



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Joshua Gard
FSBB Amelia Tolly
1S Jayden Taylor & Shanaya Pike
1P Lucas Parkhouse
2G Poppy-Grace Perryman
2D Matthew Blackwell
3E Hannah Rodgers
3P Millie Newton
4J Hayden How
4S Lily Gale
5P Martha Butt
5B Riley Farley
6P Corsten Mortimer
6H Gemma Dilks

Multiplication Tests

3E 85%
3P 82%
4J 45%
4S 18%
5P 58%
5B 81%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Kovi Boddy
FSBB Lily Bird
1S Joshua Leach
1P Lizzie Clark
2G Alexa Gooding
2D Marty Colman
3E Emily Green
3P Danny Wright
4J Aurora Fewings
4S George Parker
5P Olivia Harrison
5B Riley Farley
6P Dillon Phillips
6H Denzil Peard

Best Attendance

3P - 100%

Monday 6 February 2017

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Next Meeting - the Friends will be meeting again on Tuesday 21 February at 1.30pm. All are welcome to come along and just see what we are about.

Disco - we are holding a disco on Thursday 23 February. Letters have been sent out today.

News

Widemouth Bay Residential - a reminder to parents of children in Year 5 who are going to Widemouth that the next instalment of £50 is due on Friday 10 February. By this date all parents should have paid a total of £200 towards the trip.

Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Visit - last week we had an exciting visit from two fire fighters! They talked to us all about fire safety and how to keep ourselves safe. Some of the pupils also dressed

up into the fire fighter uniforms.

As part of the safety talk, we learned how to STOP, DROP and ROLL! The fire fighters also showed us how to check that our smoke alarms are working correctly.

Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offer every home a free Home Fire Safety Check. You can contact them for this service by ringing 0800 0502 999 or by emailing firekills@dsfire.gov.uk.

Exmoor Challenge Walk - a reminder that



those children taking part in the selection practise walk on Thursday this week must bring a packed lunch.

Gymnastic Competition - On Sunday 29 January, two teams of children represented Heathcoat Primary in a gymnastics competition at Bideford. They worked really well individually on solo routines and vault before working collaboratively to perform a group routine. All of the children were incredibly supportive and represented the school brilliantly. We were very proud of them. Heathcoat A team came third overall in the competition!

Half Term Science Activity Days -

Sciencedipity are holding a series of science based days from 13-17 February at Kingsley School, Bideford. Parents can visit: <http://sciencedipity.co.uk/science-holiday-club-north-devon-february-half-term/> for more info about each day, or email sciencedipity@outlook.com or call/text 07847 006048.

Axe Valley Wildlife Park - are running their popular activity days on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of half term including the meerkat and otter feed and talk and creepy crawly show.

Tiverton Chess Club - welcome new members of any ability at any time. The club meets in a venue in the middle of Tiverton. We have members ranging in age from 8 to over 80, male and female, but at the moment are particularly keen to bring on young players. For more information email simonhoneyball@btinternet.com or phone 01363 866 198.

Willand Theatrical Society - presents Aladdin at Willand Village Hall on 17 & 18 February. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3.50 for children and are available from Willand post office or pharmacy.

This newsletter will be available on the school website under the 'News' section

Diary Dates

Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop - 8 February

Last After School Karate Club - 7 February

Reception Trip to Bakery - 8 February

Yr 2 Great Fire of London Workshop - 8 Feb

Yr 6 Exmoor Challenge Walk - 9 February

Yr 5 Assembly to Parents - 10 February

Fizz Pop Science Club starts - 20 February

Term Dates

Spring Half Term
Monday 13 February -
Friday 17 February

Last Day of Term
Friday 31 March

Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 April

First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday 19 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 21 July



Message from Miss Higginson

As you are aware, we are teaching Building Learning Power to the children from nursery to Year 6 in order that they develop their life-long learning skills. Building Learning Power (BLP) was developed by Guy Claxton and consists of 4 key learning dispositions – resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and reciprocity. Each of these areas is made up of a number of learning behaviours.

Resilience: absorption (being absorbed in learning), managing distractions, noticing and perseverance.

Resourcefulness: questioning, making links, imagining, reasoning and capitalising.

Reflectiveness: planning, revising, distilling and meta-learning (knowing how you learn).

Reciprocity: interdependence (knowing when to learn with others or by yourself), collaboration, empathy and listening and imitation.

As a school we will be focusing on one of the learning behaviours for a number of weeks. The teachers will provide skills sessions where activities are planned to teach the skills of this behaviour and then children will be given opportunities to practice this behaviour during lessons in a range of subjects across the week. Last term we worked hard on developing the children's listening skills and they are now better at active listening. For the next few weeks the teachers will be helping the pupils develop their ability to make links between their learning. These are some of the activities the children may be doing during the coming weeks:

- * Memory games
- * Talking about the links between their learning
- * Making a chain across the classroom of links between subjects
- * Puzzle board – put up ideas, objects and children try to identify the links
- * Year 6 have a chain of sausages to show the links

We look forward to receiving wow slips over the next few weeks and these could focus on making links. If you would like to know how your child is doing with developing links or if you would like some activities to do at home, please talk to your child's class teacher.

SATs Question - from the Key Stage 2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper.

For 1 mark, insert **one comma** in the correct place in the sentence below:

Limping slightly the old man walked to the end of the road.

Answer to last week's question - $69 + 11 = 80$

Wow Slips -

Alfie Wright - has been a resilient rhino reading his book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' with mum. Alfie read the parts of Charlie and mum was Grampa. He tried really hard, even when he found words tricky, he didn't give up.

Harley Sams - was a resilient rhino recently. He spent all week trying to learn to tie his shoe laces and now he can do them on his own.

Ruby Land - was a resourceful raccoon. She entered a poetry competition last half term and has been chosen to have her poem 'Ice Cream Make Believe' published in a book! Well done Ruby, we are very proud of you.