



Weekly Newsletter

27 January 2023

Making learning a lifelong adventure

Our school value for this half-term is **KINDNESS** ❤️

Dear Parents/Carers

This week the Year 2 children enjoyed going deeper in their history learning experience, when they created their own model of the great fire of London and were able to explore elements of life in 17th century London before and after the blaze. See pictures below. Can you see the fire in Pudding Lane starting to smoulder before the flames appear?



In the latter part of the week, all of the children have enjoyed a really engaging Chinese dance workshop; kindly funded by FoHBS and the final element of our whole school mini topic. In the workshop, the children tell the story of the *Emperor's Great Race*, where the 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac are selected for each new year. Do have a look on Seesaw for a video presentation of our Chinese New Year hall displays video and ask your child about their dance workshop.



Also today, our Year 4 pupils have visited the British Museum in London to learn about the ancient Egyptians. We look forward to hearing all about the trip!

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Walker
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Today we returned congratulations to the following children for their achievements this week.

• Reception Chestnut Class	Emily	For being a kind and considerate friend and always showing kindness to others.
	Jack	Excellent independent pattern work
• Reception Oak Class	Miles	For being more independent when changing for PE.
	Harry	For making great progress with his reading.
• Year 1 Cedar Class	Lenny	Making thoughtful and considered predictions in science. Well done!
	Logan	For showing our value of kindness by always considering the feelings of others. We are proud of you!
• Year 1 Elm Class	Eleanor	For showing kindness to others and being a good friend.
	Ralph	For always having such a mature and enthusiastic approach to his learning. Keep it up Ralph!
• Year 2 Hazel Class	Maxim	For showing kindness and maturity by sharing playground equipment without a fuss.
	Florence	For showing kindness by looking out for and including others games in the playground.
• Year 2 Willow Class	Angus	For working hard in Maths lessons and answering questions during class discussions.
	Freddie	For persevering with his Great Fire of London art work even though the cutting was very tricky.
• Year 3 Birch Class	Evie	For focusing on writing well-controlled sentences with appropriate sentence breaks.
	George	For applying his sewing skills independently and effectively to make a button hole and attach a button.
• Year 3 Redwood Class	Theo	For his excellent research, and presentational skills when feeding back, about daily life in Ancient Greece.
	Amelie	For her conscientious attitude whilst completing her story this week, making sure that she has included all of the success criteria and more!
• Year 4 Maple Class	Rowan	For showing great enthusiasm and self-belief when taking part in the Chinese New Year workshop
	Isla	For working hard to master adding and subtracting decimal number using a variety of methods
• Year 4 Pine Class	Emma	For having such a mature approach to your learning in all areas and being a really supportive learning partner
	Elijah	For making thoughtful character comparisons during our work on imaginative worlds
• Year 5 Ash Class	Jack	For taking more risks in his writing and giving clues about characters thoughts and feelings through their actions
	Arianna	For varying her sentence structure, using short sentences effectively to create mystery and suspense.
• Year 5 Hawthorn Class	Marnie	For working hard and thinking flexibly to solve problems in Maths this week
	Henry	For using empathy to identify with a character and give an emotional performance in yesterday's drama lesson.
• Year 6 Rowan Class	Archie	For always trying his best in class and seeking ways to extend his learning, by asking relevant questions and using classroom resources effectively.
	Elliott	For careful and considerate contributions to class discussions, particularly during our English session on characterisation
• Year 6 Sycamore Class	Darcey	For sharing thoughtful ideas during English group work this week on character descriptions
	Frank	For showing more confidence in sharing ideas and answers during whole class discussion, especially during Science this week!
• PE Awards Infants	Marley	For showing great enthusiasm with her dancing this week
	Luca	For showing great enthusiasm with his dancing this week
• PE Awards Juniors	Heather	For showing great focus when working on a pairs-performance by herself, as well as 'excellent gymnastics' in her work
	Emily	For showing great focus when working on a pairs-performance by herself, as well as 'excellent gymnastics' in her work

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Co-Chairs: Laura Witts & Lissa Golaszewska

<https://www.highbeeches.herts.sch.uk/parents/fohbs>

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SUMMER FAIR PLANNING MEET

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY AFTER DROP OFF

After drop off on Friday 3rd of February, please join us for a Summer Fair planning meet at school.

Whether you can stay for 1 minute just to sign up to help or longer to share ideas, **we need to know whether holding a summer fair this year is what you want.** Siblings are welcome.

Our current treasurer will be present if anyone is interested in the role and would like a chat.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 3rd February - Summer Fair planning meet (After drop off, drop in)
- 3rd March - PUB QUIZ! Ticket details below
- 28th April - Golf day
- May 12th - Spring Ball
- 8 July - Summer Fair - TBC

TREASURER NEEDED!

FoHBS needs a new treasurer to be able to continue! Our current treasurer has now left the school.

FoHBS will be unable to continue without a treasurer.

Basic accounting knowledge (Cash accounting) and approximate commitment of 4 hours per term. Email contact.fohbs@gmail.com for more information.

SECRETARY NEEDED!

