



# Weekly Newsletter

8 February 2019

*Making learning an adventure*

**Our school value for this half-term is kindness/caring.**



Dear Parents/Carers

Safer Internet Day (a globally recognised day promoting safe and positive use of digital technology) took place this Tuesday and our Digital Leaders prepared and led assemblies for Reception/Key Stage 1 and for Key Stage 2 exploring the area of online consent and how to keep themselves and their personal information safe when signing up to online games and activities. Our Digital Leaders, who champion e-safety across the school, are Ben and Noori (Year 3); Adam and Annabelle (Year 4); Josh and Louisa (Year 5); and Max and Oskar (Year 6).



Hopefully you will have read our articles over the last two weeks focusing on elements of e-safety in the run up to Safer Internet Day 2019 and you will help your child by talking to them about the steps they can take to keep themselves safe online.

This week the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 have also enjoyed a fantastic drama workshop all about superheroes, in which they were able to develop their language and creativity.

Year 6 pupils went to the Darwin Museum in Cambridge yesterday where they learnt all about Charles Darwin himself and about the science of evolution and adaptation. Also yesterday, a group of Year 5 pupils (pictured right) participated in the Harpenden Upper KS2 Tag Rugby tournament and played 5 games. They were not the strongest team there and Mr George commented how proud he was of their sportsmanship and resilience and how much their game improved as the afternoon went on, resulting in their drawing their final two matches! Congratulations everyone!



As we draw near to the end of Spring 1, we are looking forward to a number of events next week, including class assemblies from Elm Class (on Tuesday), Hazel Class (on Wednesday), Cedar Class (on Thursday) and Willow Class (on Friday) plus a drumming performance from Pine class on Thursday afternoon. We are also looking forward to the official opening of our new school library on Wednesday by local author, Camilla Chester. Unfortunately, we are only able to accommodate the children, and a number of invited guests at the opening event itself, but the library will be open for parents to see and to meet Ms Chester at the end of the day from 2:45pm.

Yours faithfully

*Jonathan Walker*  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class** - Alex H – for Amazing writing!  
Billy – for not giving up on your cutting out
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Rowan – for making good progress in his reading  
Jessika – for trying new things in the classroom
- **Year 1 Elm Class** Leo – for putting lots of effort into all his work  
Atticus – for settling into High Beeches so well
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Sophia – for a fantastic piece of writing  
Emily – for using sound buttons to produce a beautiful piece of writing
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Elliott – for always doing his best in lessons  
Joss – for showing kindness to everyone around school
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Rose –for persevering and working hard in Maths  
Harrison – for working hard and having a positive attitude
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Scarlett – for producing some fantastic writing in English  
Jacob – for always being keen to challenge himself in class
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** William H – for improved listening in lessons this week  
Luis – for kindly sharing his tasty Egyptian bread with the class
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Jasmine – for her excellent attitude and effort towards all learning  
Marc – for always showing his High Beeches Values
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Max – for continuing to show a positive attitude towards his work  
Thomas R – for trying hard and showing great growth mindset in Maths
- **Year 5 Ash Class** Hannah – for showing kindness and caring in helping a classmate  
Ollie – for working hard to understand common denominations in Maths
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Yvie – for showing kindness and caring to members of her class  
Terrence – for working hard and concentrating well in all lessons
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Munesu – for always being polite and helpful in the classroom  
David – for always working hard in class and having an excellent attitude

## Further Information and Reminders

### Support for Families – Courses for Parents

Boosting Resilience for Children and Teens, a talk for parents/carers and other professionals by Dr Kathy Weston takes place on Wednesday 20 March 2019 from 7 to 9pm at Townsend C of E Primary School in St Albans. Tickets are free, but parents should book a place by calling 01727 853134 or emailing [admin@dspl7.org.uk](mailto:admin@dspl7.org.uk). More information can be found on the Parent/Carer Hub page of our website: [www.highbeeches.herts.sch.uk/parents/new-parents-2](http://www.highbeeches.herts.sch.uk/parents/new-parents-2)

### Moving on to Secondary School – Katherine Warington School

We are delighted that the building programme for the additional secondary school in Harpenden is progressing according to plan and that the first Year 7 intake will begin school in September this year. The school has already appointed Heads of English, Maths and Science and a SENCo and all the appointments have either worked in local schools or have a connection with the town.

