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# High Firs Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Kilbride

As Covid cases seem to be peaking and tailing off a little when you look at the national picture, we are currently managing with the largest number of cases we have had at any point during the pandemic, such is the way in which the Omicron variant spreads. On days this week we have had 6 staff out and up to twenty pupils. By and large, the pupils are connected to one class or their siblings. Outside of that link, the cases remain as the odd one in a couple of year groups. So our measures to contain and manage seem to be working reasonably well. We have taken the decision to operate in bubbles again for this week and next week to limit any transmission, so break times and lunch times are a little different and assemblies for the whole school are virtual. With the staff team being stretched very thin, I have found myself teaching in different classes across the week, so I have not been able to be out on the school drive so frequently this week. I hope to rectify this next week. With isolation periods having taken place this week, we expect to be much more back to normal after the weekend.

Our active Eco Club, led by Miss Selby, is broadening its reach with the aim of achieving the Green Flag award for schools' Eco Credentials. This week they created and hung bird feeders around the school site. We are also taking part in local meetings with residents and the council regarding parking and traffic in school, and furthermore we will be drawing up a School Travel Plan in due course to explore funding and campaigns around cycling, scooting and parking and striding to school as part of the solution to maintaining safe roads around school. Allied to this is one more appeal I have to you about cars idling for long periods at school collection time. For the benefit of the health of our children, please could you show the courtesy to switch off your engine if you are waiting in a car to collect your child.

Many thanks for your help with this.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

### Assemblies

Apologies for our error in last week's Newsletter - please note that the Year 3 will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.10am (not February).



### Parent Surveys

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few moments of your time to complete our parent survey by Friday 28th January, using the links below. This will help us to continue to improve both your and your child's experiences of school.

#### For Reception Parents:

<https://forms.office.com/r/s5R8ekfsqm>

#### For Parents of Years 1-6:

<https://forms.office.com/r/EPTPu9hbx5>

### In our classes this week

- Reception – created their own vegetable superhero!
- Year 1 – used adjectives to describe a character.
- Year 2 – wrote their own stories based on their book "Lost and Found".
- Year 3 – researched what it was like to live in Anglo-Saxon times.
- Year 4 – found out about the structure of volcanoes.
- Year 5 – thought about their own positive character features and then helped boost the self-esteem of some of their friends by sharing why they appreciated them.
- Year 6 – solved problems involving fractions.



### Register Rabbit

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



YEAR 1  
YEAR 3



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### Special Mentions

This week, our special mentions go to:

- Robert L – amazing work in PE
- Kaylee V – amazing work with the number 5!
- Leo A – writing a lovely description of Lila and using adjectives.
- Daisy B – working hard to improve her writing.
- Logan TG – working hard to improve his writing.
- Evie T – her creative story writing.
- Brad S – contributing well in lessons and sharing his ideas.
- Bella A – persevering in Maths this week.
- Liam S – making Singapore noodles and writing a detailed evaluation.
- Sienna G – making a vegetable stir fry and writing a detailed evaluation.
- George V – making an amazing fantasy land in a wardrobe!
- Elizabeth P – a superb mountain model.
- Summer S – brilliant painting in oils of a mountain landscape.
- Veda T – amazing problem solving in Maths this week.



### HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
<b>BEECH</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>402</b>	Eliz H, Olivia W, Michael C, Lilly E, Korley A
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>366</b>	Faye R, Ellie R, Benjamin A, Jake R, Grace F
<b>OAK</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>403</b>	Poppy C, Karina C, Micah W, Casian C
<b>ASH</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>388</b>	Hannah C, Tilly F, Agnish S, Veda T

### Times Tables Rockstars

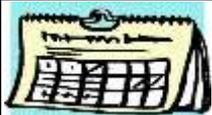
Well done to **BEECH** who were the winners of this week's Rockstars challenge! Don't forget to take part next week if you are in KS2.

14TH JANUARY - 20TH JANUARY 07:00 - 20:00



Our top scorers were:

<b>BEECH</b>	Chanelle M, Zoe L
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	Amelia B, Ruby Bay
<b>OAK</b>	Millie WS, Casian C
<b>ASH</b>	Veda T, Freya T



**INSET DAYS**  
**No children in school**  
Fri 27 May 2022  
Mon 27 June 2022

*There are no diary dates for next week.*



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