



Newton Hill News

<u>Congratulation to our Stars of the Week</u>	
Nursery	Skyela
Reception	utjina
Year 1	Maddison
Year 2	Macurley
Year 3	Rhys
Year 4	Sanaa
Year 5	Zara
Year 6	Trinity
Headteacher's Award	All of Year 3 and All of Year 4 – a super effort making your Canopic jars!!

EYFS

Nursery:

In Nursery we have had a visit from the police. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting them, exploring the police van and dressing up.

Reception:

We have had an exciting week celebrating pancake day. We enjoyed reading the recipe, following the instructions to make pancakes and then having a go at writing our own recipes independently.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been discussing the reasons why London was built differently after The Great Fire of London. In maths, we have been finding one more or less. In P.E we have started to apply the ball skills we have been learning to team games.



Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about money. In English we have been learning about different punctuation. We have been writing our own poems.



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A big thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday for the Year 3 and Year 4 workshop. We had a very enjoyable (and messy) session creating Canopic jars. We were overwhelmed by your support and really enjoyed working with you. Thank you for your commitment to Newton Hill.

Year 3

Last week in Art, we used clay to make Egyptian Cartouches. The children have been very arty recently - they also thoroughly enjoyed making Canopic Jars with mod-roc at our open morning!



Year 4

This week we have been learning to classify animals based on their similarities and differences. We have also designed and made Canopic jars which we can't wait to paint!

Year 5

Year 5 have been learning how to order and compare decimal numbers with up to three decimal places. This week we also started to learn our new samba routine linked to the countries we have focused on in our topic of slavery.

Year 6

This week, year 6 have been looking at adaptation in science and learning about how animals survive in their environments. We have been using our knowledge to try and work out whether animals could survive in a different environment - for example, could a polar bear survive in the desert?



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 before 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.

Twitter Launch:

We are very excited this week to launch our Twitter page! Please follow us @Newton_Hill_Sch



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.

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	95.39%
Whole School 2018/2019	96.07%
Nursery	93.91%
Reception	94.98%
Year 1	95.92%
Year 2	95.51%
Year 3	95.63%
Year 4	96.93%
Year 5	97.57%
Year 6	95.84%

Dates for your diary

- Show Racism the Red Card – Art Competition (see previous letter). Entries to be at school by Monday 11th March
- Wednesday 13th March – Parent workshop for children in Reception at 9:00am (see below)
- Wednesday 13th March until Friday 15th March – Book Fayre Week
- Friday 15th March -Red Nose Day. Children can wear non-uniform on this day with donations for comic relief.
- Friday 15th March – FOTS School disco. 3:15-4:15 for EYFS/KS1 and 4:30-5:30 for KS2 (see earlier letter for further information)
- Thursday 4th April – Year 3 & 4 Spring Performance. There will be two showings: 9:15am and 2:15pm (more information will follow).
- 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

We would like to invite our Reception parents/carers to a workshop on **Wednesday 13th March** at 9:00am. At the workshop, the children will need your help to make a model pirate ship using junk and recyclable materials. Invitations will follow from Mrs Greaux. Please start to save and send to school any boxes, tubs, bottles, yogurt pots etc. that we could use to build our ships. Thank you in advance.

Feedback regarding Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey regarding our sports day at Thornes Park. Feedback

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.