

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an initial indication of the Year 6 test results back this week and we are **DELIGHTED!** The final levels cannot be determined until thresholds are published next week, but I wanted to share this with you at the earliest opportunity. So, an early conservative analysis shows that **85% have achieved Level 4 in Reading, 80% in Writing and 85% in Mathematics!** In addition, Level 5 results are high, with 32% in Reading and 35% in Maths. These are fantastic results – the children have achieved them by having an excellent attitude to learning this year so **WELL DONE YEAR 6!** This is a credit to the whole school and all the staff, who have been working so hard this year, but a particular 'well done' must also go to the Year 6 team of teachers and teaching assistants!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

THANK YOU



Thank you this week goes to everyone who made our Olympic Sports Day last week a huge success!

Thank you **Miss Charlotte Parsley** for

organising everything as our PE subject leader; thank you to **Fairlands Faces** for providing refreshments and well done to the winning country – **JAPAN!**

ATTENDANCE AWARD

| | w/c 18/6 | w/c 25/6 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| ASH | 85.7 | 87.9 |
| BEECH | 86.6 | 94.6 |
| CHERRY | 95.9 | 98.2 |
| CHESTNUT | 95.7 | 97.8 |
| ELDER | 97.7 | 98.1 |
| ELM | 92.3 | 97.1 |
| HAZEL | 96 | 88.5 |
| HORNBEAM | 91.9 | 95.2 |
| LARCH | 96.3 | 91.2 |
| LIME | 93.2 | 96.5 |
| PINE | 97.5 | 92.2 |
| POPLAR | 94.7 | 85.3 |
| WALNUT | 95.3 | 97.8 |
| WILLOW | 94.4 | 85.2 |

RECEPTION MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL

Last week, Ash and Beech took part in a Multi Skills Sports Festival event at Barclay School. Activities, amongst other things, included throwing/catching skills, hurdles and an obstacle course.

The children walked there and back very sensibly and The Foundation Stage staff would like to thank the large number of parents who went with them to support the event.

COUNTY TENNIS FINALS

Well done to Max Ellis, Tommy Welch, Natalia Seville-Niven and Alivia Storton, all Year 4, who took part in the Mini Tennis County Finals at the Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield last Thursday. They had a really enjoyable day and played their best against 11 other schools.

YEAR 3 VISIT TO BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 3 had a fantastic day at the British Museum on Tuesday, where they learnt more about their topic 'Incredible Egyptians'. The children all behaved really well and were a credit to the school.

YEAR 4 & 6 ATHLETICS

Yesterday, teams from Years 4 & 6 took part in a Primary Athletics Festival at Ridlins. They all behaved beautifully, despite it being a very long, hot and challenging day. There were some very impressive performances, resulting in them reaching several finals, with Ellie Newell (Larch) winning Silver in the Yr 4 Girls Javelin and Ben Moreham (Walnut) winning Gold in Yr 6 Boys High Jump.

YEAR 1 MET THE MAYOR

Yesterday, Yr 1 went to the opening of King George park's new play area. They met the Mayor, were presented with a framed picture of the design they chose and saw a free-running demonstration. This was the end of a really exciting project and Year 1 were a credit to the school. Thanks to all the parents/carers who have supported us.

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

The Olympic Torch will be passing through Stevenage on **Sunday, 8th July**. The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team hope to have secured an opportunity to have a photo taken with the torch and have asked each Stevenage primary school to nominate a pupil to be included in this and be part of sporting history. Well done to Tommi Lewer, Year 6, who will be representing Fairlands Primary School.

INFORMATION MEETING CURRENT YEAR 5

Just to clarify, the 'Meet the Year 6 Team' information meeting will take place at **5.30pm on Tuesday, 17th July**. This will be followed by the PGL School Journey meeting.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are considering starting up an After School Club that would be based at Fairlands in the near future. We would like to know your thoughts on this matter - please take some time to complete and return the slip from the letter sent home to parents this week.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? In addition to applying via the website, www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or by phoning 0300 123 4048, Herts County Council have now introduced new, convenient ways to apply using smartphone, web enabled mobile phone, games console e.g. playstation/Wii & X-Box and DigiTV. For more details please ask at the school office or visit the above website.

TAEKWONDO

Fairlands Taekwondo club recently had their second official club grading test, watched by some very supportive parents. Twelve students were promoted to yellow belt, one to green tag and one to green belt. The children put on an excellent display of fighting techniques and performed very tough memorised sequences of 20 movements. The green belt student also had to break a board with an elbow and a kick.

The next step on their journey is more fighting techniques using protective equipment to be able to practice them with each other and to learn another sequence of 20 movements for their next grading at the end of the year. Some students who weren't quite ready will be taking a test in a few weeks to catch-up, including more candidates for yellow belt and yellow tag.

Master Jeffries said after the grading "Fairlands Taekwondo's technical standard is really progressing well. The students are all putting in full effort to learn some very difficult techniques, while understanding that this is a sport and martial art and not to be used outside of the training sessions. I'm sure we're all looking forward to seeing Team GB Taekwondo compete at the London 2012 Olympic Games in August".

ARE YOU READY TO GET READING THIS SUMMER?



Hertfordshire Libraries are getting ready for the 14th National Summer Reading Challenge. It is a great way to promote the importance of reading throughout the holidays, improving children's confidence and encourages children to be ready to learn when they return to school.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is called 'Story Lab' and is a celebration of story and the imagination. It centres around four children at a five-sided hi-tech HQ that attracts stories from all over the world and sends them spinning throughout the city – and beyond.

The Reading Challenge is designed for children of all ages and reading abilities. Each child is challenged to read 6 library books of their choice during the summer holidays, with collectable incentives, plus an exclusive Story Lab zip tag, certificate and medal for every child who completes the challenge.

This year the challenge is also linked to the Olympic Games, as you read books, you progress through bronze, silver and gold stages, collecting stickers to complete your Story Lab.

From **Saturday 7th July** you can collect your very own Story Lab Pack from all Hertfordshire public libraries, including mobiles. The sooner you collect your pack, the longer you have to read! Happy reading!

For further information please visit:

<http://www.story-lab.org.uk/join-in>
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/libraries/childnig/StoryLab>

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012 (Newly added dates are shown in bold)

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| Monday 9 th July 5.30 – 6.30pm | Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 1 |
| Tuesday 10 th July 5.30 – 6.30pm | Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 2 |
| Wednesday 11 th July | FS to Shepreth Wildlife Park |
| Thursday 12 th July | Year 6 visit Secondary Schools & Meet the Teacher Day |
| Thursday 12 th July 5.30 – 6.30pm | Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Yr 3 & 4 |
| Friday 13 th July | Reports Out |
| Monday 16 th July 5.30 – 6.30pm | Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 5 |
| Tuesday 17 th July 5.30pm-6.30pm | Welcome Meeting for parents of children moving to Year 6, followed by; PGL School Journey Meeting |
| Weds 18 th July 2pm & 7.00pm | Year 6 Performances |
| Thursday 19 th July 6.30 – 8.00pm | Year 6 Leavers Do |
| Friday 20 th July | End of Term : 2.15 finish |
| Monday 10 th Sept | Return to school |