FoHBS needs a new Secretary to be able to continue! **FoHBS will be unable to continue without a Secretary.**

Minimal Time commitment: Taking minutes at quarterly meetings and adhoc secretarial updates as required. Role can be shared. Email contact.fohbs@gmail.com for more information.

PUB QUIZ IS BACK! FRIDAY 3 MARCH

Get Friday 3rd March in your diaries and the babysitter booked as the High Beeches pub quiz is back!

Tickets now available:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofhighbeechesschoolfohbs/841169/>



Online Shopping?

Earn FoHBS a donation by joining Easy Fundraising



Golf Day

We are excited to announce the FOHBS annual Golf day 2023. Friday 28th April at Aldwickbury Golf Course.

The day includes:

9 hole (main course) Texas Scramble, Lunch, 18 hole main event, Awards Ceremony, Drinks.

You can book as a single through to a four ball.

For more information email Matt on mattdavies80@icloud.com. Team Freefall is ready and raring to go. Seven crazy parents, carers and even a teacher have signed up to jump from a perfectly good airplane at 10,000ft to raise money for High Beeches School. Click here to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/freefall>

Want to support High Beeches the easy, no hassle way?

Sign up to regular giving and choose a one off or monthly amount that suits you! - Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fohbs>

Name labels

We receive a 30% commission if you use our school codes when you purchase your name labels from either of the below companies:

STICKINS: 9527

STAMPTASTIC: BEECHES

High Beeches Gin - Gift it or drink it. Fohbs receives a donation for every bottle sold!

<https://spiritofherts.co.uk/product/high-beeches-primary-school-dry-gin/>

Spring Ball

- FRIDAY 12 MAY 2023

- 'Kings and Queens Gala Ball'

- Tickets have almost sold out! we have just a few tables left. If you would like to book, please contact:

fohbsball2023@gmail.com

contact.fohbs@gmail.com

Community Matters

Message from Saracens Rugby Club Schools Outreach

As a thank you for your ongoing support for the club we would like to offer your students, parents, staff, friends and families a promotional discount code to purchase tickets for the following match. Tickets start from £15.75 for U16 and £31.50 for adults.

- [Saracens v Harlequins](#), Saturday 25th March 2023 at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

Please see below the discount code and instructions on how to use it.

Promotional Discount Code: **SD10PC5J54**

- Please head to the Website <https://www.saracens.com/theshowdown3/> and navigate to Showdown 3 ticketing site.
- Choose the seats you require, click on the basket then apply code to box labelled promotional code
- The discount will be applied to the total of your basket.
- Proceed to payment and checkout as instructed.

Local Events

See flyers below for FoHBS quiz night on 3 March and the Mayor of Harpenden's Doggy Fun Day on 18 March.

Further Information and Reminders

NEU Strike Action

Please see separate email about this.

School Photographer

Parents will be aware that our school photographer visited to capture images during our Chinese dance workshops that took place yesterday and today. She will also be visiting on Monday to capture images of the Year 2 history workshop and may be able to take some images of Year 4 and Year 6 pupils during their PE/games sessions.

Diary Dates

Monday 30 th January 2023	<i>Year 2 Fire of London Workshop</i>
Monday 30 th January 2023 2.15pm-3pm	<i>Year 6 SATS presentation</i>
Monday 30 th January 2023 4pm – 6pm	<i>Year 6 Parent Consultations</i>
6-10 February 2023	<i>Be Safe Week – a curriculum focus on safety, mental health and wellbeing</i>
Monday 6 th February 2023 2pm – 5.30pm	<i>Year 6 Parent Consultations</i>
Thursday 9 th February 2023 - Morning	<i>Year 5 Visit to Hazard Alley</i>
Friday 10 February 2023	<i>School closes at normal time for half-term break</i>
Monday 20 th February 2023	<i>School opens for Spring 2</i>
Monday 27 th February 2023	<i>Year 2 visit to St Albans Cathedral</i>
Wednesday 8 th March 2023	<i>Spring Music Festival – EMC</i>
21 and 23 March 2023	<i>Spring Term Parent Consultations</i>
Friday 31 March 2023, 2pm	<i>School closes for Easter holiday</i>



Quiz Night

FRIDAY 3 MARCH

CRABTREE FIELDS SCOUT HUT

DOORS OPEN 7PM QUIZ STARTS 8PM



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF BRAIN TESTING, MIND
BOGGLING, EYE CROSSING QUIZTASTIC FUN!

GRAB A FEW FRIENDS (OR MAKE SOME NEW ONES),
BOOK A SITTER AND SIGN UP NOW!



CASH PRIZE

**UP TO 6
PER TEAM**

**£15 PP
PIZZA
INCLUDED**



DOGGY FUN DAY

HOSTED BY THE MAYOR OF HARPENDEN



IN AID OF
THE MAYOR'S
CHARITIES

ROTHAMSTED PARK
SATURDAY 18 MARCH,
11AM-2PM

FOR INFO ABOUT THE DAY VISIT:
WWW.HARPENDEN.GOV.UK



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Your local life-saving charity

Charity Number: 1108989



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