



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulation to our Stars of the Week</u>	
Nursery	Ruby
Reception	Alex
Year 1	Scarlett
Year 2	Heidi
Year 3	Daniel
Year 4	Oscar
Year 5	Layla
Year 6	Jack S
Headteacher's Award	Lena Moni Ava Olaf Faith For their super competition entries for 'Show Racism the Red Card'

EYFS

Nursery:

This week Nursery children have brought in lots of things from home to link to our sound and number of the week. Children are really enjoying sharing their learning with each other.

Reception: We would just like to thank everyone for attending our open morning. It was great to see the children engrossed in their learning and know that it was a very special day for them. We have produced some absolutely amazing pirate ships!

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning how to play a piece of music using the Glockenspiels. The children have learnt how to hold the beater and to produce a note. In Geography, the children have been finding out which countries make the United Kingdom.



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been describing a setting. We have been learning about London and the key landmarks. We have been thinking of adjectives to describe Tower Bridge, Big Ben and the London Eye.



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Year 3

In Science, we are learning about plants. We are carrying out an experiment to investigate whether runner beans will grow differently in different conditions.



Year 4

This week we have started to paint our Canopic jars that we made last week during our Parent Workshop. We have looked at a number of designs and have given the jars their first coat of paint. We can't wait to show you them once they are finished!



Year 5

Year 5 have been using persuasive writing features to request a three day weekend! We have also been learning how to convert fractions, decimals and percentages.

Year 6

This week year 6 took part in a hockey tournament at St Johns School. Despite not winning, the class showed outstanding teamwork to keep trying and continued to encourage each other right until the end. Their sporting attitude and team spirit made us extremely proud of each and every one of them. Well done year 6!

Parent/Carer Feedback

We would like to share with you the analysis from our latest parent/carers survey (72 parents completed the survey). Thank you to everyone who completed the survey we are overwhelmed by your support for Newton Hill. Your feedback is extremely important to us and we will endeavour to act on your feedback to continue to improve.

- 100% of parents/carers felt that their child was happy at school, their child felt safe and that their child was well looked after.
- 97% of parents felt that their child was making good progress and was taught well.
- 94% felt that children behaved well.
- 93% felt that the school was well led and managed.
- 90% commented that they were happy with information received on progress.
- With regards to bullying- 31% parents/carers could not comment as they have not had any issues and 65% agreed that the school deals with any issues well.
- 83% of parents felt that homework was appropriate.
- 99% of parents would recommend our school.

As Ofsted are due to visit our school we would like to encourage you to visit parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to complete the survey online. You will need to register online to access the survey. Instructions are provided on the website. Thank you for your continued support.

Celebrating World Book Day

Congratulations to our competition winners:

Ruby, Layla Jae, Evie, Leighton, Daniel, Zeenie, Dylan and Moni!



School Expansion Update:

As we move into the second half of the term the new school block is nearing completion, the main structural elements are now complete and the internal finishes, external works and landscaping are progressing well. Completion of the works is expected **after** the Easter Holidays.

The scheme has had significant challenges dealing with redundant mine workings below the site, which had to be addressed before works progressed on site – the new extension will be a valuable addition to the school providing the Local Authority with additional capacity to meet the pupil places within the catchment through new teaching and support spaces. The new block will comprise of six new classrooms, a baking resource room, a library area, a staffroom and new toilet facilities. The outside area will continue to be developed and it will eventually provide two playing fields. Once this is complete, the additional gates for accessing school will be open again. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.



Nursery Provision:

I am delighted to tell you that our Nursery classroom is being refurbished. It is anticipated that our nursery children will be able to return to the main school shortly after the Easter holidays. Thank you for your patience.



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 holding an Easter egg decorating competition, which all children are welcome to enter. A letter with more information will follow.

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st April. 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!

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 are currently meeting our school's target of 96% and 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%	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.48%
Whole School 2018/2019	96.06%
Nursery	94.05%
Reception	94.92%
Year 1	96.05%
Year 2	95.47%
Year 3	95.59%
Year 4	96.76%
Year 5	97.60%
Year 6	95.94%

Dates for your diary

- Friday 22nd March – Miss Brook, Miss Hargreaves and the school council would like to remind you about our Barnardo's coffee afternoon for parents 2:30-3:30pm.
- Thursday 4th April – Year 3 & 4 Spring Performance. There will be two showings: 9:15am and 2:15pm (more information will follow).
- Monday 1st April – FOTS meeting at 3:30pm
- 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.
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Parent Workshops: Further dates will follow for parent workshops.

Safety & Parking: Polite reminder:

Please take care when dropping off and picking up. We have had reports of parents mounting the kerb, which is extremely dangerous to pedestrians. Please be considerate to residents when dropping off and picking up, do not park across driveways. Thank you.

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.