



Weekly Newsletter

5 April 2019

Making learning an adventure

Our school value for this half-term is responsibility.



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a super end of term this week, characterised by some truly exceptional performances.

On Wednesday and Thursday, staff and pupils enjoyed our Speakers' Cup finals. On Wednesday we were joined by Cllr David Heritage, Mayor of Harpenden who helped us judge and presented the KS2 trophy. I was truly astonished by the quality of speaking from all the pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, on subjects as diverse as Graffiti – vandalism or art, Women's Football, Banger, Racing, Dolphins and Chocolate! All of them knew their subjects well, spoke clearly and loudly and made eye contact with their audience. Many also engaged their audience by using humour or dramatic techniques.

I have been really impressed at the effort made by the children and support from their parents and am confident that this project provides a really positive opportunity to develop the children's confidence, knowledge and oral skills. I know how hard it was for teachers to choose their class finalists and judging between the finalists proved even trickier. The finalists and winners can be seen right and in the pictures below.

Last night we enjoyed a spectacular evening of Music at our community concert. There was a lovely mix of singing and instrumental music from High Beeches pupils, many of whom learn their instrument in school, guest appearances from two former pupils, Joe and Georgia Clothier and our very own Miss Pascoe. A really fitting end to the term!

I would personally like to thank the staff, children and parents for making me feel so welcome in my first term at High Beeches. I can't imagine being anywhere else! Thank you also to all those parents/carers who help in class, with reading, trips etc and to our FoHBS team and Parent Forum Reps. Your help is really appreciated by everyone at school.

On behalf of the whole team at High Beeches, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter break. We look forward to seeing children and their families back in school on Wednesday 24 April for the start of the Summer term.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher



Year 6	Sophie	Junior Cup Winner
Year 5	Tom	Commended
	Belle	
Year 4	Elissa	
	Ethan	Commended
Year 3	Lois	
	Sam	
Year 2	Edward	
	Chloe	Infant Cup Winner
	Johnny	
	Kirsty	
Year 1	Leo	
	Ollie	Commended
	Amelia	
	Marnie	Commended

FoHBS News

We're delighted to let you all know that this year's Quiz raised over £2,000 and the Easter Discos raised around £1,000. Thanks to all who came to both events and to all the incredible volunteers, especially Hannah Flintham - our Disco Guru - who did an incredible job. We can't thank you all enough. We're in the process of finalising with the school about how this money will be spent but we'll keep you updated!

The next FOHBS meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 1st May, 7.30pm at the Skew Bridge. Our committee meets once a term to discuss upcoming events, funding proposals and brainstorm new ideas. It's a great way to get involved so please come along.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class** Arthur – for having a good Growth Mindset and not giving up with his tricky words
Luella – for working hard all term and writing super sentences
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Logan – for taking responsibilities in the classroom and showing kindness
Isla – for showing more confidence when writing
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Ernie – for putting lots of effort into his handwriting
Amelie – for her beautiful writing in English this week
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Electra – for her responsible attitude to learning
Jake – for his responsible attitude to learning
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Amy – for working really hard and always trying her best in lessons
Rosie – for pushing herself in all subject areas
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Frank – for taking responsibility in his approach to Maths
Rose – for her responsible attitude to work
- **Year 3 Birch Class** The whole class for responsible behaviour on our trip to the British Museum
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** The whole class for responsible behaviour on our trip to the British Museum
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Timo – an excellent attitude to his Maths work
Leo – for showing all of his values throughout his time at High Beeches
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Sophie – for working hard to catch up after being away
George – for working hard in English this week
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Harry – for working hard to improve in Maths
Isabella – for showing cooperation and understanding when working with others
Jamie – for showing responsibility in his learning and empowering others to learn
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Oliver – for asking intelligent questions in Science
Josh – for working really hard at Writing and Grammar
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Georgia – for having a really responsible attitude to her learning in all subjects

Further Information and Reminders

House Points Winners

We have been collecting house points, which are awarded to children for demonstrating our school values, all year in the giant transparent tubes in the hall. These were emptied yesterday and counted. The results have been checked and verified and I would like to congratulate Yellow House who were the overall winners accumulating a total of 1,467 points. They were closely followed by Red House with 1,459 points! Yellow House will have a free mufti day, after Easter on Friday 26 April to celebrate their success.

