



*"Making learning an adventure"*  
Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

*Our value for this half term is Honesty*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **High Beeches News**

We finish this half term with a very exciting whole school active day. The children have thoroughly enjoyed lots of physical activity and the assembly from our visiting Paralympic athlete- see report below.

Earlier this week Elm and Cedar class treated us to their lovely class assemblies based on their Castle workshop. They performed beautifully and I am sure their parents were very proud of them as we all were.

The week started with an excellent, well attended Grammar workshop led by Jane Andrews from Herts for Learning. She recommended a book to help parents understand grammar which is by David Crystal called "Making sense of grammar". She also suggested that parents visit the Primary tools website and download the Grammar one sheet- copy and paste link into your browser.

<http://primarytools.co.uk/files/app%20on%20one%20sheet/Grammar%20and%20Punctuation%20Curriculum%20Draft%20on%20one%20sheet.pdf>

On Tuesday, Mr Gardiner, Mrs Sands and I were very lucky to take a group of our children to Young Voices at the O2. They performed alongside 7900 other children. It was an amazing day and our children represented High Beeches brilliantly.

On Thursday our tag rugby team participated in the District tournament and played well showing great sportsmanship. Well done to them.

Pine class gave a lovely Djembe drumming performance to their parents on Thursday afternoon- well done to them all.

On Tuesday, Mr Gardiner and our digital leaders led the school in our Safer Internet day – report later.

The week finished with year 4 parents meeting for coffee with me!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and wish you a very lovely half term break.

### **Visit from Paralympian athlete report-by Sophie and Aliza in year 5**

*"On Friday morning, all the children in the school participated in fitness circuit activities which were led by our visitor, Alastair Patrick and a colleague. It was very exhausting but great fun.*

*Afterwards he led an inspirational assembly about his life and how he became a Paralympic athlete. We were very impressed by his positive attitude, resilience and perseverance. It was a great morning enjoyed by everyone. Thank you for all the sponsorship money."*

### **Values news**

After half term we will be focusing upon the value of respect. Respecting ourselves, each other and our environment.

Some video clips for you to share:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGuT9-Y5J4>

### **World Book day 1<sup>st</sup> March-message from Miss Jackson and Mrs Richardson**

*"We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The children are invited to come in to school dressed as a book character. This year, we would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £1 to go towards the fund for building our new library. The children will also need to bring in their favourite book from home. This can be fiction or non-fiction. The children will be sharing their favourite books with each other as part of the day. We will also be launching a sponsored read to raise money for the library so look out for the sponsor forms in your child's bag."*

### **Netball Report By Millie and Anna – 'A' AND 'B' Team Captains**

#### **High Beeches V St Nicholas**

*"On Wednesday the netball team played a match against St Nicholas (A & B Teams). During the first half of the 'A' team match we were winning 1-0 scored by Ella. Sadly in the second half St Nicholas changed their shooter and she scored 4 goals. Overall, for the 'A' team it was a really good match. When it came to the 'B' team match it was a little better. At the start of the match Marcus scored a goal. During the second half St Nicholas scored so ended in a 1.1 draw, a good match overall. All of the team players were really good but Sophie was player of the match for the 'B' team and Anna was player of the match of the 'A' team."*

### **Tag Rugby Report by Matthew and Bertie**

*"On Thursday we took part in the Harpenden Schools Tag Rugby Tournament. Firstly we played The Grove school on pitch 1 (our lucky pitch) and we beat them 7-5 with 3-3 at half time. We were very happy because we thought we would lose. We then moved on to pitch 2 to play Crabtree and sadly we lost 3-4 which could have been a tie but we dropped the ball right on the try line. We went along to pitch 3 to play Kimpton and we lost 7-5 but the ref was bias. We then played St Dominics on pitch 4 and considering St Dominics were one of the best teams we did very well to lose with one point in it – 5-4. We then went back to pitch 2 to play Roundwood. We should have beaten them but sadly we lost 6-4. Back to pitch 1 (our lucky pitch) to play St Nicholas and..... WE WON! 8-6. We then played for 8/7<sup>th</sup> place against The Lea and we drew 6-6 so we came joint 7<sup>th</sup>."*

### **Safer Internet Day – Report by Ella**

*"On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February our school celebrated "Safer Internet Day". The Digital leaders did an Assembly all about the safety on the internet. Our Digital Leaders, who are: Brett, Nick, Ella, Joanne, Oscar, Munesu, Cassie, Jonah, Anna-Marie, George and Emily did an amazing job and worked very hard on it. The safety on the internet is important especially for kids because there are dangerous things but if you are safe it is a whole different place."*

### **Parent Consultations**

For our next consultations, we would like to invite year 6 children to attend with their parents. This is not compulsory and totally up to parents if they want to bring year 6 children. However it is good practice for secondary school and encourages children to take ownership of their learning.

### **Parent helpers**

We welcome parents to come into school at lunchtime to support children in their play or sit in the library while children read. Please let the office know if you can spare some time. Thank you.

