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HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR KILBRIDE

Another term draws to a close and I am left reflecting on a term of great hard work and fine achievement. Today's Celebration Certificates are just the tip of the iceberg in respect of the great efforts of the whole school population this term.

We enjoyed the silent disco last night - news below in the Friends' section. And I am sure many children will also revel in the opportunity to buy sweets in the Tuck Shop sale after school today.

There is still just time to enter the Name a Food Waste Truck competition at this link - www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/namethetruck - entries need to be in soon after school ends - by 5pm this evening!!

This week assemblies were dominated by Safer Internet Day, where we learned all about AI. There were some excellent videos on BBC bitesize that you may wish to explore again with your child(ren) to discuss this challenging topic in age appropriate terms -

<https://share.google/mUGljPak2rYNFvRMG>. Year 1 had an exciting week as the journeyed to the postbox to post letters they had written to a dinosaur at the Natural History Museum in London. Lo and behold, today, they received a reply - how lovely! And yesterday afternoon, Year 1 were the first class to launch our Show & Share events - replacing this term's traditional class assemblies. The event was brilliantly attended - thank you to all who came. We really hope you enjoyed spending some quality time with your children in their own classroom environments. Please let us know what you thought - <https://www.high-firs.kent.sch.uk/eventfeedback>

THANK YOU PLAY LEADERS

Well done to Ruby, Chloe, Lennie, Henry, Millie and Ivy in Year 5. Since September they have assumed the role of Play Leaders on the playground at lunchtimes. In rotation, they set up games and activities for children to come and take part in during their lunch hour. We have been training Y5 to take on this responsibility for three years now - and I can say with confidence that we have never had a group whose games and activities have proven to be so popular. So a warm thank you from our whole school community goes to these six children, whose leadership and selfless acts of care and encouragement have not only improved the lunchtime experiences of countless children this year, but they have served as fine role models for others to aspire to.

As they hang up their caps and pass on to another group of aspiring leaders, they leave big shoes to fill indeed!

ATTENDANCE COINS

How many children will earn a coin for attending the entire first week back after the holidays? After October it was 193, following Christmas it was 194 - will we get over the elusive 200 mark this time?!





**National School
Governors'
Awareness Day**



SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Did you know yesterday was National School Governors' Awareness Day? We would like to take this opportunity to thank our school governors – Steve Geary, Julianne Barnes, Howard Marshall, Sarah Shead-Everest and our clerk Alice Plane – who undertake five key roles as governors for our school, alongside Mr Kilbride and Miss Rennie as staff members of the governing body:

- Setting the strategic direction and long-term goals for the school
- Ensuring financial stability and compliance with statutory requirements.
- Overseeing the performance of the leadership team
- Ensuring that the school's values and vision are upheld

School governors are the UK's largest voluntary body – they are a tremendous support and have a positive and critical impact on schools across the UK. We do currently have vacancies on our governing body for members of the public who are not parents of children at our school to join us so if you know someone who might be interested in undertaking this interesting and vital role please do ask them to get in touch with us for more information.

FRIENDS OF HIGH FIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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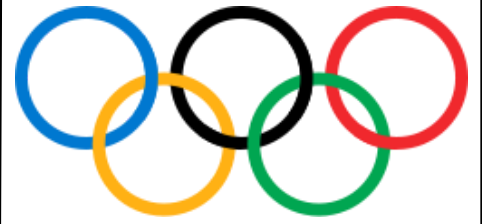
We hope the children enjoyed the silent disco yesterday. It was a lot of fun and it was fantastic to see them all dancing and singing.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our parent helpers and our regular FHF helpers as without them, the night would not be possible. We rely solely on volunteers and always welcome more so please do reach out to your class rep if you would like to be involved in any future FHF events.



WINTER OLYMPIC POSTER COMPETITION

If your child has been inspired by the Winter Olympics, which they can watch more of over half term, encourage them to enter our poster competition. They can simply choose an image of a favourite winter Olympic sport to advertise the excitement of the Winter Olympic Games! Big and bold is good - entries sent in on paper to Mr Kilbride after half term - we will display them in the hall and winning entries will be rewarded with a prize! A couple of inspiring designs included below.



Ski Jumping Glory



Ice Hockey Action



THIS WEEK'S



NEWS FROM OUR CLASSES

Reception – learned to compare height.

Year 1 – learned about carnivores, herbivores & omnivores.

Year 2 – wrote reports about the Emperor penguin.

Year 3 – learned how to use inverted commas.

Year 4 – made nightlights in DT.

Year 5 – researched mountain wildlife.

Year 6 – learned how to solve one-step & two-step algebraic equations.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

INSET DAY
22nd May 2026

DIARY DATES FOR AFTER HALF TERM

Friday 27th February

2.40pm - Year 3 Show & Share

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total
BEECH	171	828
CHESTNUT	175	805
OAK	171	874
ASH	166	666

	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	Harrison W; Jonas C
CHESTNUT	Noah P; Iyah M
OAK	Ivy G; Francesca F
ASH	Darcie T; Danny B

CLASS ATTENDANCE



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

YEAR 1
YEAR 4

Our class attendance this week was:

Year 1 99.6%
Year R 97.8%
Year 2 97.8%
Year 4 97.5%
Year 3 97.4%
Year 5 96.5%
Year 6 95.9%

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



- Darcy B - exceptional effort in Maths
- Finley B - trying his best in all areas of learning
- Lady O-A - always trying her hardest
- Hayden G - a brilliant letter to a dinosaur
- Florence F - trying her best to improve her writing & for making an extra effort with her handwriting
- Madeleine S - improved focus & confidence in maths
- Marco P - a brilliant effort to use cursive handwriting
- Nicole M - being enthusiastic about all of our maths learning
- Maddy K- pushing yourself to be your best in all lessons
- Teddy C - your amazing writing about Razvani the fire-fiend!
- Roman T - going above & beyond by researching information for Geography at home
- Ellis A - working really hard on his mountain painting in Art
- Poppy C - her positive attitude in all that she does but especially in Maths this week
- Morgan W - her effort in writing lessons this week



autism south east



Autism South East works with autistic people and their families, providing support groups, autism friendly activities and delivering information talks to families, carers, and professionals. Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently which can cause anxiety and challenges in every day life. Many Autistic people and their families can feel very isolated with nowhere to turn.

Autism South East is an Autistic led organisation with over 75 years of combined experience working with autism both personally and professionally. We seek to improve the lives of Autistic people and their families, relying solely on donations and fundraising to reach people all over the South East of England. We provide support groups, social groups, autism friendly activities and deliver information talks to Autistic people, their families, carers and professionals. We provide welcoming environments, at our events and online, with a network of people who understand.

We believe that Neurodiversity should be celebrated in our communities and that Autistic people should feel proud of who they are. "For every person who understands autism better, another Autistic person will be happier." (Quote by an 11 year old Autistic author)



We run support groups, social groups and autism cafés in different areas - informal settings where autistic people, their families and carers can have a coffee and chat.



Autism South East organise talks and workshops by various speakers on autism-related subjects for autistic people, their families and carers, as well as organisations and professionals.



We occasionally run autism friendly activities, such as Lego sessions, art/craft, cake decorating and more! If you'd like to volunteer to help, please do get in touch!



We have a Facebook page 'Autism South East' where you can find and share information about autism. All our events are also posted on there- you can find them under the events tab. We have a Facebook group, 'Autism South East Discussion Group' where you can discuss anything autism related and talk to others.



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... and please show consideration to our neighbours.