



# Fir Tree News

Academic Year 2017/2018

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Last week we said goodbye to Miss Hayter as she went on maternity leave. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her Good Luck and I look forward to sharing some happy news with you in the near future. This week it has been assessment week. The children have been working hard to complete reading, spelling and maths assessments. They have also been taking part in lots of other exciting learning, which you can see below.

Thanks you to all the parents who joined us for 'Eat Lunch with your child' on Wednesday – hopefully this was an enjoyable occasion for all concerned.

Today we are participating in Sports Relief and the children look fantastic in their sports kits. Thank you for helping us to support this worthy charity.

## Value of the Month

This month the focus in life skills has been respect. The children have been learning about the importance of respect in a range of different activities and they have voted for the child who they feel has displayed this value in their classes.

### Nursery:

### Reception:

**Year 1:** Alex

**Year 2:** Maisie

**Year 3:** Tanyalak

**Year 4:** Bethany

**Year 5:** Axel

**Year 6:** Sakshi

## Sporting News

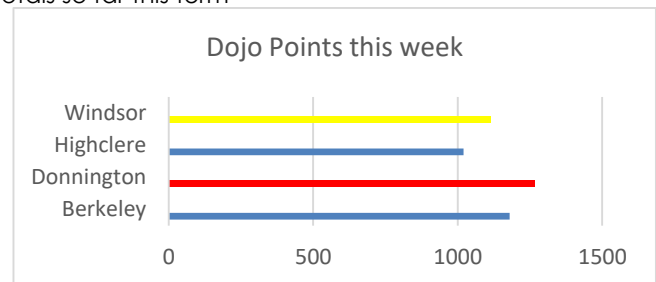
Firstly, well done to our Year 5/6 boy's football team, who reached the quarterfinals of the county cup. Unfortunately, we faced a very strong Trevelyan team from Windsor who excelled on the day. This week our teams have been very busy and successful. Our cross-country team went to the Showground this week to take part in the West Berkshire Championships. Sixty-two schools competed, with approximately 400 children in each race. Fir Tree did exceptionally well with our best overall performance so far. Particular mention should go to Isabela Ramos who came 29<sup>th</sup> in her race, and Kwesi Robinson who came 39<sup>th</sup>. The Y5/6 girls' football team went to Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre and represented West Berkshire in the School Games County finals. They came third and were only defeated in one game. On Thursday, the same girls played in the Tony Mosson 5/6 Cup Final and were crowned winners! Well Done Girls!



## Dojo Points

As you are aware, every pupil in the school is in a house, either Donnington, Windsor, Highclere or Berkeley. During the week every pupil earns dojo points for positive attitude and behaviour in and around school. These are announced on a weekly basis and cause great anticipation and excitement. This week we will be awarding additional points for the best dressed house on World book day.

Totals so far this term



Yesterday, the children had a fantastic time watching M&M production adaptation of The Secret Garden. They had such a good time that I have already booked them for next year.

## Save the Date

Please Remember that we finish at 1:15pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

The new term starts Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 8:50am

## Web of Learning at Fir Tree

### Year One

**English** – writing descriptively about the Gruffalo

**Maths** – continuing with measures topic measuring height and capacity

**Topic** - Designing monsters and dinosaurs

**P4C** - children discussed how to make the world a better place

### Year Four

**English** – Creating descriptive writing using a variety of conjunctions

**Maths** – learning to understand decimals

**Topic** – understanding how sound is used in films to create atmosphere.

Year 4 also started the Watermill Project.

### Year Two

**English** – writing acrostic poems about Easter, letters to Mrs Purcell about keeping the school clean

**Maths** – recognising written fractions

**Topic** – writing instructions and then making bird feeders

### Year Five

**English** – Researching Jane Goodall and creating a power point about her life

**Maths** – Adding fractions with different denominators

**Topic** – learning about the lifecycle of amphibians

## Learning

this week

### Year Three

**English** – planning a story, learning to write in paragraphs

**Maths** – identifying fractions

**Topic** – making sarcophagus and a mummy. Completing a dance lesson

### Year Six

**English** – Writing letters in role using emotive language. List poems to describe the Antarctic environment and experiences of the crew and speeches to improve moral of the Endurance crew.

**Maths** – finding area, perimeter and volume of shapes

**Topic** – Understanding the difference between series and parallel circuits