



## Weekly Newsletter

22 March 2019

*Making learning an adventure*

**Our school value for this half-term is responsibility.**



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone, parents, pupils and staff, who participated in our Comic Relief fundraising last week. The final total was £949.03. The cake sale at the end of the day raised a whopping £333.31, so was well worth the effort!

We are conscious, however, that managing such large volumes of cakes and such large numbers of people, meant the cake buying process was not as swift and easy as we would have liked. This was exacerbated by poor weather, meaning it had to take place in the dining room, rather than outside, where people may have been more comfortable. We are considering how best to organise such sales in future and will endeavour to streamline the process in some way!

It was lovely to see Reception pupils heading off to Gulliver's Dinosaur and Farm Park in Milton Keynes for their first out of school visit this week. They seem to have really enjoyed the various activities they did there (pictured above), including fossil hunting and slime making and have written some super reports about their visit.

Parents may also have noticed that our school gardeners have been busy around the site this week, most notably along the border of the front path up to the main entrance, where they have been planting a small euonymous hedge. Although these are meant to be fairly hardy, please help us by making sure they are not squashed by little (or large!) feet in the rush to get into or to leave school each day. Please use the pathway at all times rather than the grass. Special thanks to parents Mrs Gavan, Miss Kiff and Mrs Rumian for leading the gardening club.

Congratulations to our Y6 singers, who participated in the Harpenden Schools' Music Association Spring Festival along with a number of other local primary and secondary schools on Wednesday evening. I was really impressed by the standard of the music, much of which was really quite challenging. Well done everyone!

### **Enrichment and Clubs**

This week and last, pupils from Years 3 to 5 have enjoyed some additional PE, with a one-off karate workshop with Sensei Methven. Sensei Methven runs a KS2 karate club in school and as well as sessions at school on Tuesday evenings. Spring term enrichment clubs finish next week, when we also hope to publish our Summer term club timetable.

### **Seeking Your Views**

I have enjoyed meeting KS2 parents this morning at my coffee morning. KS1 parents - Don't forget to let the school office know if you intend to come to next Friday's.

As you know, the governing body and staff team are keen to seek the views of parents about the provision we offer at High Beeches. Your view really matters to us and we want to be able to feed it into our ongoing self-evaluation and planning for school improvement.

Thank you to all those who have already taken the time to complete the survey. For those who haven't yet done so, the survey can be found [here](#).

Yours faithfully

*Jonathan Walker* Headteacher

## FoHBS News

We are looking forward to an exciting quiz this evening. We are trialling a card reader for payment but please bring cash as a back up.

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class**  
Kai – for showing good Growthmindset in your Writing  
Leela – for showing responsibility to your friends' wellbeing
- **Reception Chestnut Class**  
Erik – for always being a kind and considerate friend  
Megan - for working hard to improve her handwriting
- **Year 1 Elm Class**  
Oliver – for showing enthusiasm for learning and being a supportive friend  
Alice – for showing a responsible attitude to learning  
Harry – for showing a responsible attitude to his learning
- **Year 1 Cedar Class**  
Erica – for showing a resilient attitude all week
- **Year 2 Hazel Class**  
Eva – for working really hard in Maths this week  
Lex – for concentrating hard on his work and not letting others distract him
- **Year 2 Willow Class**  
Darcey – for approaching work responsibly  
Tillie – for approaching work responsibly
- **Year 3 Birch Class**  
Noori – for taking on board our value of responsibility  
Jess – for always trying hard in class
- **Year 3 Redwood Class**  
Nathan – for settling into the school so well  
Brendan – for taking responsibility for the quality of his work
- **Year 4 Maple Class**  
Alice – for an excellent attitude and learning in Maths  
Barney – for always having a responsible attitude to learning
- **Year 4 Pine Class**  
Keira – for continuing to be a positive role model at all times  
Christopher – for showing an increased effort in his learning this week
- **Year 5 Ash Class**  
Thomas – for showing responsibility for his behaviour in the playground  
Tom – for showing great effort in his writing and his Maths
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class**  
Yvie – for trying hard and challenging herself in Maths  
Ollie – for showing responsibility and leadership with his Librarian duties
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class**  
Oskar – for listening to instructions and working carefully to produce some fantastic art work  
Daisy – for being a really responsible learner in lessons

## Sporting Success!

Congratulations to our Netball A team, who continued their run of wins this week and last, and to the football team who had a healthy mix of success and challenge! Annabel, Joe and Will report below:

During the match against Kimpton, the netball Netball A team experienced their biggest win yet, winning by 16 goals to nil, with Raphaëlle and Mary from Goal shooter and Goal attach positions and Annabel taking the role of captain. Sam and John captained the B team who also one by an impressive margin of 9-0. Well done everyone! This week the A team beat Sauncey Wood 9-0 too!

On Wednesday, the football team played Beech Hyde. It was tight game and the first half ended 0-0. In the second half, Joe and Oliver came on up front, but weren't able to stop the opposition scoring their first goal. We missed two really good chances later on and game ended 1-0 to Beech Hyde. The B team also battled hard and unfortunately lost 4-0. It was disappointing but we will rise again!

On Thursday, we went to a football tournament and were in the toughest group with St Nicholas, St Helen's, Wood End and Roundwood. In the first match, we played Wood End, Max scoring from a massive

deflection and Oliver scoring from an amazing free kick, resulting in a 2-0 victory to us! The next match was against St Nicholas. It was a tough match, but we drew 0-0. After that we played St Helen's and their team made up only of Year 6 pupils beat us 3-1, with Seth scoring for us. Soon after we played Roundwood, who had a strong team, but with Olly and David each scoring a goal, we managed a 2-0 victory!

## Further Information and Reminders

There are still outstanding lunch payments which were due on 18<sup>th</sup> March, please can we ask that these are settled without further delay?

We spend a great deal of time chasing late payment or permission for the various trips and events we offer. Parents are respectfully requested to adhere to deadlines for payments and consents wherever possible to avoid events having to be rescheduled or even cancelled. Should this not be possible on occasion, parents are requested to contact the school office in confidence as early as possible, so that we may support them in doing so. Many thanks in advance for your support.

## Diary Dates

- 22 March- FoHBS quiz night
- w/b 25 March – Last week of clubs
- 26 and 27 March – Y2 scooter training
- 28 March - Netball Rally at St George's
- 29 March, 9am to 9:30am – Headteacher Coffee Morning for KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Parents
- 29 March Reception Mothers' Day Celebration 2.00pm
- 29 March- FoHBS discos
- 1 April- Year 3 visit to British Museum
- 1 April – Year 4 pedestrian skills training
- 3rd April, 1.15pm – KS2 Speaker's Cup Final (finalists' parents to be invited)
- 4th April, 9am – KS1 Speaker's Cup Final (finalists' parents to be invited)
- 4 April, 6pm - Community Concert
- 5 April- Break up for Easter 2pm
- 23 April- INSET day
- 24 April- School opens for Summer term