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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Turtle

Yesterday, lots of the children - at home and at school - enjoyed watching and taking part in the live lesson from the BBC & RSPB about this year's Birdwatch. If you would like to take part in this year's Birdwatch then all you have to do is see and count which birds you can spot in about an hour over the next few days - it might be on a walk, from your window or in your garden. There is a tick-sheet at the end of this week's Newsletter. If you would like to submit your results directly to the RSPB you can visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> or you can email your sheet back to your class teacher using your year group email or drop it off to our office. We hope you enjoy taking part!



Parent Governor vacancy

We are sorry to let you know that Jack Ziepe has left his Parent Governor role due to his other commitments at the current time - our thanks to Mr Ziepe for his support and efforts during his time in role. We therefore now have a Parent Governor vacancy. If you would like to consider the role, please see further information and apply at:

<http://high-firs.kent.sch.uk/parentgov/>

February Half-Term and INSET Day

The government sadly announced this week that the return to school has been delayed once again and that the date for general return will now be 8th March at the earliest. For those who are currently attending as the children of critical workers or under the vulnerable criteria, please be aware that we intend to retain the INSET day already booked for 22nd February as a staff training day with no children in school; this is due to required First Aid training taking place for some of our staff, which can still go ahead under government guidelines. This means that school will be closed to pupils on this date and that no home learning will be set. The DfE have also confirmed that schools will NOT be expected to open for critical worker children / vulnerable groups during the half-term break (15th to 19th February).

HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	54	1110	Connie R, Ella V, Ronnie R
CHESTNUT	62	1023	Grace R, Lucy B, Amie S, Jake R, Jacob C-B
OAK	78	888	Zak H, Amy V
ASH	51	944	Freya T, Jessica A, Scarlett T

Our Learning this week

Reception - have explored light and dark.

Year 1 - learned lots of facts about Kenya.

Year 2 - learned to draw tally charts and pictograms.

Year 3 - investigated air resistance.

Year 4 - learned about different formal methods of multiplication.

Year 5 - learned about metamorphosis.

Year 6 - found out about six different Ancient Maya cities in Central America.



Year 4 children in school made some of the apple bird feeders from the Birdwatch lesson too!



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Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions for children at home and in school go to:

- Ellis A, Roman T, Millie B and Luca C for their super postcard writing - amazing independent writing.
- Myles S - trying really hard with his handwriting and his English learning.
- Isabella O - good subtraction problem solving.
- Nick S - great diary writing in the style of Lila.
- Eliz H - a lovely "safari in a shoebox".
- Harry M - for his portrait of Queen Victoria.
- Amy V - for excellent map work and maths learning.
- Freya T - for thorough completion of all learning tasks.
- Sam W - for positive attitude and focus.
- Mabel R - always completing her home learning and doing extra research & activities too.
- Benjamin A - always completing home learning tasks.
- Ruby B - great persuasive leaflet about Italian landmarks.
- Elija V - fantastic mountain research and well-presented poster.
- Kaiden O - for his commitment to working at home and for the quality of learning.
- Jack M - amazing information poster about the Maya city of Tikal.
- Nicole K - brilliant description of her Wonder room and a super chameleon drawing.
- Lucy B - excellent diary entry.



Coming up next week

PE Days

R	1	2
Fridays	Mondays	Wednesdays
3	4	5
Tuesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Friday	Friday	Thursdays

Don't forget to wear your P.E. kit - make sure you are warm enough to go outside!

Please note that Yr3 and Yr4 PE will now be on Tuesdays and Fridays EVERY WEEK until half-term.



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