



Newton Hill News

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Matiss
Reception	Sarah
Year 1	Amela
Year 2	Nathaniel
Year 3	Connor
Year 4	Olaf
Year 5	Jack
Year 6	Lucy
Headteacher's Award	Heidi (Y3) Imogen (Y4)

EYES

Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We even went on our very own bear hunt in the school nature garden! The children had a great time squelching in the mud and enjoyed finding their own little bears.

Reception:

This week, Reception have been learning their number bonds to 10. We have been using cubes and Numicon to show our number bonds in a part-whole model. We have also had fun learning a song called "I Know My Number Bonds".

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about mental health and have discussed what makes us fantastic. The children have created some work that celebrates their individuality.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about how materials can change shape. We have looked at a variety of everyday objects and have tested them to see if we can bend, stretch, twist and/or squash them.



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Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been learning about why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. The children then recorded down the facts they had learnt. In our Writing lessons we have been retelling the story of Stone Age Boy using prepositions, adverbials and dialogue.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have continued their Science work on how sound is made and how it travels. We experimented with wind, string and percussion instruments to see how they made sound and how we can alter the pitch in them. We have been learning about how sound travels through our ear and will be writing an explanation text about this next week.



Year 5

This week we have looked at wealth and whether money really does make the world go round. Using a budget, the children were then tasked with creating and mapping out their own state of the art location to rival the likes of Dubai, Hong Kong and New York. They had to think carefully about the costs and the location of the special features they included.

Year 6

This week Year 6 began to put the finishing touches to their Greek pots. They carefully mixed colours and designed patterns to give them an authentic look. We look forward to seeing the finishing pots next week.

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	95.87%
Nursery	94.90%
Reception	96.91%
Year 1	96.02%
Year 2	94.08%
Year 3	95.63%
Year 4	95.48%
Year 5	95.88%
Year 6	96.76%

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. Also, just a reminder to be considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off and picking up in a vehicle. 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

- Tuesday 11th February – Internet Safety Day
- We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year this half term.
- Thursday 13th February – Valentine's Disco
- Friday 14th February – Interim reports for Y1 to Y6. EYFS information to follow from the EYFS team.
- Friday 14th February – break up for half term. School starts back on Monday 24th February.
- 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

On Tuesday 11th February, it is Internet Safety Day and we are valuing the importance of good e-safety.

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.