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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Mr Kilbride

Thank you so much to the amazing army of parent volunteers who have given up their time so freely this week to add all of the books in our school library onto the Accelerated Reader system. This large and rather boring job is the necessary first step in unlocking a world of exciting possibilities for children across KS2 to be guided always towards reading books that are at just the right level for them - for them to keep count of the number of words and books they have read and to achieve points and rewards for doing so. Now that the books are all entered, the next thing to happen will be a screening test that will place the children at a particular level - then they will be able to begin quizzing by choosing a reading book from the library - reading and understanding it, then taking the associated quiz.

Children have been working extremely hard this week - as we embark upon the final seasonal term of the year, threads are really joining together and children are making more and more sense of their year group's programmes of study.



**Farewell, Mrs Hassell**

Today, we wished Mrs Hassell a very happy retirement as she leaves High Firs after 18 years. Mrs Hassell has been a much-valued member of our TA, Midday and pastoral teams and has worked with many children during her time with us.

## Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education  
Registered Charity No. 1137633

The next meeting of Friends of High Firs will be held on  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome – please come along!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our recent Disco  
and “Break the Rules for April Fools” events.

We raised a fantastic **£768.95** from the two events.

### Special Mentions

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

- Robert L – super number recognition when ordering numbers 1-5.
- Sabiha M – great learning when ordering numbers 0-10.
- Elias M – great enthusiasm for learning and for always trying his best.
- Sadie B – always working hard and producing some super writing.
- Selena L – for her interest and enthusiasm, especially in Maths.
- Emelia S – fantastic learning in Maths.
- Connie R – a great biography about Jacques Cousteau.
- Daisy W – always being ready to learn and working hard.
- Luke G – showing such enthusiasm for improving his reading.
- Mabel R – her fantastic drawing of an Egyptian goddess.
- Lily M – super writing comparing children's lives in Ancient Greece.
- Scarlett W-B – settling in well to her new class.
- Jack W – super work with ratio in Maths.



### Register Rabbit

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

**YEAR 2**  
**YEAR 4**



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### Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to **BEECH** who were the winners of this week's Rockstars challenge who won 50 house points for their house. Don't forget to take part next week if you are in KS2.

<b>BEECH</b>	396	Chanelle & Vidit
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	20	Harry M & Summer
<b>OAK</b>	191	Casian & Elliott
<b>ASH</b>	106	Joy & Veda



### THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

#### In our classes this week

Reception – learned to use a number line.

Year 1 – found out what London was like in the past.

Year 2 – have been reading their new class text, "The boy who grew dragons."

Year 3 – learned about different types of skeletons.

Year 4 – learned about the molecular structure of solids, liquids & gases.

Year 5 – are enjoying their new book, "Brightstorm".

Year 6 – enjoyed cooking (and eating!) traditional Mexican food.

### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	149	174	Taylor C, Sunni LH, Selena L, Jasmine C, Willow W
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	71	81	Jake R, Teddy M
<b>OAK</b>	89	116	Kaylee V, Skye K
<b>ASH</b>	90	112	Stanley W, Poppy G



#### INSET DAYS

**No children in school**

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022

#### Next week in school

Tues 3 May

Yr2 Hemsley visit

Weds 4 May

Yr3 Class Assembly 10.15am

Thurs 5 May

Yr4 visit to Horniman's Museum

FHF Meeting 6pm



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