

WE ARE 'REACHING HIGH'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very exciting week this week, with lots of opportunities for children to take part in creative activities as part of World Maths and Book Days. It was brilliant to see children in Nursery up to Year 6 really enjoying themselves.

Next week is Science & Engineering Week, so I look forward to a similar buzz of activity in the school!

Robert Staples
Headteacher

WORLD MATHS DAY

We had a wonderful response to World Maths Day. It is the first time that Fairlands have participated in this Worldwide event, which is organised by UNICEF.

Our day started with an assembly, where children counted to ten in Welsh, Polish, Tagalog, Dutch, Afrikaans, German, Urdu, Spanish, Italian, Punjabi, and Polish.

Children then enjoyed exploring mathematical investigations, including some based on a tube of Smarties, and took part in a team Mental Maths Mayhem competition. The winning teams were awarded a small prize. There was also a prize for 'Mathematician of the Day' in each class.

During the day each class visited the ICT suit to participate in the Worldwide Challenge. Our overall total of correct answers for the day was a staggering 53,011! We didn't quite make the Wall of Fame on the official website, but will be creating our own version, which will be published on our website shortly, and these children will be receiving certificates.

The day finished with our World Maths Day Fun Maths Roadshow. Over 60 people attended this fun event, including children from the Nursery to Y6, where parents were able to work on problem solving activities and mathematical games with their children.

Thank you to all the parents, who came into help - we couldn't have managed without you! Also thank you to Mrs. Dunthorne, our school secretary, for the work involved in the creation of the password cards for each child and the other extra paperwork that goes with these events.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World book day was a great success. The theme for the day was 'The Best Place to Read.' Children from Nursery to year 6 were asked to design and construct a reading area in their learning environment with a budget of £20.

Children and staff worked enormously hard and each class produced a fabulous reading area. Some designs were very imaginative; a beach, a jungle, a space station and a magic carpet to name but a few! The winning design, however, belonged to Cherry class who created a Space Age reading area. They won themselves £50 worth of book tokens to spend on their class library. Well done Cherry!

Hawthorn won £15 worth of books for their class for bringing in the most photographs of their class reading.

Work and photos from the day will be displayed in the upper building entrance and can be seen on our website in the Galleries section.

THANK YOU!



A special thank you this week goes to Mrs Bradley & Mrs Yendell for making all the arrangements for World Maths & Book Days.

It takes a lot of time and effort to make sure that these event days go smoothly, so thank you!

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Congratulations to Hornbeam for winning the award for the first week back after half term with 98.7% attendance.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING WEEK w/c 9TH MARCH

Can you help with Science & Engineering Week? We still require a few parent helpers, especially in Years 3 & 4, for Monday. Please let us know if you can help with a session – each session lasts 1½ hours.

Can we also remind you to send in your contribution of **£4.00 per child**, as we cannot run these workshops without full support from parents.

We also still desperately need more newspapers for one of our activities during next week – please bring all your old newspapers into school and place them in the boxes in the Upper and Lower building entrances. **No magazines or staples please!**

PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent / Teacher Consultations will be taking place on **Monday, 9th March (3.30 – 6.00pm) and Wednesday, 11th March (5.30 – 8.00pm)**. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss with them how your child is progressing so far this year. Appointment boards are in the Upper Building entrance area - **please come in and sign up**.

There will be a drop-in centre available in the dining hall, where your child/children can wait whilst you meet with their teacher. The Friends of Fairlands will be selling tea/coffee in both halls.

PARKING

Once again, I need to remind parents **not to pull into or park in the school car parks at the beginning and end of the school day** – this is for the health and safety of **your** children!

SCHOOL UNIFORM – SPRING SALE

For a limited period, YourSchoolUniform.com are offering a **25% reduction** on selected items and sizes of our uniform. Go on line and have a look! This offer only applies to parents ordering on-line and is not on offer through the school.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN BANGLADESH?

Our FREE Bangla class is run by Mrs Datta in the Learning Room after school on Tuesdays – why not come along and learn a new language.

PLEASE HELP US WITH HEADLICE!

Re-infestations are becoming troublesome, but if everyone takes note of the following preventative measures, then the problem should be dramatically reduced. The local Health Authority recommends the following preventative method and suggests that parents should take the responsibility of checking their child's hair regularly.

Head lice may be cleared over a two-week period by the following method:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.
- Using lots of hair conditioner and, while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel or the bath.
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke.
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair, which is slippery from conditioner, makes it hard for them to keep a grip – so removal with the comb is easier.
- If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

Please check the whole family – parents / carers included!

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

Monday, 9th to Friday, 13th March	Science & Engineering Week
Monday, 9 th March 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Wednesday, 11 th March 5.30pm – 8.00pm	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Tuesday, 17th March	Friends of Fairlands' Mothers Day Present Room
Thursday, 19th March 9.05am – 10.00am	Parent Forum