



## A message from Mrs Tai

Dear families,

Please excuse the different formatting of our Newsletter this week- we are having some technical issues with our usual editing programme.

We have had another great week at High Bank and the children have been showing us their incredible work. We are particularly proud of Canopus Class who wowed us at their class assembly this week - we learnt so much about the Antarctic, Ernest Shackleton and enjoyed listening to your excellent biographies and diary entries of Shackleton and his crew. Well done, Canopus.

You may have noticed that our playground is a little muddy at the moment - the snow, ice and rain have made areas of the playground very wet, slushy and slippery. Mr Bailey is working hard to keep things clear, but please take care when walking around the site. Children may also come home slightly muddier than when they left - the footballs and balls we play with at break times also get wet and muddy and we apologise for the extra washing this may be causing.

Thanks to the Friends of High Bank who were able to meet today - watch this space for some exciting events we have planned in the coming months.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Tai

## The school office

You will have noticed that we have had to stop using the door behind Miss Weir's desk for parents. As it is a fire door, we have been asked not to use it and so all parents are now asked to enter the office via the main entrance. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We have also noted that some parents are using the office to wait for their children in the afternoon. The office is a working space and often confidential items are discussed in it. To ensure confidentiality, please can we ask all parents that if they are using the office at the end of the school day not to arrive before 3:15pm or your allocated time (if you're arriving for a meeting) to ensure the work taking place in the office is not disturbed. We thank you again for your support.

## House Points

**Peake**

12,123

**Storey**

12,499

12,974

**Rashford**

12,508

**Pankhurst**

## Upcoming Events

### TT RockStars Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

You will have received a message this week to say that our TT Rockstars day has been brought forward a day to **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025** to ensure all our children can take part. It was originally planned for the Friday as it coincides with NSPCC number day. We apologise for any inconvenience it may cause but look forward to seeing the children dressed up in their rocking outfits, hair dos and instruments to celebrate maths and have fun! No donation required.

### Valentine's Day Disco - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 2pm – EYFS and KS1 / 3:45 – KS2

Please see the letter sent out this week re the disco for more information but tickets can be purchased at the school office or via Parent Pay. £2 per child or £5 per family of 3 or more siblings.

## Weekly Winners

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

### Star of the Week

Capella – Kutenda

Vega – Oliver

Arcturus- Lydia-Louise

Rigil – Elliott

Canopus – Tyler

Sirius - Leon

### Caught being Kind

Capella – Alianna

Vega – Gabriel

Arcturus- Aliezah

Rigil – Lexi-Leigh

Canopus – Phoebe

Sirius - Mailey

Well done to Arcturus Class for winning the Attendance Award this week with **98.975%**  
Keep it up!

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 4th February** - KS2 Book and Bagel

**Thursday 6th February** - TT Rockstars Day

**W/C 10th February** - Keep Safe Week

**Thursday 13th February** - Valentines Disco @ 2pm (EYFS, KS1) and 3:45pm (KS2)

**Monday 17th - Fri 21st February** - Half Term

**Monday 24th February** - Spring 2 begins

**Thursday 6th March** - World Book Day

**Wednesday 26th March** - Parent & Teacher Consultation meetings

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

**Wednesday 2nd April** - Easter Egg Hunt

**Friday 4th April** - End of term

# Classroom Highlights

**Lunar New Year** in Year 1 – the children make snake items to celebrate the Year of the Snake and enjoyed a delicious fortune cookie to take home. The children in **Year 1 Vega** also enjoyed using pastels to finish their penguin art work.



Year 6 made paper fan snakes to celebrate **Lunar New Year**.

## Class Capella

We have been exploring mass in maths this week and the children have enjoyed using the balance scales within provision to compare the weight of two objects using the language 'lighter' and 'heavier'.



## Class Arcturus

This week, Year 2 produced some amazing Maths work, solving multiplication problems using arrays!