Attendance

Congratulations to Hazel Class and Sycamore Class who have the best attendance in school this term with 98.2% and 98.00% respectively.

Payments and Permissions through School Gateway

Please note that all payments and permissions must be made through school gateway by the stated deadline. Our school office staff work exceedingly hard and play a very significant role in keeping the school running smoothly. Items and their deadlines are announced and promoted through the school newsletter and often followed-up by text and chasing up payments or adding late attendees at events takes up a great deal of valuable office staff time. Please help us to keep the school running smoothly by responding to these requests in a timely fashion.

DVD from Community Concert

Mrs Tang very kindly filmed the Community Concert for us and is happy to make copies for £5 towards school funds. If anyone would like a copy please contact her at joannehtang@gmail.com

Seeking Your Views

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 will be available until the end of the Easter holidays and can be found [here](#).

Charity Run and Family Day

Autism Angels are organising a charity run and family day at St Paul's Walden Bury on 22 September. Runners can choose from 2, 5 or 10K, so anyone can participate. More information can be found [here](#).

Support for Parents and Families

Care for the Family are running an Internet Safety conference for parents at St Albans Vineyard Church on 23 May from 7:30 to 10pm. The conference is entitled *Left to Their Own Devices* and will explore how parents can help their children to keep safe in the fast moving, ever-changing online world. [Click here](#) to book.

Diary Dates

- 23 April- INSET day
- 24 April- School opens for Summer term

Some key dates for the Summer Term

- Friday 26 April 2019 – MUFTI Day for Yellow House.
- Wednesday 24th April – St George’s Day – Uniformed groups can wear their uniforms
- Monday 29th April – Clubs start
- Monday 29th April – Year 5 Cycling Proficiency starts
- Tuesday 30th April – Year 1 Sports competition
- Wednesday 1st May – Travelling Book Fair arrives
- Wednesday 1st May – Year 3 Swimming lessons start
- Wednesday 1st May – Pine Class Dell Farm Residential
- Friday 3rd May – Pine class return
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – School closed
- Tuesday 7th May – Y3/4 Football tournament at Sauncey Wood
- Tuesday 7th May – Last day for Travelling book fair
- Thursday 9th May – Year 5 Tudor Workshop Day
- Monday 13th May – SATS week
- Wednesday 15th May – Pine Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 17th May – Reception Headteacher’s coffee morning
- Monday 20th May – Class photos
- Tuesday 21st May – Sports Day – KS1 am from 9.15am KS2 pm from 1.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd May – Redwood Class Assembly – 9.15am
- Thursday 23rd May – Y2 St Albans Cathedral Visit
- Friday 24th May – Birch Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 24th May – 3.15pm Finish for Half Term
- Monday 3rd June – Children back to school
- Thursday 6th June – Y6 Computing Workshop
- Thursday 6th June – Rounders Tournament – Redbourn 1.20pm
- Friday 7th June – Whole School Art Day
- Sunday 9th June – FoHBS Summer Fair – 2pm to 4.30pm
- Tuesday 11 June – Team Photos
- Wednesday 12th June – Maple Class Dell Farm Residential
- Thursday 13th June – Y6 Computing Workshop
- Thursday 13th June – Reserve Rounders Tournament
- Friday 14th June – Maple Class Return
- Tuesday 18th June – Kwick Cricket Festival
- Tuesday 18th June - Y1 Woburn Trip
- Thursday 20th June – Reserve Cricket Tournament
- Friday 21st June – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 21st June – FoHBS Summer Ball
- Tuesday 25th June – Schools Athletics Tournament
- Wednesday 26th June - Maple Class Assembly – 9am
- Thursday 27th June – Reserve Athletics Day
- Friday 28th June – Hawthorn Class Assembly – 9am
- Friday 5th July – Ash Class Assembly - 9am
- Monday 8th July – LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
- Monday 8th July – Year 6 Production – Evening
- Tuesday 9th July – No Karate Club
- Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 Production – Evening
- Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Secondary Transition Day
- Tuesday 16th July – Volunteers Tea Party – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 BBQ – Evening
- Thursday 18th July – High Beeches Got Talent
- Wednesday 24th July – End of Term – 2pm