

WEEKLY EXPRESS



A MESSAGE FROM MRS TAI

Dear families,

As per my email this week, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mrs Sarah Bottomley as our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Bottomley knows our school, children and families well and is a true asset to our school. We look forward to her continuing her leadership journey from April 2025. She will remain Canopus class teacher until the end of the academic year, however.

Next **Thursday 20th March**, between 3:30-5:00pm, we are clearing out our polytunnel and gardens and are asking for support from our community. If you would like to help, please let the office know in advance, or simply turn up on the day. Everyone is welcome - bring some clothes you don't mind getting mucky and a cheery smile! Due to the nature of the work, unfortunately children cannot support as it may be dangerous - we apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

On **Wednesday 26th March** we would like to welcome you to our Parent and Staff Consultation Evening. Appointments can be made via School Cloud - please see your inbox for more details. Children are welcome to attend but must be supervised **at all times** - there are no staff to look after children. Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Tai.

EASTER EGG HUNT - STALLS TO HIRE

On Wednesday 2nd April, we are hosting our Easter Egg Hunt afternoon from 3:30-5:00pm. There will be an Easter trail to 'crack'; prizes to be won, games to play and raffle prizes.

We are inviting members of the community to have their own stall at the Egg hunt - you can either pay £10 for the table and keep any profits, or donate any money made back to the school. In the past, we have had craft, cake and food stalls. Please note that this is a weather-permitting event that will be held outdoors.

If you are interested, please can you contact Adrienne Hatfield, the School Business Manager, via office@highbankschool.co.uk or pop in to speak to us. Further details, including how to purchase tokens for the event, will follow in due course.

We look forward to seeing you there.

EGG HUNT



HOUSE POINTS

PEAKE

16,244

STOREY

16,466

17,433

16,727

RASHFORD

PANKHURST



WEEKLY WINNERS

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week and Caught Being Kind winners this week.

Star of the Week: **Caught being Kind:**

Capella Class: Ralph **Capella Class: Oscar**

Vega Class: Emilia **Vega Class: Archie**

Arcturus Class: Finley **Arcturus Class: Leo**

Rigil Class: Hanna **Rigil Class: Reggie**

Canopus Class: Alex **Canopus Class:
Isabelle & Mitch**

Sirius Class: Alina **Sirius Class: Malachi**

Well done to Class Arcturus for winning the Attendance Award this week with 97.6% Keep it up!



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 20th March - 3:30-5:00pm

Community Polytunnel and garden clear up

Monday 24th March - Sports Event - Great Athletes Visit

Wednesday 26th March - Parent & Teacher Consultation meetings

Thursday 27th March - 2:15-3:15pm Special Person Afternoon for Canopus

Friday 28th March - Special Person Day in celebration of Mother's Day:

9.00am – 10.00am – Year 1

10.05am – 11.05am – Year 2

1:15pm – 2:15pm – Year 3 and all Year 4

2:20pm – 3:20pm – Year 6

Monday 31st March - 2:15-3:15pm Special Person Afternoon for Capella

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



Early Years have thoroughly enjoyed Science week. We have been real scientists. We have all created our own animal and have loved doing some 'Deep sea yoga'!

The Humpty Dumpty challenge was also great fun!



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS CONT...

Year 1 have enjoyed sharing their learning with the rest of the school this week and led their own class assembly. What do you think of our penguins?



In history this week, Arcturus have been learning about Christopher Columbus. We discussed the reasons he had to go exploring and talked about what was the most important reason.



In Class Rigil we built structures to work out how we could make them more strong, stable and stiff. We found that we needed to reinforce areas by attaching another beam from corner to corner.



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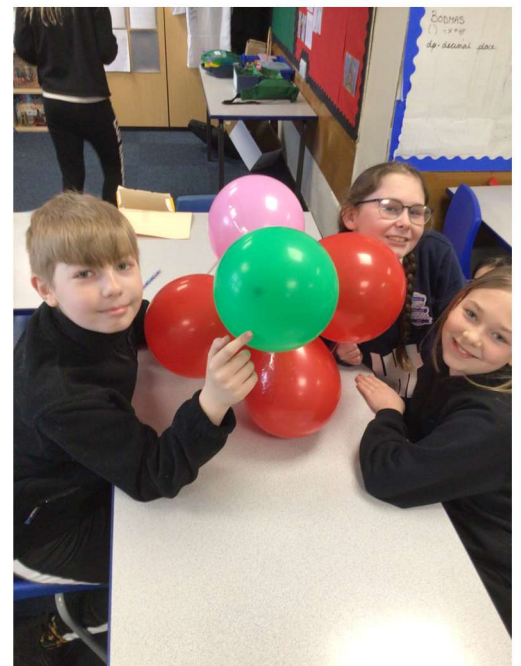
CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS CONT...



In Art, Canopus have designed and made their own Viking coins using clay. The children used different tools to create different marks and textures in their coins.



Year 6 created their designs to save Humpty Dumpty. We also took part in a lesson to prove why only the 3Ps (pee, poo and paper!) should be flushed down the toilet. We tested wet wipes, kitchen roll and cardboard to see what would happen using the 'flush test'.





BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



To celebrate British Science Week this week, the children were set an 'eggsellent' experiment to see how they could safely get Humpty Dumpty down from the wall without breaking. Each class worked in small teams to design and test their inventions, and the winning team from each class was entered into a special final, judged by Mr Bailey.



Our winners, Rigil, designed a counter-weight elevator type invention.

All the entries were fantastic and safely got Humpty down from the wall. Mr Bailey's decision was very hard to make but he thought the **Rigil Class** team's design was the winner. Congratulations to all the children but especially our Rigil winners!

