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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

I would like to introduce to you all this week a revised set of school values that will permeate all aspects of our school life moving forwards. Our current list of seven values is hard for children and staff to remember, so this dilutes the impact they can have on our day to day lives. We have sought to distil our current list to just four key values, which will also double up as a simple to remember set of school rules. They are:

Be kind

Be your best

Be safe

Be honest

We have been working with the children about the meaning behind these values. Children have discussed and then drawn images that represent these values best to them. The children's drawings will be taken away and used to inspire a local artist to symbolise each of our new values. In school next week, children will be voting to select a colour also to symbolise the value. We will end up with some fabulous images and colours which will be displayed throughout school, acting as a constant point of reference as we praise children and we ask children to reflect upon actions. The new artwork will be turned into digital form as well and will be seen on our website in due course.



EASTER & SPRING COMPETITION

For this year's competition everyone brought home a paper plate! You can use it to make anything you like so long



as it is on an Easter / Spring theme.... Bring your finished entry to school on **Monday 28th March**.

PARENTS – please pop into the hall after school on Monday to view all our fantastic finished entries.

Spring Trail



We will be holding our annual Spring Trail next Wednesday. Each class will have a chance to take part and each child will receive a chocolate prize for completing the trail! Thank you to FHF for providing the prizes. (Dietary requirements will be met.)

Special Mentions

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

- Freya B – trying so hard with her writing.
- All of Reception – their amazing assembly.
- Emily S – fantastic concentration and writing.
- Edy O – his new enthusiasm for home learning.
- Avyukth K – his detailed biography.
- Honey B – working really hard on fractions in Maths.
- Albert B – always contributing his thoughts and ideas in lessons.
- Barra R – settling in so well to his new class and showing enthusiasm for all areas of learning.
- Ezra W – always demonstrating great effort, especially in writing.
- Evie S – great perseverance with some tricky fractions work.
- Millie WS – sharing her knowledge about the suffragettes with the class.
- Laila T – brilliant netball skills.
- Jake R – an excellent "Explorer's Toolkit".



Register Rabbit

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

YEAR 1

YEAR 6



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Breakfast Club & After School Club
Bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club are now available for Summer Term (5).
Breakfast Club:

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

After School Club:

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



Walk to School Week

Well done to all the children (and staff) who took part! Certificates will be given to the children who walked every day 😊

Eco Club

Our Eco Club meet every Wednesday and are busy thinking of lots of ways they can help improve our environment. They wanted to share some of their ideas with the school community of how you can help too. So, today's top tip is...

Now that Spring is here why not try making a bird feeder from recycled items. There are lots of ideas online.



Reception & Year 6 Health Checks

We have been asked by the NHS to remind you that the Height & Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 children will take place on Thursday 26th April; Reception children will also have vision screening on the same date.

Times Tables Rockstars

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



18th March - 24th March 2022

CHESTNUT 233 BEECH 151 OAK 137 ASH 110

Our top scorers were:

BEECH	Chanelle M, Vidit G & Tommy B
CHESTNUT	Amelia B, Ruby Bay & Lily M
OAK	Elliott M, Evie S & Casian C
ASH	Ruby Bur, Veda T & Freya T

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You can choose up to four rules below to break on **FRIDAY 1ST APRIL**. You have to pay a 50p "fine" for every rule you break!

Pay 50p per rule / £2 maximum on Friday 1ST April.
All funds raised for Friends of High Firs



You must wear a yellow school jumper.

You must not wear trainers to school.

You must wear matching socks.

You must not have squash in your water bottle.

You must not have a tattoo.

You must use your school branded rucksack.

You must not have coloured or wacky hair.

You must only eat a healthy snack (if you break this rule it must still be nut-free, please)

You must not paint your nails.



These are the only rules you are allowed to break 😊



THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

In our classes this week

- Reception – learned to mix colours to create new colours.
- Year 1 – solved capacity problems.
- Year 2 – wrote biographies about Neil Armstrong.
- Year 3 – enjoyed their Viking Day.
- Year 4 – learned about the themes and structures used in John Lyons' poems.
- Year 5 – have started their new topic about the suffragettes.
- Year 6 – wrote non-chronological reports about the ancient city of Tikal.



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	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	225	1378	Eliz H, Samuel S, Korley A
CHESTNUT	191	1372	Lottie W, Jake R
OAK	205	1286	Tommy B, Skye K, Micah W, Poppy C
ASH	194	1251	Jessica A, Isabella T, Lucy E, Jack B, Tilly F



Next week in school

There are no activity clubs next week.
After School Club paid provision will be open to 6pm on Monday to Thursday only.

INSET DAYS

No children in school

Tues 4 Jan 2022

Fri 27 May 2022

Mon 27 June 2022

Mon 28 March	Easter competition viewing after school in hall
Tues 29 March	Yr4 Cookery Day
Weds 30 March	Spring Trail SDPSSA High Fives Netball Tournament at Hextable Primary
Fri 1 April	End of Spring Term 3.15pm No After School Club paid provision today FHF Break the Rules for April Fools Day



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