- Reception – learned about taller and shorter.
- Year 1 – enjoyed their first lesson using the balance bikes!
- Year 2 – tested suitable materials to make a car ramp.
- Year 3 – created a presentation about the Stone Age.
- Year 4 – drew portraits of Henry VIII.
- Year 5 – learned about water resistance.
- Year 6 – learned about evacuation in WW2.



Special Mentions

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

- Jamie W – showing a good understanding of “taller” and “shorter”.
- Oscar P – super phonics!
- Robert L – for working hard to improve his handwriting.
- Kaylee V – for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
- Eleanor A & Emily S – for their persuasive posters advertising a job as a pirate!
- Davyd S – settling in to his new class so well.
- Isabella O – amazing home learning; a model of a Bronze Age house.
- Beatrice G & Connie R – lovely descriptions of Tudor houses.
- All of Year 4 – their fantastic assembly.
- Elijah B – a great piece of work about Victorian Schools.
- Mabel R – for trying hard to complete all tasks to the best of her ability.
- Eloise W – an excellent discussion about evacuation.
- Elizabeth P – a fantastic model of an Anderson shelter.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1
YEAR 5



 **HOUSE POINTS**

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	82	401	Robert L, Ella V
CHESTNUT	116	382	George N, Benjamin A
OAK	87	352	Kaylee V, Beatrice G
ASH	99	370	Lenny G, Emanuela M



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Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education

Registered Charity No. 1137633

Committee Members 2022-23

Chair	Sam Officer
Deputy Chair	Sam Taylor
Secretary	Amanda Whittaker
Treasurer	Theresa Kelleher
Health & Safety	Mark Barnes
Other Trustees	Rachel Baynton, Lisa Ellis, Jo Roper
President	Mr Kilbride

Class Representatives 2022-23

Reception	Rachel Lee, Clare Sutton & Theresa Kelleher
Yr1	Amanda Whittaker, Jodie Sunderland
Yr2	Monica Aldridge, Georgie Barr
Yr3	Kerry Cattermole, Jo Roper, Marie Collett
Yr4	Jeshal Trivedi & Mark Burton
Yr5	Holly Bunning
Yr6	Rachel Baynton, Lisa Ellis, Charlotte Tiller, Gemma Sayers

If you would like to join the class representatives in your class you would be made very welcome. There is no limit to the number of class representatives and the more the merrier. Please do talk to your class representative or any member of the Committee if you would like to get involved with the Friends. The role of the Class Representative includes acting as a point of liaison with other parents in the class and to coordinate volunteers for events. Class Representatives (along with all members) are invited to attend Friends' meetings but everyone can get involved, whether they are a Representative or not!

Come along to our next meetings - *Everyone is welcome!*

Monday 17th October at 7pm – Christmas Events planning

Monday 14th November at 7pm - EGM



A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS / WINTER CARDS DESIGNED BY YOUR CHILD – AND RAISE FUNDS FOR FHF AT THE SAME TIME!

Your child will be bringing home a proof of a Christmas or Winter Card which they have designed. There will be no wording printed inside the card and so it can also be used for various celebrations / uses rather than just Christmas! If you would like to purchase cards made from this design they cost £6.00 per 12 cards; £1.00 of which will be donated to FHF. To place your order, please complete the form on the reverse of the proof and return to school with payment (cash or cheque to "Friends of High Firs") by

Tuesday 18th October.

Please return the proof in the plastic wallet provided to ensure it does not become damaged; please do not fold the proof. Please place money in a separate sealed envelope.



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INSET DAYS
No children in school
Mon 31st Oct 2022
Tues 3rd Jan 2023
Fri 26th May 2023

Coming up next week...

Monday 10th October – Sponsored Bounce
Parents Consultations by appointment

Tuesday 11th October – Yr6 WW2 Day at Horton Kirby Env. Centre
Parents Consultations by appointment

Weds 12th October - Year 5 Class Assembly – 10.10am
Parents Consultations by appointment



Keeping up with the children: English

Would you like to:

- Make reading more fun?
- Understand how your child is taught English?
- Help your child with their spelling and handwriting?
- Build your confidence and make new teaching methods?

This course is for you!

Venue: Swanley Children's Centre, Northview, BR8 7BT
Date: Tuesdays 1st November – 22nd November - 4 weeks
Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm
To book a place please email: sevenoaksdistrictcc@kent.gov.uk

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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