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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

What a super High Firs week it has been, beginning with the fabulous Fun Day last Saturday afternoon. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone who helped organise, donated items or came along to buy things on the day; it was a real 'feel-good' event personifying teamwork and the dedication of our school community towards improving the education and experiences of our children – what a great way to spend some time and energy! I look forward to sharing with you shortly the total amount of money raised.

Then this week I have taken part in another High Firs tradition with the annual Year 6 residential trip to the PGL centre at Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. It has been a real pleasure to be with many of our Year 6 children as they try new experiences and make memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Sports Day Arrangements

Thank you for your understanding with our rescheduling of Sports Day to **Friday, 1st July, with KS1 sports starting at 10.30am (Pedestrian Gate opens 10.15am) and KS2 at 1.30pm (Pedestrian Gate opens 1.15pm)**; we regret we are unable to invite parents to stay with us on site over the lunch period. **Please may we remind you that the children are in school session as normal during the sports events and must remain with their teacher / supervising staff at all times. This will be explained to the children and your cooperation with this would be much appreciated, as would your cooperation with health & safety measures in place on the day.**

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle, sun-hat and suitable trainers, as well as their normal PE kit in school. Sun cream may be required! We look forward to a very enjoyable day.

Class Allocations 2022-23

We are pleased to be able to confirm the class allocations for the new academic year from September:

- Reception – Mrs Everest
- Year 1 – Miss Durrant & Mrs O'Dwyer
- Year 2 – Mrs Ford
- Year 3 – Miss Adams
- Year 4 – Mrs Payne
- Year 5 – Miss Selby
- Year 6 – Miss Allin

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Adams to our teaching team; she has already been working with her new class this week alongside Mrs Ford. Our INSET day on Monday next week will include looking at the year ahead and current class teachers will be holding meetings with next year's teacher(s) to hand over information about the children's learning and pastoral needs.



Special Mentions

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

- Stanley W - sharing a book from home and reading independently to the whole class.
- Teddy C - showing a good understanding of 'fewer than' and 'more than' in Maths.
- Luca C – a lovely diary entry.
- Dylan H – always working hard and always trying his best.
- Demi B and Mason t for working collaboratively to create a project on a jungle habitat
- Kenneth C and Holly P - for showing resilience and determination in Maths this week
- Julian F and Sienna G - for working really hard in maths.
- Evie B and Lucy E - making such a great effort on the stacking crates activity at Blackland Farm and, by working together, building the highest stack in their group.
- Eloise W for being really brave and completing the gladiator challenge at Blackland Farm.
- Jack W for enthusiastically taking part in all the challenges at White Oaks, especially the trampolining.
- Alec G for working really hard and taking his time to create an amazing clay model.



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 2
YEAR 3



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Isle of Wight residential

Our Year 6 children have had an amazing week staying at PGL on the Isle of Wight! They have climbed, crawled, camp-fired, paddled, kayaked, explored, got very muddy and had LOTS of fun.... their behaviour has been brilliant and they really have made the most of their time together.



Winning house:

★ **Oak** (140 points) ★
Beech (95 points)
Chestnut (77 points)
Ash (43 points)

Top scorers:

Beech
 Samuel S & Vidit G

Oak
 Harry F & Elliott M

Ash
 Samuel W & Scarlett T

Chestnut
 Benjamin A & Evie T

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

Reception – learned to compare quantities.
 Year 1 – wrote their own weather reports.
 Year 2 – researched different habitats and created a project about what we found out.
 Year 3 – designed their own art based on the works of Mandy Barker.
 Year 4 – learned about the Amazon river.
 Year 5 – had a fantastic outdoor adventure day at Blackland Farm.
 Year 6 – have had a brilliant week on the Isle of Wight!



INSET DAYS

No children in school
 Mon 27 June 2022

Next week in school

Monday 27 June INSET Day: no children in school

Tues 28 June Class photographs: please ensure children are in correct uniform.

Thurs 30 June Reception Class Assembly - 10.10am: parents welcome!

Fri 1 July KS1 Sports – Gates open 10.15am / Sports start 10.30am
 KS1 Sports – Gates open 1.15pm / Sports start 1.30pm
 Deadline for Yr5 Grammar School test applications



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