



Newton Hill News

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Alma
Reception	Freya
Year 1	Alex
Year 2	Layden
Year 3	Alena
Year 4	Amelia
Year 5	Aine
Year 6	Joban

EYFS

Nursery:

This week, the children in Nursery celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making their own pancakes. They enjoyed making the pancake mixture but they liked eating the pancakes more, especially since they had so many delicious toppings to choose from!

Reception:

This week we have really enjoyed learning about the story of The Gingerbread Man. We had great fun making and tasting our own gingerbread men! We have also started writing gingerbread recipes to create a recipe book for our new Baker's Shop role play area.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week in maths we have been measuring using cubes, pencils and hand spans. We have also started to estimate how long or tall an object is. The children have also been improving their hand-eye coordination by playing throwing and catching games.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been looking at the absorbency of different materials and have been comparing which materials are best to clean up after spilling water. We have also been using our observational skills to sketch the Titanic, making sure we look carefully at the shape and size of the different parts.



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Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been grouping rocks by their properties and learning what our new vocabulary permeable, durable and density means.

We investigated which rocks have a high or low density by placing them in water to see whether they float or sink. We were very surprised as we watched a tiny piece of slate sink to the bottom of the container.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have continued their learning on sound. We made string telephones to demonstrate how sound travels over distance and how this can be affected by the tightness and length of the string.



Year 5

As part of our new book focus, Year 5 have been researching the Vikings so that we can write an information text about them and use our subject knowledge when discussing Beowulf in class. Outside the classroom, Year 5 beat our local rivals St John's in a tag rugby competition where we showed superb skills and respect towards our opposition. Well done everybody!

Year 6

This week we have been learning about Ancient Greek gods and goddesses and their importance in Greek history. We have used our learning to begin to design our own characters so that we can create our own myths and legends in our writing lessons. We have also had lots of discussion around how much children use social media and mobile phones, and are using this to write a discussion about whether children should be banned from mobile phones altogether. We have also displayed our Greek pots for everyone to see.

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 and close at 9:00am. School gates open at 8:40am.

If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help. Please help us to ensure our attendance is the best it can be. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2019/2020	95.96%
Nursery	94.74%
Reception	96.98%
Year 1	96.28%
Year 2	94.87%
Year 3	95.85%
Year 4	95.35%
Year 5	96.06%
Year 6	96.49%

Water Bottles & Snacks

We encourage all children to bring a clean water bottle to school each day. Fruit is available in school for our EYFS and KS1 children. We encourage children in KS2 to bring a **healthy snack** for break time, which can be either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.

Medicines

Please note that only medication prescribed 4 times a day can be administered at school. All medication must be signed in and out by an adult at the school office. Thank you.

School Uniform Reminder

Our school uniform is a black skirt/pinafore or trousers, white polo top, red cardigan or jumper, red, black or white socks/tights and black shoes. Children also need an indoor and outdoor PE kit and trainers. Hair accessories need to be neutral or red, black or white. We ask that nail varnish is kept for special occasions. Earrings must be stud earrings for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Car Park and Parking

The school car park is for **staff only**. For health and safety and safeguarding reasons parents and carers are not permitted to use the car park unless it is for Newts within the designated times unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please drive slowly and take extra care if you are dropping off/picking up in a vehicle near school. Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off and picking up in a vehicle and do not block driveways. Please do not use the garage opposite school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Phone calls to school

The school office can take calls from 8:30 to 3:30pm. From 3:30pm, please use the answerphone to leave a message.

Parent Code of Conduct

This policy has been sent out for all parents/carers. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary 2019/2020

- **Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (dress as your favourite book character)**
- INSET DAYS: Monday 2nd September, Friday 29th November, Monday 6th January, Thursday 7th May (Polling Day), Monday 20th July.

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.

Useful Numbers and Websites:

116 123 Samaritans
0808 800 5000 NCPCC
0800 111 Childline



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

E-Safety: Deepfakes showing up on TikTok

You will be probably aware of the growing popularity of TikTok, add deepfakes into the mix and things are starting to become more concerning. It's likely that children and young people are using TikTok just for a bit of fun, but growing fake information in the form of manipulated videos gives rise to the growing concern of fake news/information.

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.

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.



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.