



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulations to our Stars of the week</u>	
Nursery	Ronnie
Reception	Makayla
Year 1	Jessica
Year 2	
Year 3	Ronalds
Year 4	Bostan
Year 5	Dylan
Year 6	Jack M
Headteacher's Award	Corey (Y1) Adam (Y2) Hope (Y5)

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning about exclamation marks in writing. We've also started to find out how to use a simple spreadsheet during computing. The children have been able to select a row, column, and cell on the computer.

Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been learning to tell the time in Maths and solve time problems. On Thursday we had a visit from a YCB coach who gave us an All Stars Cricket taster session. It was so much fun. Our topic this term is Australia - we have enjoyed discovering new facts about the country and the creatures that live there.

EYFS

Nursery:

This half term our new topic is Animals. We have started to talk about pets and look at all the different ones we know about and learn about some new ones too.

Reception:

To start our topic we have been looking at planting and growing Dwarf Beans.

We have learnt about what plants need to survive and will continue to look after them and measure how much they grow during the rest of the half term.

I would also like to thank parents for supporting their children with their amazing growing projects. The children are enjoying sharing them with the rest of the class.



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Year 3

In Year 3 this week, we have had great fun reading our new class book 'Stone Age Boy'. We have acted out various scenes from the story, and we have spent time considering how life in the Stone Age was different to

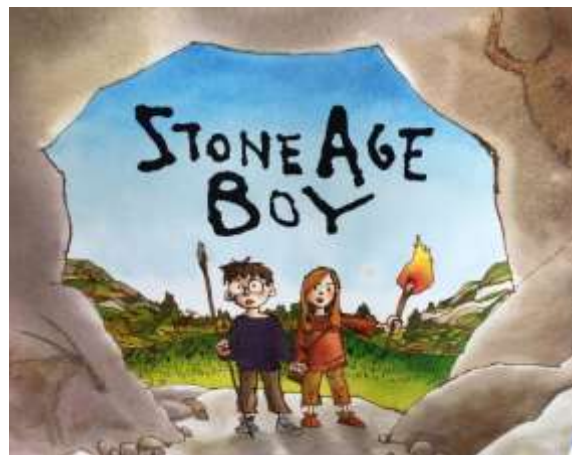


Year 5

This week we have been learning about the effects that global warming is having on our planet. As a class, we have discussed ways in which we can look after the environment and preserve animal habitats.

Year 4

This week Year 4, we have started to our new topic about Stone Age. We have also been learning about decimals in maths. In English, we have been learning about play scripts.



Year 6

This week year 6 have been continuing to read the book 'Wonder' and using Drama to help explore the themes and precepts in the book. We have also been looking at sentence structure in our writing as we prepare to create our own stories to show shock and panic.



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 is a really good website which questions children on what they should do when they are using social networking sites (it's also a game).

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Nursery Provision:

The Local Authority are 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 very soon. 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!



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!

Our next meeting is Monday 29th April.



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%	
<u>Unfortunately, our whole school attendance figure is now below 96%. We need you help to improve our attendance.</u>	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.62%
Whole School 2018/2019	95.76%
Nursery	93.75%
Reception	94.24%
Year 1	96.41%
Year 2	94.78%
Year 3	95.38%
Year 4	96.28%
Year 5	97.49%
Year 6	95.56%

Attendance	Days Missed Over a Year
100%	0
95%	10
90%	20
85%	30
80%	40

If your attendance is under 95%, you are missing at least two weeks of learning time a year.

If your attendance is at 90%, you are missing four weeks of learning time.



Dates for your diary

- 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 online. You will need to register online to access the survey. Instructions are provided on the website. Thank you for your continued support.

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.