



## Newton Hill News

### Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Harry
Reception	Skyela
Year 1	Benjamin
Year 2	Maddison
Year 3	Rowan
Year 4	Ronalds
Year 5	Sniece
Year 6	Zara
Headteacher's Award	Jacob (Y4)

### EYFS

#### Nursery:

This week the children have been looking at their family photos to help them notice key features about themselves e.g. hair and eye colour. The children have been using these observations to look at similarities and differences between themselves and others and to also help them when painting their self-portraits

#### Reception:

This week we have been playing a range of games to help us practise our letters and sounds! We really like the fishing game! We have also been naming 2D shapes and recognising shapes in our classroom environment.

### Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have looked at and compared different aerial views of the local area. The children identified different landmarks and discussed what they could see in both photographs.



### Year 2

This week, Year 2 have continued to learn our new song 'Hands, Feet and Heart' which was written for children to celebrate and learn about South African music. We have also continued learning about hot climates, focusing on Kenya and African animals.



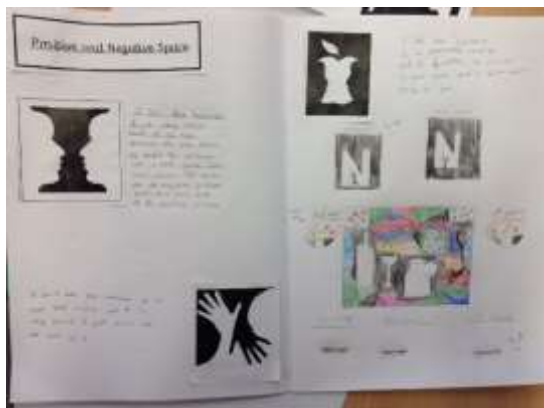
### Bikes/Scooters

For the safety of all children and adults may we remind everyone that you must not ride your bike or scooter in the school playground.

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## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been learning about positive and negative space in our art lesson. We gathered our inspiration by looking at images and annotating them in our sketch pads to say what we liked and disliked about them. We then tried to recreate our own and chose which our best attempt was.



## Year 4

This week Year 4 completed their science investigation. We put eggs into four different drinks to test the effect that different drinks have on our teeth.

In art we have been practising sketching faces in proportion. Here are some of our amazing first and second attempts.



## Year 5

Year 5 tested their parachutes to see if air resistance would slow their descent. Each group was given their own egg to protect! Some survived, some did not....

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been completing their oil pastel art work to depict Mayan Sun Gods. They have tried to use contrasting and harmonious colours to help show the beliefs around night and day, and good and evil.

## Harvest Assemblies

We would like to invite you to our Harvest assemblies, which will be on  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 9:10-9:30 for EYFS/KS1**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9:10-9:30 for KS2.**



We ask that a maximum of two adults attends for each child due to our limited hall capacity. If you would like to make a donation of food, we will be donating to St Catherine's Church to help feed local people in crisis. Any items from the list would be appreciated: powdered milk, sugar, soup, pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, cereals, rice pudding, tea bags, instant coffee, rice, pasta, tinned meat/fish/fruit or vegetables. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Friends of the School will be serving refreshments for donations to school funds.

## 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. 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	95.89%
Nursery	95.17%
Reception	96.38%
Year 1	96.61%
Year 2	94.13%
Year 3	96.97%
Year 4	95.51%
Year 5	95.36%
Year 6	96.57%

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.**



## E-Safety Gaming - information for parents and carers

ThinkUKnow (CEOP) have written a pretty comprehensive article for parents and carers regarding gaming including chatting, risks, tips etc. You can view the full article here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming>

### Dates for your diary 2019/2020

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9:00-10:00 **Reception** Parent Workshop
- Parent consultations: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (see earlier letter)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 9:10-9:30 Harvest Assembly for EYFS/KS1
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9:10-9:30 Harvest Assembly for KS2.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October Halloween Disco (more details to follow)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:00-10:00 **Year 1** Parent Workshop (more details to follow)
- **INSET DAYS:**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Polling Day)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be an INSET day. In July 2020, the last day of term will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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](http://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.



### 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](mailto: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.*