

19 NOVEMBER 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – INDEPENDENCE

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Thank you to everyone that joined us for parents evening last week. I hope you were pleased with your child's progress in school and enjoyed looking through their work. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative face-to face appointment or a telephone call.

A special thank you for the generous donations of spare PE Kits provided by The David Busst Sky Blues in Community Fund supported by Andy Blair. Once received this will help to ensure the children of Hill Farm have access to a Physical Education.



Black History month concluded with a visit from professional basketball player, Ryan Martin. He worked with the children throughout the day and taught them a range of ball skills – everyone had a great time.



Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age and tested their survival skills.



Year 5 have worked hard creating a beautiful Remembrance display in our school. They drew inspiration from Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red.

We have so many exciting events planned to celebrate the festive period including a school trip for year 1 to 6 to the Belgrade Theatre on Tuesday 30th November. There is also the Festive Fair that is always worth a visit. If you would like a stall to sell unwanted items or know of any small businesses that would like to sell their goods, then please let Miss Edwards or the office know. Our pupils will also be creating their own goods to sell to raise money for the school fund.

The Halloween Disco, Cinema Evening and Firework event raised a massive £1,293. This money can now be spent on even more exciting resources and events for our pupils. Ideas can be suggested at our next 'Friends of Hill Farm' meeting on January 28th at 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are provided.

Please note we have another Reception Class Open Morning on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30 am. If you know of any parents

looking for a reception place for next September – please could you let them know.

Finally, have you ever considered training to become a Teaching Assistant? Hill Farm have vacancies for a trainee Teaching Assistant and two Apprenticeship opportunities. If you have GCSE grade C/5 or equivalent in Maths and English and want to find out more information – then please enquire at the office or apply on the Castle Phoenix website.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

We are hosting our Celebration assemblies on Friday mornings. They are held in the KS2 Hall and start at 9:00am. We would love if it if you could join us with your family and friends. If your child is due to be presented with a certificate or an award you will receive an invite to the assembly no later than the Wednesday of that week. Please note COVID-19 measures such as social distancing and face masks must be adhered to, to help keep our school safe.



26th November 2021 – KS1 Celebration Assembly
03rd December 2021 – KS2 Celebration Assembly
10th December 2021 – KS1 Celebration Assembly

DONATIONS



Thank you for the very generous donations of Chocolate that have been given in to school today.



Also, just to remind you that next week's

Non Uniform Day

is for bottle donations for our Christmas Craft Fair.



TRAINEE TA POSITION



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Year 3 - Finley for amazing theme writing. Miss Browne was almost convinced to buy his Stone Aged house!

Year 3 - Buzz for showing great cooperation in class. He confidently shared his ideas, speaking in full sentences and giving reasons for his ideas.

Year 4 - Valeria for taking enormous pride in the presentation and quality of her Theme learning. Valeria used a range of features to compare Victorian toys and always challenges herself to use ambitious vocabulary, such as 'source' and 'reliability', when explaining her ideas.

Year 4 - Natalia P for always showing all of the values in and out of class. She shows kindness to everyone and comes in every day with a smile on her face. This week, Natalia has especially shown determination, she has been challenging herself with completing 3 star challenges. Keep persevering Natalia!

Year 4 - Natalia T is quite simply brilliant. She consistently demonstrates a motivated attitude to learning, always trying her hardest. Her writing over the past few weeks will blow your socks off as she has persisted to make it the best that it can be. Well done Natalia!

Year 5 - Paveena for showing patience, respect and tolerance every single day alongside all other values. She is the first to offer support to other children and always shows a willingness to help others around her.

Year 5 - Cassius for continually showing his values by being respectful to all and always trying his best. He always listens carefully which then enables him to produce some fantastic work.

Year 5 - Maisy for her fantastic attitude towards members of her class. She is always an incredibly helpful member of the class. Maisy is always willing to help an adult or another child when they need it. An exemplary student!

Year 6 - Armani for his incredible determination across the whole curriculum. His writing is improving every week and so is his punctuation. Keep up the good work!

Year 6 - Mustafa because he has shown an incredible level of dedication and resilience towards his learning over the past few weeks. He is learning English as a second language and makes a conscious effort to practise this both in and out of lessons - especially in the mornings when he asks Miss Callaghan how she is and what she has been up to. Mustafa, you are incredible!

Year 6 - Alan for writing a fantastic letter independently, using cohesive devices to help his writing flow.