### **FoHBS news**

FOHBS first aid course

We've had a great response to our first aid course sessions and if you had returned your form by this Wednesday you will have received an email confirming your place/s. **The children's Friday 16th March session is now full and there are only 5 places available for the children's Sunday 18th March session. The adults Saturday 17th March session has 3 places remaining and the adults Friday 16th March evening session has 5 places left so please return your forms ASAP if you would like to attend any of these sessions.**

We will be looking to do another children's session and adult session after Easter.

### **Lost Keys**

We have had some keys handed into the school office. If you have lost your house keys please pop in to check. The office also have numerous watches, keys, medals and spectacles which have obviously been lost. If you think your child has lost any of these items (some have been there for months and months now) please pop in to have a look. We shall be disposing of them at the end of the term as they have been there so long.

Please also check the lost property box as this will also be disposed of at the end of term – ie 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Other adults collecting children from school**

Can we please remind parents to inform your child's class teacher if another adult is collecting at the end of the school day. We cannot hand your child over to anyone else unless we have parental permission.

### **Parking**

Once again we have had complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking. Please use the Waldergrave Park car park for the safety of your children and consideration of our neighbours.



### **Head Teacher Questions**

No questions this week

### **Pupil Achievement**

#### **Attendance**

#### **Headteacher awards**

##### **Oak**

*Erica- for working hard on your numbers*

*Taaha- for showing good growth mindset, especially in his writing*

##### **Chestnut**

*Eve- for having an excellent attitude to learning*

*Ernie- for always choosing a challenge*

##### **Elm**

*Johnny- for excellent work in science*

*Scarlett- for listening carefully and trying her best*

##### **Cedar**

*Max- for having a positive attitude to his work*

*Isla- for having a positive attitude to her work*

##### **Hazel**

*Hugo- for carefully choosing challenges and pushing himself*

*Jacob- for having a fantastic attitude to learning*

##### **Willow**

*Jenson- for working so hard in maths and really challenging himself*

*Ailbhe- for having an excellent attitude towards all of her learning*

##### **Birch**

*Adam- for showing so much enthusiasm for learning*

*Sam- for always putting effort into his work*

**Redwood**

*Shona- for working hard to improve her tables*

*Enayah- for working hard to improve her resilience when work is tricky*

**Maple**

*Immy- for excellent writing*

*Lexi-Mae- for having an excellent attitude to all aspects of school life*

**Pine**

*Louis- for showing a positive attitude to all aspects of school work*

*Jamie- for writing an amazing Viking story*

**Ash**

*Nathan- for showing great perseverance in maths*

*Joanne- for showing great enthusiasm in computing*

**Sycamore**

*Daniel B- for a fantastic improvement in focus*

*Kitty- for showing resilience throughout this week*

*Have a very lovely half term break and thank you for your continued support of High Beeches School,*

*Best wishes,*

*S. Lawrence* Headteacher

Diary dates-updates in red

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February- half term

20<sup>th</sup> February year 5 and 6 K'Nex challenge – in school

21<sup>st</sup> February- parent consultations

22<sup>nd</sup> February- Birch Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

26<sup>th</sup> February-parent consultations

1<sup>st</sup> March- Food waste Ninjas workshops

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Y3 visit to Hammond End Farm – Birch 9.15am to 11.15am and Redwood 1.00pm to 3.00pm**

5<sup>th</sup> March- Year 5 and 6 football tournament

6<sup>th</sup> March-Year 4 tree planting at Heartwood Forest

8<sup>th</sup> March- Redwood Headteacher coffee morning 9.00-9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Living Rainforest visit

15<sup>th</sup> March- Birch class assembly 9.15am

16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Duxford War Museum visit

19<sup>th</sup> March- Netball rally

23<sup>rd</sup> March-Redwood class assembly 9.15am

28<sup>th</sup> March – Community Concert 7pm

29<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term 2pm

16<sup>th</sup> April- INSET

17<sup>th</sup> April Summer term starts

24<sup>th</sup> April-year 3 and 4 football tournament- details to follow

**27<sup>th</sup> April – Infant Movie Night**

**30<sup>th</sup> April – Ash class Cycling Proficiency – all week**

4<sup>th</sup> May-KS2 FoHBS movie night

12<sup>th</sup> May-FoHBS May Ball

14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May- Year 6 SATs test week

21<sup>st</sup> May- Sports day-KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon- details to follow

23<sup>rd</sup> May- Sports day reserve

25<sup>th</sup> May-INSET

28<sup>th</sup> May- 1<sup>st</sup> June- Half term holiday

6<sup>th</sup> June- Legal eagles in year 6

7<sup>th</sup> June- Food waste Ninjas workshop.

7<sup>th</sup> June- pm Rounders Tournament

11<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 phonics assessment week

13<sup>th</sup> June-15<sup>th</sup> June- Pine class to Dell Farm

14<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Sycamore class Assembly

16<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer Fair

19<sup>th</sup> June- Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park

20<sup>th</sup> June-22<sup>nd</sup> June- Maple class to Dell Farm

26<sup>th</sup> June- District Sports

28<sup>th</sup> June- Hazel class assembly

29<sup>th</sup> June- FoHBS Summer disco

6<sup>th</sup> July- Ash class assembly

Wb 16<sup>th</sup> July- HB got talent

19<sup>th</sup> July- Tea party for helpers

20<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - end of term