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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Newsletter 18

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely weather while managing to keep cool and get some sleep!

Transition Meetings

Normally we have a chance during the Summer Term for all the children to spend some time in their new classroom getting to know their new teacher and their new surroundings. Unfortunately, this year, we will not be able to invite everyone into the building until September but we are able to have 'Meet the Teacher' opportunities on our school field for every class split into small groups. On the day that your child's transition meeting takes place you will be invited to drop them off at the entrance gate to the field (on the drive-through) at a particular time. The children will be at school for one hour only. They will spend the first half hour with their current teacher having a catch up about what they have been doing since school closed in March and the second half hour meeting their new teacher and talking about what to expect in September. At the end of the hour you will be asked to collect them from the drive-through area. Due to the complications of timetabling and staffing we will only be able to offer you one possible time to attend.

On the transition day for your year group there will be NO provision at school for those children who have returned to Bubble Groups – please make your own arrangements for childcare for the remainder of the day around the Transition meeting.

Please be prompt to drop off and pick up your children as the logistics of moving a large number of people around will mean that there is no waiting area for the children to stay in if you are late. They will need to make sure that they have been to the toilet before arriving at school as there will be very limited access to toilets while they are on site.

We look forward to seeing everybody on the following days (you will receive a separate email to advise you of the time for your child to attend):

Friday 10th July: Oak and Ash Reception go to Year 1 (no school for Reception Bubble Groups)

Monday 13th July: Pine 1 and Elm 1 go to Year 2 (no school for Year 1 Bubble Group)

Tuesday 14th July: Beech 2 and Birch 2 go to Year 3 (no school for Year 2 Bubble Groups)

Wednesday 15th July: Maple 3 and Cedar 3 go Year 4 (no school for Year 3 Bubble Group)

Thursday 16th July: Hawthorn 4 and Hazel 4 go to Year 5 (no school for Year 4 Bubble Group)

Friday 17th July: Poplar 5 and Willow 5 go to Year 6 (no school for Year 5 Bubble Group)

We look forward to seeing you all again!



Home Learning – message from Mrs Harte What a wonderful week of writing! I have loved reading all of your fabulous stories inspired by our book 'Journey'. We have had swashbuckling pirates in Nursery, mathematicians in Year 4 and aspiring authors in Year 5 to name just a few. I have been so impressed with the imaginations of our Highwood children. I hope you have enjoyed the book as much as we have. Last week we gave you the opportunity to vote for which theme you wanted for Week 5 and the winner was... Dragons! Thank you to everyone that voted; we have been working hard to put together a week of fiery fun for you all. Our work will be based around the book 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris but Mr Meyjes has also found lots of other dragon books for you to enjoy. Madame Watson has been working hard on some special French lessons based on "Zébulon le dragon" (a.k.a. Zog). Finally, please don't forget to complete your secret missions! Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing all of your mythical work next week.

Welcome Back to Highwood Poster Competition

Well done to everyone who designed a poster to welcome children from different cultures to Highwood in celebration of our inclusive values. There were so many wonderful entries that Mr Meyjes has had a very hard time selecting the winners! The posters will be displayed around the school and on the website in the Autumn Term.

Winners:

Early Years: Ariana (Nursery)

Key Stage One: Joshua (Beech 2)

Lower Key Stage Two: Michael (Cedar 3), Inaya (Maple 3), Amy and Romaisa (Hawthorn 4), Imogen and Olaf (Hazel 4)

Upper Key Stage Two: Ariana (Poplar 5), Kristina and Gemma (Sycamore 6)

Year 6 Puppet Project Update from Ms Green

Even the puppets, created by Year 6 through the Young People's Puppet Theatre are slowly coming out of lockdown! This week, Year 6 have been delighted to see their puppets venturing out of their boxes and learning new skills. Since we are unable to perform the shows safely this year, the ingenious staff at the Young People's Puppet Theatre have put together some fantastic challenges for the Year 6 children to master. Caitlyn, Jeremy, and Mrs Kamboz have spent hours attaching the strings to each puppet so that they can start their new adventures. Challenge 1 on the Year 6 Google Classroom shows how to get a puppet to walk, sit down on an object and how to move the arms and legs at the same time.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020: Silly Squad – Reminder

The Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect opportunity to get into reading, with a fun theme and lots of books and advice available online. Simply read the attached letter from your local library and sign up to the [Silly Squad website](#). Your child will find lots of famous authors reading funny things online. Also for this year, children may read anything! It can be in digital or print format from ebooks and e-audio books or books that are already at home. Don't forget your local Hertfordshire library service has lots of ebooks and e-audio in our online [BorrowBox](#) library. *Remember: Reading regularly is the single most important thing your child can do to improve their educational outcomes.* Happy Reading!

Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who have been practising their Times Tables on Times Tables Rockstars. Well done Pine 1 – you have joined the other classes on the Leadersboard!

Week Beginning 24.6.2020	Class	Score	Top Scorers
Winners! 	Birch 2	6298	Vihaan with 3334
2 nd place	Hazel 4	5053	Olaf with 1414
3 rd place	Poplar 5	3950	Dale with 2589
	Beech 2	3129	Joshua with 1504
	Hawthorn 4	3024	Riley with 1700
	Maple 3	2123	Kian with 935
	Willow 5	1808	Tahira with 1010
	Cedar 3	1073	Joshua with 631
	Chestnut 6	202	Rhea with 202
	Pine 1	131	Darsh with 131
	Sycamore 6	29	Hayden with 29

E-Stars: A huge well done and congratulations to all of the children (and parents!) nominated below:

E Stars		
Class	Name	Comments from your teachers
Nursery	Lucas	The Nursery e-star this week is Lucas. He has been working really hard at home following the Rob Biddulph art classes. He has been trying hard to improve his pencil control and accuracy in his drawings and his pictures are really good. He has also been planting various vegetables and seeds and watching them grow. Well done Lucas!
Ash Reception	Eva	The Ash e-star this week is Eva for always trying her best. Since the start of lockdown, Eva has worked tremendously hard, especially on her letter formation and her Phonics. I have been so proud of the effort she has put in! Keep up the amazing work Eva.
Oak Reception	Alexandra	Alexandra is this week's Oak e-star. She has been following the work that we have been sending in the daily emails and has done some great phonics. She is trying really hard with her handwriting, remembering to use cursive letters instead of capital ones. Alexandra has also been busy baking and made a lovely looking loaf of bread. Well done, Alexandra!
Pine 1	Lacey	This week the Pine's e-star is Lacey. She has kept us updated on her home learning and has been developing her typing skills. Lacey practises her maths knowledge using SumDog every day. Keep up the good work as it is tricky to keep motivated when learning at home! You are doing a great job and we enjoy receiving your work.
Elm 1	Grace	Grace is our Elm e-star this week. She has been consistently sending us her home learning since the beginning of lockdown. Grace has worked incredibly hard and it has been great to watch her progress over the weeks. Well done Grace!
Birch 2	Edy	This week Birch's e-star is Edy. He has been doing lots of wonderful work. In particular, his maths has really impressed us. He has been working especially hard on his times tables. I am so proud of the work you have been doing Edy. Well done you!
Beech 2	Niva	The Beech e-star this week is Niva. Niva has worked very hard throughout the whole period of lockdown and submitted work daily. She has had a great balance of writing, maths, outdoor fun and creations. Well done Niva.
Maple 3	Kian	Chosen by Mr Meyjes: I have just read Kian's Book Review and I thought it was brilliant. It made me really want to read 'The Garden of Lost Secrets' (the title alone piqued my interest!). When I looked it up, I noticed that it has only just been published! Well done Kian for snapping up this new release. What a great idea for a story. I will try and read this over the summer. Please send Kian a virtual "high five" from me!

Cedar 3	Abu-Bakr	The Cedar e-star for this week is Abu-Bakr. Abu-Bakr has consistently shown his high calibre in various writing tasks. He has even been busy producing different creative objects - to name a few; catapult, Roman mosaic, a mini beast and a wonderful piece of food art. Well done Abu-Bakr. Take care and keep up the good work.
Hawthorn 4	Dylan	The Hawthorn e-star of the week is Dylan. He has been working hard on his home learning projects and created a brilliant video showing how he would sell the car that he designed. Next he is going to be designing his own computer game - we can't wait to see it! Well done Dylan.
Hazel 4	Maisie + Henry	The Hazel double e-stars are Maisie and Henry. They have both really impressed me with how hard they have been working over the last few weeks, especially with their descriptive writing and handwriting presentation. Excellent work guys!
Poplar 5	Jack	Jack has had an incredible week of work, from identifying 3-D shapes in maths to retelling a section of the book "Journey" whilst practising his spelling! What a busy week, well done Jack!
Willow 5	Harry	Harry has worked remarkably well on Lexia this week, accumulating an impressive number of minutes and flying through different units. Well done Harry, keep up the good work!
Sycamore 6	Gemma	Gemma is this week's Sycamore e-star, for creating a fantastic quiz on Windrush Day and for her great effort on making a colourful and detailed Highwood School Welcome Poster.
Chestnut 6	Owen	Owen is this week's Chestnut e-star, for his excellent maths work and also for sharing some fabulous pictures of animals and insects that were taken on a nature walk.

Stay safe and look after each other!

Cathy Cox
Headteacher