READING



Did you know that encouraging your child to read just two pages of a book each evening can increase their reading age by up to six months! We know that being a fluent reader is the key to accessing all areas of the curriculum and we want every child to develop a love of reading. We have free books available in Main Entrance – just help yourself and create a library of wonderful texts for your children to access at home. We also welcome donations of good quality children's books too!



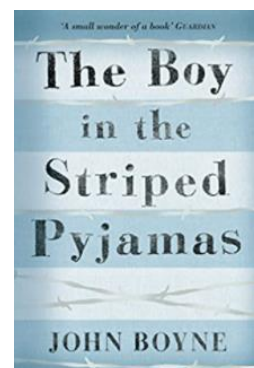
Headlines from Year 5

Reading – Abirathan & Parveena – 5DL



We love reading because it helps us learn new things and helps us if we get stressed. Recently we have read a book called **"Friend or Foe"**. This book is about two boys called David and Tucky who has been evacuated to the countryside. They witnessed the destruction of Plymouth. Two German pilots were caught by the two boys. One of them saved David's life. The boys brought food, beer and blankets to the Germans. One of the Germans decided to cross the moor without his friend and got caught. After that the story had ended. We really love this book because it's all about World War II.

Recently we have also been reading another book called **"The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas"**. This book is all about a boy called Bruno. His father had an important job which meant that they had to move houses. The new house is called "Out-With". However, Bruno prefers his house in Berlin more because he loves sliding down the banister and he has friends who play with him all the time. But at his new house, he was lonely only to get bothered by his annoying 12-year-old sister called Gretel. Bruno always calls her a hopeless case. They saw weird people outside their window. We really like this book so far and look forward to



Theme – Bella - 5SM



In Theme I enjoy learning more about WW2 and what happened. One day, we also went on a trip to Beaumanor Hall and as a year group, we all pretended it was 1939 and we were treated like if we got evacuated from London to the countryside.

In theme we also learnt about what happened in the holocaust, it was very interesting. Our topic in theme and English is **'is it right to fight?'** because of the bombing that the UK suffered from 1939-1945. I really enjoyed looking at the school logs from during that time, as they were a link to our own school history. It was amazing to see them.



ATTENDANCE

School Matters!



Week 2 (08/11/2021 to 12/11/2021)

Class	Attendance %	Movement ↑↓
Owls	94.9	↑2.4
Foxes	92.2	↓2.4
1JH	99.6	↑6.5
1NR	90.5	↑0.7
2LL	98.6	↑5.9
2KK	91.0	↓0.9
3MB	91.8	↓2.9
3CH	92.9	↓0.1
4EF	94.4	↓2.5
4SO	97.2	↑2.8
4DJ	95.4	↑2.3
5SM	93.6	↓4.6
5DL	97.2	↑2.0
5SB	94.1	↓4.5
6SE	97.1	=
6GC	95.4	↓0.6
6PR	91.8	↑1.8
Total Attendance- 94.6%		

COVID 19 SYMPTOMS



We would ask that if your child shows any Covid-19 symptoms, you take them for a PCR test and inform school of the result. It is no longer

necessary for close contacts of positive cases to self-isolate. If there were a number of cases in school, then we would seek advice from the local authority and public health and some safety measures could be re-instated. If you have any queries or concerns about this or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

MOVEMBER



Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. Two of our lovely teachers, Mr Owens and Mr Rooks, are taking part this year. Progress so far; Day 1 and Day 18

Day 1



Day 18



FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR



Christmas Craft Day

We are holding our Festive Craft Fair this year, on **Friday 10th December, 2021** beginning at 2:15pm. If you would like to hire a stall for £5 to sell any Christmas crafts, please contact the office or Miss Edwards.

WINTER SPARKLE DAY



On **Friday 17th December**, children can come to school in their pajamas to have breakfast together. Once changed into their day clothes, there will be a Surprise Assembly and then class parties and games.

School will close at 3:20pm

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY



The whole school are invited to have Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 8th December**, just go on to your SchoolGrid account and choose your child's meal. Also your child



can bring a cracker into school that day, to pull with their friends.

READING PASSPORTS



Reading Passport fun continues! Lots of children are well on the way to the next stop; **Antartica!**

It is amazing to see reading diaries full with lovely reading comments and children showing a great love for reading!

Reading at home for just 15 minutes a day with an adult can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment.

Reading is the **passport to life!**



SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH DATES



Please remember to go onto SchoolGrid and order your child's food for the day of their



Pantomime trip on **Tuesday 30th November**, and for Christmas Day lunch on **8th December 2021**.

