



## Weekly Newsletter

8 March 2019

*Making learning an adventure*

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



Dear Parents/Carers

The children and staff had a wonderful day yesterday celebrating World Book Day and it was lovely to see what an effort so many of them (and their parents!) had made with their costumes. World Book Day is always really inspiring and truly helps to get the children interested in and enthused about books and reading.

This year, we explored *The Day the Crayons Quit* right across the school and pupils were given a variety of opportunities to respond in an age-appropriate way. Some of their work can be seen on the year group display books in our school hall from next week. Pictured above you can see what an attractive set of crayons the school staff make; some, though you can't fully appreciate it in the small photograph, spruced up by the addition of a stylish tutu! The Year 5 pupils pictured show how, in the story, the crayons write to their owner to complain about how each of them is used...

Our World Book Day focus continued today with a visit from author Olaf Falafel (pictured below), who has recently launched a moon landing inspired children's story, *It's One Giant Leek for Mankind*. If you ordered one of his books please check your child's bag. If you did not order one and wish to do so please see the sheets the children should bring home today for the special offer code and details of how to order.

It was also great to see so many parents at our parent consultations this week and I enjoyed having time to get to know many of you better!

Next week both Year 2 and Year 5 are out on educational visits, Year 2 to the Living Rainforest and Year 5 the Duxford Air Museum. I am sure both trips will enhance their topic work further and look forward to hearing how they get on. Friday next week, sees another mufti Day, this time a pay-for-charity one for a donation of at least £1 per child, along with a cake sale, for Red Nose Day! Can't wait! I am also holding a coffee morning for KS2 parents at 9am: do please let the school office team know if you intend to come so that we can prepare for an accurate number.

Finally, I was delighted to see that, yesterday (timed perfectly for World Book Day!) the grand opening of our library has made it onto the Enjoy Harpenden More! website. Do have a look following the link below:

<https://enjoyharpendenmore.co.uk/news/new-library-opened-at-high-beeches-school-in-harpenden-1-5893808>

Yours faithfully

*Jonathan Walker*

**Headteacher**



## FoHBS News

Thanks to all the fantastic parent helpers at the movie nights. We cannot hold these without your help and support so it is very much appreciated and I hope you were all able to enjoy yourselves.

Midsummer Ball forms have been emailed out this week. Please check your spam box if you have not received one. We look forward to receiving your table bookings which can be returned in the FoHBS box outside the school office.

The Community concert is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 6 – 8pm. Booking details will be coming out next week for those parents who have a child participating.

### FOHBS Summer Fair Organising Committee

The Summer air is quickly approaching and **we need your help**. If you have some time, skills or ideas then you can help shape this year's fair.

Worried that it'll take up too much time? We hope that it'll be no more than 1/2 a day of your time spread over the coming weeks and the more signed up, the less work for everyone. So convince a friend to join as well! You can sign up [Here: http://bit.ly/2C3UKW2](http://bit.ly/2C3UKW2) and thank you in advance for getting involved.

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

- **Reception Oak Class** Lucas – for working so well on your Writing  
Calvin – for showing such good manners all the time
- **Reception Chestnut Class** Leonardo – for making good progress in Writing  
Ruby – for being a kind and considerate friend
- **Year 1 Elm Class** George – for putting lots of effort into all his work  
Joseph – for always showing school values
- **Year 1 Cedar Class** Henry – for taking a responsible attitude to learning all week  
Fiona - for taking a responsible attitude to learning all week
- **Year 2 Hazel Class** Isla – for not giving up and working really hard in Maths  
Celia – for really concentrating on her letter from a crayon
- **Year 2 Willow Class** Finn – for having a responsible attitude to his learning  
Maya – for having a responsible attitude to her Maths
- **Year 3 Birch Class** Sam – for being a responsible member of Birch class  
Hugo – for being polite and well mannered to people around school
- **Year 3 Redwood Class** Rayan K – for taking responsibility for his learning  
Dylan – for being a responsible influence to others
- **Year 4 Maple Class** Ezra – for settling in so well  
Abby – for always taking responsibility for all her work
- **Year 4 Pine Class** Millie – for taking responsibility for her learning and being a good role model  
Jack – for continuing to be an excellent role model in class
- **Year 5 Hawthorn Class** Avril – for being creative by experimenting with her artwork  
Clara – for always taking responsibility and being a good citizen
- **Year 6 Sycamore Class** Zachary – for settling in well to the class and working hard  
Emma – for taking responsibility for all her learning

## Sporting Success!

Congratulations to our netball A teams, who continue their unbroken run of victories: Daisy reports below:

The netball team has had another successful match this week. The A Team played at home against Beech Hyde and won 5-1.

The team consisted of Anna, Annabel, Daisy, Emma, Mary, Raphaelle and Sophie, all from Year 6. With Daisy in the Captain position, this was their toughest match yet, but the team really persevered. BY half-time, Sophie had, had a few tumbles, but the score was 3-0 with Raphaelle scoring 2 and Mary scoring 1.

IN the second half they each scored another and Beech Hyde came back to score 1. So the game finished with a score of 5-1 to High Beeches! We hope our winning streak will continue to the end of the Season!

## Further Information and Reminders

### Support for Families – Courses for Parents

*Families in Focus* are offering two courses in March and April in St Albans: *Handling Anger in Your Family* is running on Wednesday afternoons at St Michaels' Parish Centre and *Sleep Success* is running on Monday mornings at St Mary's School Room in Childwisckbury.

Parents can see details on the Parent/Carer Hub page of our school website and can book by emailing [bookins@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:bookins@familiesinfocus.co.uk). <http://www.highbeeches.herts.sch.uk/parents/new-parents-2>

### Trumpet Lessons

We have been approached by a Sixth form music student from St George's School who would like to offer beginners trumpet lessons. Although we cannot vouch for him in any way, we would be happy to pass on his details for any parent who may wish to discuss a private arrangement with him for lessons.

### Teacher email address

Please remember that messages sent to [teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@highbeeches.herts.sch.uk) will not be read immediately and may not be responded to for a couple of days so please do not send any urgent homework presentations etc to this address, please use the admin address for these. Thank you.

### Attendance

Congratulations to Chestnut and Redwood classes for 100% attendance this week.

### 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!

**The closing date is this 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



## Diary Dates

- 11 March – Football fixture. Kimpton at home
- 14 March- Year 2 visit to Living Rainforest
- 15 March- Year 5 visit to Duxford Air Museum
- 15 March – Comic Relief, Red Nose Day, mufti and cake sale. See letter from School Council.
- 15 March, 9am to 9:30am – Headteacher Coffee Morning for KS2 (Years 3 to 6) Parents
- 18 March – Y4 pedestrian skills training
- 20 March – Reception visit to Dinoland
- 20 March – Football fixture. Beech Hyde away
- **20 March – Year 4 Dell Farm parent information meeting 6pm**
- 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, 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