There will be a Taster Lesson Morning for those parents/carers and students who have applied for a place in Year 7 for September, as follows:

Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Venue: Roundwood Park Primary and Secondary School.

Time: There are two timeslots: 1) 9.30am ending at 11.00 am OR 2) 11.30am ending at 1pm.

Your child will be asked to select one of three activities designed to inspire learning and enjoyment in Science, Computing/Maths or English. The lesson runs for an hour and it will give students a feel of what it

will be like to be at Katherine Warington. The newly appointed staff will run the lessons and will be there to meet students and parents. During the session, there will be an opportunity for parents to meet Headteacher, Tony Smith, who is keen to work with parents to explore ideas and hopes for the school, to update them on the build programme and to explain options regarding accepting a school place and the continued interest list.

For further information and sign up, please go to the KWS website at [www.kwschool.co.uk](http://www.kwschool.co.uk). If families are unable to attend the event, which takes place on a Saturday, this will not in any way affect a parent's application to the school. Parents who are unable to attend should contact the school to make alternative arrangements.

### **Name the Bus Competition**

Harpenden Town Council has purchased two new buses to be used by the Harpenden Hopper which is the Town's community bus service. The Harpenden Hopper team are inviting children age 4-11 to name our NEW buses!

To enter, draw a picture of a Hopper bus with your name idea on the side of it.

The winner will be invited to a presentation ceremony with the Town Mayor, and their name and idea will be used on the new buses!

Closing date Friday 15 March. Please draw your entry on A4 paper and include your name, age, school and class on the back. Original entries only. Please return your picture to: Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX



### **Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

A position for a Midday Supervisory Assistant has become available at our lovely school. The position is Monday to Friday 12 noon to 1.15pm. If anyone is interested and would like more information, please contact Mrs Murray by Wednesday 13th February.

### **Sporting Success!**

*Joanne and Anna report on our netball fixture with St Helen's last week.*

It was great to start the netball season with two excellent wins for both the A and B teams.

The A team won 15-1 against St Helen's A team. The team consisted of Anna (Captain), Annabel, Daisy, Emma, Isla, Mary, Raphaëlle and Sophie. By half-time, the score was 7-0, with Raphaëlle scoring 4 and Mary scoring 3. After Annabel came on at half-time the final score was 15-1, with the opposition scoring 1 and Mary scoring a magnificent 8!

The B team did brilliantly too, with a score of 1-0. The team consisted of Joanne (Captain), Darcey, Aliza, John, Sam, Caitlin, Ruby, Olivia and Lily. By half-time, the score was 1-0 to us after an amazing goal by Darcey, but no more were scored in the rest of the match.

Overall the netball team had a very successful week. Hopefully we will continue this success in forthcoming matches and events.

## Diary Dates

- 8 February- KS2 FoHBS Movie night
- 11 February- Year 5 K'nex challenge - in school
- 11 February – Reception Maths Parent Workshop 2.30pm
- 12 February, 9am – Elm Class Assembly
- 13 February, 9am – Hazel Class Assembly
- 13 February – Official opening of the school library
- 14 February, 9am – Cedar Class Assembly
- 14 February, 2.40pm - Pine class drumming performance to parents
- 15 February, 9am – Willow Class Assembly
- 15 February – school closes at normal time for half-term break
- 18-22 February- half term
- 25 February- school opens for Spring 2
- 26 February – Reception Lego Workshop
- 27 February - Netball fixture. St Nicholas at home
- 28 February – Maple Class drumming starts
- 1 March, 3:20 to 5:10pm - KS1 FoHBS Movie night (postponed from 1 Feb)
- 4 March, 4 to 7pm – parent consultations – booking information to follow
- 6 March, 5 to 8pm – parent consultations – booking information to follow
- **7 March – World Book Day, *The Day the Crayons Quit***
- 11 March – Football fixture. Kimpton at home
- 14 March- Year 2 visit to Living Rainforest
- 15 March- Year 5 visit to Duxford Air Museum
- 18 March – Y4 pedestrian skills training
- 20 March – Reception visit to Dinoland
- 20 March – Football fixture. Beech Hyde away
- 20 March, 7pm - Harpenden Schools Spring Festival
- 21 March - Netball fixture. Sauncey Wood at home
- 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 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