



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulation to our Stars of the Week</u>	
Nursery	Jack
Reception	Lilliana-May
Year 1	Zachary
Year 2	Jamie
Year 3	Florette
Year 4	Lukasz
Year 5	Kyza
Year 6	Sophia
Headteacher's Award	Lola-Mae (R) Kevin (R) Ena (R) Olivers (R) Benjamin (R) Joshua (Y1) Abigail (Y6)

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Nursey:

This week in Nursery we have been learning how to travel in different ways. We have also been learning how to balance. We have had fun completing our obstacle course.

Reception:

This week in Reception we have been learning about ways in which we stay healthy. We have made our own pirate sword fruit kebabs.

Year 1

We've read the book Diary of a Worm and started to write our own story based on the book. In our topic, we have been learning about how the Great Fire of London started and why the fire



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been beginning to write our chronological report about the Great Fire of London.

Year 3

This week we had a fantastic research lesson about Ancient Egypt. The children independently used a globe, laptops and non-fiction books to find out information about how the Egyptians lived!

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Year 4

This week Year 4 created their own papyrus paper as part of our topic about Ancient Egypt. We then painted our names in hieroglyphs on the papyrus paper making sure we chose the colours carefully based on Ancient Egyptian beliefs.



Year 5

This week Year 5 created their own models to demonstrate why we have day and night. The children could choose to use any resources they wanted to demonstrate their learning.



Year 6

This week year 6 have been using spinning colour wheels in science to investigate how we see colours and why colours sometimes appear different. We have also been discussing if footballers are paid too much and if nurses should be paid more, focusing on our presentation skills when speaking in front of an audience.

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.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2017/2018	95.62%
Whole School 2018/2019	96.32%
Nursery	95.24 %
Reception	95.32 %
Year 1	96.21%
Year 2	95.86 %
Year 3	96.03 %
Year 4	96.96 %
Year 5	97.72 %
Year 6	96.04 %

If you need any support, Miss Hargreaves our learning mentor will be happy to help.
Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

- Starting on Tuesday 22nd January there will be a Parent/Family workshop hosted by Wakefield Council running for 3 weeks on Tuesdays. Please contact Miss Hargreaves if you would like to book a place or for more information.
- Wednesday 30th January 9:00am – Year 1 parents are invited to a class workshop (see below)
- Wednesday 30th January – Year 3 and Year 4 visit to Leeds Museum as part of their topic 'Tomb Raiders'
- Week beginning 4th February - Whole school 'Well-Being Week'
- Week beginning 11th February - Whole school celebration for Chinese New Year
- Friday 15th February - school closes for half term. School reopens on Monday 25th February.

Parent Workshops

Over the next 2 terms, we will be inviting parents and carers of all year groups to class workshops where you can work with your child/children in school. Workshops will replace class assemblies.

We would like to invite Year 1 parents to our first workshop on **Wednesday 30th January at 9:00am**. We would love you to join your children in Year 1 to bake bread as part of their topic 'The Great Fire of London'.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who returned the parent/carers survey, we really appreciate your feedback. The results of the feedback will be analysed and we will inform you of these later this half term. As always, if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.