



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulations to our</u> ROLL OF HONOUR CHILDREN	
Nursery	Elizabeth
Reception	Penelope
Year 1	Joshua
Year 2	Macurley
Year 3	George
Year 4	Freya
Year 5	Zara
Year 6	Guste
Headteacher's Award	Prisha (y4) Amelia (Y3) Blake (Y6) Kyza (y6)

EYFS

Nursery:

Nursery have been creating cards and baking buns for Easter. They have really enjoyed exploring the different Easter props and resources and writing in their cards.

Reception:

This week we have been learning all about Easter. We made Easter nest buns and wrote the instructions, made Easter cards and have been on an Easter hunt. We even got to see a real palm branch from the Easter story!

Congratulations to our merit winners who have won a gift voucher for WHSmiths.

Evie (Y1)

Nathaniel (Y1)

Adam (Y2)



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been writing about a description of a dragon. In Art we have used watercolours to create our own dragons. In Maths we have been learning about statistics. Well done Year 2 you have all worked really hard this week!

Year 1

This week in year 1 the children have been learning the different countries that make the United Kingdom. They have been comparing the national flags and we have discussed how they make the Union Jack.

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Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have finished painting our Egyptian cartouches. We are very pleased with the end results! The children have had a fantastic term and have really enjoyed the topic of Egypt. Well done Year 3.



Year 5

This week our children learned a new samba routine using a variety of unusual instruments. They were challenged to move around during the performance and create different sounds from a number of different sources.

Year 4

This week Year 4 went outside to see if we could find any wildlife in the grounds of the school and identify their habitats. We found lots of minibeasts hidden inside the log pile! We have designed insect hotels and bird feeders to encourage more wildlife into our grounds.



Year 6

This week in year 6 we have been talking about how important money is to us and whether money is the key to happiness. We have also been learning more new skills in our outdoor Forest Schools lessons.





E-Safety



Keeping children safe whilst they are online.

Each week we will help keep you informed on recent E-Safety developments and share with you useful resources you can use with your children at home.

This website gives you more information about game ratings and content descriptions.

- https://www.esrb.org/ratings/ratings_guide.aspx



Nursery Provision:

After Easter there will be a team from the Local Authority on site at school continuing our nursery refurbishment. Please take extra care. It is anticipated that our nursery children will be able to return to the main school shortly after the Easter holidays. Thank you for your patience.

Expansion Update

Here are a few photographs from phase 2 of our school expansion. We are really looking forward to our new outdoor space!

Thank you to Mrs Cooling who has been transforming our wildlife garden!



Friends of the School News (FOTS)

FOTS is a group of people (staff and parents/carers) who work together to organise events to raise additional vital funds for school such as the Summer Fayre, Christmas Fayre, non-uniform days etc. Mr Paine is the staff representative who meets with FOTS each month. FOTS meet on the 1st Monday of every month at 3:30pm at school.

We are always looking for new representatives to join FOTS. If you can help in any way we would love to hear from you.

Come along for a coffee and see what we do!

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter Egg competition.

We raised £50.00 for school.

Our next meeting is Monday 29th April.



Congratulations to Moni (Y6) who has received an award for her entry (Y5/6 category) in the competition 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Moni has won a visit to Manchester City football ground where she will receive an award and enjoy entertainment at the football ground.

We are so proud of you Moni – Well done!



Thank you to Miss Brook, Miss Cannon, Year 3 and Year 4 for their end of term Egyptian performance. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part and to all those children who volunteered to have an acting or narrating part.

Thank you to everyone who came to see the performance.



We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

School Attendance Matters

We are very keen to ensure that all children attend school regularly, as this is important for your child's academic progress. We need your help to improve our attendance figure. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

The school doors open at 8:50am. School gates open at 8:40am.

If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our Whole School Target is 96%.

Unfortunately, our whole school attendance figure is now below 96%.

Well done to Y1, Y4 and Y5 who are above 96%.

Whole School 2018/2019	95.82%
Nursery	93.75%
Reception	94.42%
Year 1	96.11%
Year 2	95.94%
Year 3	95.44%
Year 4	96.39%
Year 5	97.52%
Year 6	95.78%

Dates for your diary

- Friday 5th April - Break up for Easter.
- Tuesday 23rd April – school starts (Term 3a).
- Monday 29th April FOTS meeting at 2:30pm
- Thursday 2nd May and Friday 3rd May will be our final two **INSET days** (on 3rd May our school will be used as a polling station). Monday 6th May is Bank Holiday.
- Wednesday 8th May - Class photographs.

Parent Workshops: Further dates will follow for parent workshops.

Parent/Carer Feedback:

We would like to encourage you to visit parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete our parent/carers survey

Twitter:

We are very excited to have launched our Twitter page!

Please follow us @Newton_Hill_Sch

You do not need a twitter account to follow us, simply visit the school website to see the tweets!



School Uniform and PE Kits

Just a polite reminder that our school uniform is black trousers/skirt, white polo shirt, red jumper/cardigan and black shoes. Hair accessories must be red, black or white. Earrings must be plain studs that can be removed for PE. Please remove nail varnish for school.

PE Kits needs to be in school every day – children will need black/navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Y1 to Y6 children will also need black/dark blue tracksuit (long joggers and jacket/jumper) for outside and outside trainers. PE sessions are taught inside and outside. Thank you.

Our 5 Golden Rules

At Newton Hill Community School, everyone follows our 5 Golden Rules. *We want everyone to be the best they can be and to 'Reach for the Stars'.*

- ❖ We will always keep everyone included.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone safe.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone learning.
- ❖ We will always try our best.
- ❖ We are always honest.



Unplanned School Closures

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will contact you via text messaging. We will also display messages and updates on our school website www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk

We will always do our best to stay open, but if for any reason we have to close **during the day** we will contact you by text, parent hub and information will be displayed on our website. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will always stay on site until all children have been collected.



Keeping Everyone Safe



If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school - our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Mrs Wheatley, Mr Duce, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

Visit NSPCC for your guide to social networks, apps and games.

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).

Please call in at the school office or contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk if you need to update your details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. You can speak to class teachers at the end of the day or you can make an appointment if you prefer. We are here to help. Thank you for your continued support.