

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to all the parents who completed our Annual Survey – it is so helpful to hear your views! The outcomes have been discussed at our last Full Governing Body meeting and I will send out a report after the Easter break to share our findings.

I am delighted to announce that the Treehouse After School Club will be opening at Fairlands Primary School from Tuesday, 16th. Please contact Mrs Taylor at treehouse@fairlands.herts.sch.uk for more details.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8.50am on Tuesday, 16th April.

Robert Staples
Headteacher

STEVENAGE PERFORM!

This half term Year 5 have been working with the Hertfordshire Wider Opportunities Team on a musical collaboration with other Stevenage schools. They learnt African songs and rhythms and then performed as a choir, with children from the other schools playing instruments, in a musical day at Barclay Secondary school. Following this day, some of the children had the opportunity to perform again at the Mayor's Charity Concert at the Gordon Craig Theatre. We are extremely proud of all the children and the performances they gave. Thank you very much to Mrs Herron for all her hard work.

NATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING WEEK

Science week saw every child in the school take part in investigations and experiments as the whole school looked at inventions and discoveries through history. All the hard work culminated in an exciting assembly, with erupting hair dye and giant smoke rings and a fantastic interactive science fair that was enjoyed by pupils, staff and parents alike. Thank you to Mr Dickinson for all his hard work in making the week a success.

FAIRLANDS FACES

Thank you very much to the Fairlands Faces who have been very busy this term raising money for school funds. Both the Mothers Day Present Room and Easter Discos were a great success, raising £205 and £570.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Last week we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day. Lots of the children and staff joined in with this year's 'wear odd socks' theme. There were many wild and crazy socks in both the playground and the staff room! The children were given the opportunity to attend an assembly, watch video clips and then discuss any issues raised as a class. We raised £244 in donations. Thank you to everyone for your support - this will be sent to a local Down Syndrom support group 'Up with Downs.'

KITE-MAKING WORKSHOPS

Reception ran 3 hugely successful kite-making workshops last Wednesday. Over the course of the day over 50 reception children made a kite with an adult from their family. The workshops gave children the opportunity to develop their design skills and raised adult awareness of the expectations of the curriculum. Despite conditions not being ideal for kite-flying there were many valiant efforts made and it was lovely to see so many children 'flying' their kites.

A big thank you to all who attended and to Year 6 who ran a similar workshop last Friday for those children whose parents could not attend.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing something red for Comic Relief. We raised £331 for this worthy cause.

ATTENDANCE AWARD		
	w/c 11/03	w/c 18/03
ASH	93.2	93.9
BEECH	97.7	88.8
BIRCH	93.2	92.1
CHERRY	98.3	93.7
CHESTNUT	96.3	93.7
ELDER	95.2	98.9
ELM	97.4	95.2
HAZEL	96	93.2
HORNBEAM	95	96.8
LIME	97.2	97.6
LARCH	95	95
PINE	97.2	95.2
POPLAR	91.7	95.8
WALNUT	93.7	98.1
WILLOW	97.5	95

NEW MENU

The **Spring-Summer Pupils' Choice School Menu** has been sent home with children today. This menu commences from **Tuesday, 16th April**.

You can find a copy of the new menu on the school notice board by the main entrance gate and on the school website. Please ensure your child has chosen their meal before morning registration each day.

SCHOOL MILK – RECEPTION CHILDREN

Please note that Reception children who turn 5 during the Summer term are no longer eligible for free milk. If you wish your child to have milk, the charge for the Summer term is £11.70. Please contact the office for more details.

DIAMOND DOLLS

Diamond Dolls, our after school dance club, have spaces available from after Easter. The club runs from 3.20-4.10pm in the Lower Hall on Tuesdays, and is open to pupils from Reception to Year 6 at a cost of £52.00 for the whole summer term. Please ask at the school office if your child would like to join.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN SCHOOL

Children are welcome to bring their bikes/scooters to school but, to avoid any mix ups, please ensure that they are clearly identified as their own if they wish to leave them in the bike rack. It would also be helpful if they were padlocked.

Children should be at school by 8.50am – if your child arrives after this time, when the gates are shut, please take their bike/scooter home with you, as it is not practical to bring them through the school building and down to the bike racks, making your child even later for class!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Carolanne Sewell (Elder) who successfully passed her grading in kickboxing on the 16th March and has now progressed from red to white belt with KR Kickboxing.

Well done also to Janay Bullock (Elder) who won Silver (2nd place) at the Chesham Dance Festival and also won Bronze (3rd place) at Luton Dance Festival last week, for her Trio ballet.

Also, good luck to Chenille Bullock (Poplar) and Janay Bullock (Elder) who took their ISTD Grade 1 Modern and Tap exam yesterday. They attend Premiere School of Dance.

