



Newton Hill News



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	
Reception	Aaron
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Reilly
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	
Headteacher's Award	Everyone in Year 1! Jayden (Y6)

EYFS

Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have been using our creative skills to produce a very special piece of work.

Reception:

This week the children have really impressed Mrs Greaux by writing the story of the Enormous Turnip. After visiting the allotments, children have been creating soup in the playdough area and writing recipes independently in preparation for our baking session next

Year 1

In Year 1 this week the children have put a tremendous amount of effort into completing their phonic screening tasks and the whole class have made Mr Paine very proud. Well done everyone!



Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been reading and enjoying the story of Paddington. We then wrote our own story endings using description and conjunctions to create exciting pieces of work. We even read some of them aloud to the class as we were so proud of our work.



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Year 3

This week, Year 3 have had lots of fun writing introductions to their adventure stories. The children have been using their imaginations to create amazing settings in which their story can take place!

Year 4

This week we have been learning about Stone Age homes and how they changed over time. We have also been testing our fitness in PE to see how much we have improved our balancing, jumping and sprinting skills over the last half term.



Year 5

This week a mystical object with a range of powers has been discovered and Year 5 have been acting as news reporters on the scene! In maths, we have used our conversion skills to solve real life problems.

Year 6

As well as continuing to rehearse for our production, Year 6 have been looking at technology through time this week. They have started to create pictures of a range of items using sketching skills in art.

Ofsted Update

Following our Ofsted visit in May, we are delighted to share with you that Newton Hill Community School is a **'Good'** school in all areas. We are very proud of our school and the report is testament to the hard work and dedication of our children, staff, parents and governors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support for Newton Hill Community School. The full report is available to view on our school website. If you would like a paper copy, please call in at the school office.

Newton Hill Community School

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Inspection dates

9–10 May 2019

Overall effectiveness

Good

Effectiveness of leadership and management

Good

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

Good

Personal development, behaviour and welfare

Good

Outcomes for pupils

Good

Early years provision

Good

E-Safety

As you may be aware screen time is a big topic at the moment and here is a useful link to some helpful advice. On the website, there is a document that tells you about the effects on your child or children.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>



Sports Update

We have been successful in our application for funding from The National Lottery Community Fund. The funding will be used to develop active lifestyles at Newton Hill.

Sports Day Information: Venue: Thornes Park

We hope you will be able to join us. There is ample parking. Please feel free to bring your own gazebos and picnics.

Reading Books

We are currently reviewing our home-school reading books and systems. We have already purchased some new resources but we seem to be missing quite a few reading books. Please could you have a look at home for any school reading books that you may have and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you!



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 Fair, Christmas Fayre, non-uniform days etc. Mr Paine is the staff representative who meets with FOTS each month.

Our next meeting is the 10th June at 3:30pm after school and we hope you will be able to join us. Children can come along too and there will be some activities available to keep everyone entertained.

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

Next event: Summer Fair Tuesday 25th June at 3:30pm

**FOTS of the school would greatly appreciate any help parents/carers who can help with setting up the summer fair or being on a stall. Please call in at the office if you would like to offer your time and support on Tuesday 25th June.
Thank you.**

Matched Funding:

Matched funding could raise thousands of pounds for our school. It's offered by a number of companies such as banks and building societies to staff who volunteer to raise funds for a registered charity. Please could you check with your HR department at work? We can help facilitate the process and make it easy; by completing forms and providing appropriate evidence. Companies such as Barclays allow funds to be matched up to £750 which can then make a huge difference to the funds we are able to spend on the children at Newton Hill Community School. Do you know if who you work for can help?

Some examples of companies known to offer matched funding to employees are: Abbey, Alliance & Leicester, American Express, AXA, BAA, Bank of England, Barclays, BOC Group, Boots, BP, British Gas, Cable & Wireless, Carlsberg Tetley, Citibank, Co-operative Bank, Cornhill Insurance, DHL, Dixons, Ernst & Young, Experian, Ford, GlaxoSmithKline, Goldman Sachs, HBOS, IBM, JPMorgan & Co, Kelloggs, KPMG, Lloyds TSB, M&S, Microsoft, N Power, National Grid, Norwich Union, O2, Pfizer, PWC, RBS Group, Reuters, Royal London, Sainsburys, Siemens, Sky Broadcasting, Tesco, Thames Water, UBS, Unilever, United Utilities, Vodafone, W H Smith, Woolwich, Yorkshire Bank and there are plenty of others so please ask your HR department. Thank you!



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MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

Expansion Update

We are still waiting for the completion of the new building – both inside and outside. I will keep you updated with any further developments. We will open the two additional entrances and exits as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

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 2018/2019	95.63%
Reception to Year 6	95.82%
Year 1 to Year 6	
Nursery	92.78%
Reception	93.99 %
Year 1	96.24%
Year 2	94.78%
Year 3	95.54%
Year 4	95.79%
Year 5	96.95%
Year 6	95.79 %

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

- Tuesday 18th June : Year 2 parent workshop at 9:10am
- Wednesday 19th June: Aspirations Day
- Monday 24th June 4:00pm New starters meeting for parents (children new to Reception)
- Tuesday 25th June: Summer Fair at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 3rd to 5th July: Year 6 Residential to Robin Wood
- 1st July – 12th July: Fitness Fortnight
- Reception and KS1 Sports Day 10th July to start at 1pm and finish approximately 2:30pm.
- KS2 Sports Day 11th July to start at 1pm and finish approximately 2:30pm.
- Nursery sports day will be at school – date to follow.
- Week beginning 15th July: Transition week for all children
- Week beginning 15th July: End of year reports will be sent home
- Tuesday 16th July at 2pm and Wednesday 17th July at 6pm: Year 5 & 6 end of year production
- Tuesday 23rd July 9:15: Year 6 leavers' assembly (Year 6 parents/carers)
- Tuesday 23rd July: Break up for summer

Parent Workshop:

We would like to invite our **Year 2 parents/carers** to a workshop on Tuesday 18th June at 9:10-10:30am. The theme of the workshop will be linked to the Year 2 topic 'Australia'. We will need you help to create our own aboriginal artwork. Please bring an apron!

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.