



Newton Hill News

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Isabella
Reception	Jack
Year 1	Penelope
Year 2	Joshua
Year 3	Jamie
Year 4	Ivan
Year 5	Esme
Year 6	Sophie
Headteacher's Award	Seth (Class R)

EYFS

Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have started to use our colour mixing skills to paint self-portraits. We have also been making special 'listening ears' to help us on our Letters & Sounds listening walk. They will hopefully help us to hear lots of exciting sounds in and around school.

Reception:

This week we had our photograph taken for the Wakefield Express! We have been matching numerals to quantities in maths. We have also started our phonics lessons, where we have been hearing initial sounds!

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about the seasons and different types of weather that occur during those months. The children discussed which clothes are most suitable for each of the different seasons.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been taking part in Sports Hall Athletics where we were throwing javelins, jumping over hurdles and practising our long jump. We have also been keeping a close eye on our sunflowers which we planted last week and some of them have started to grow. We have also been learning about hot and cold climates and why Earth has different temperatures.



Bikes/Scooters

For the safety of all children and adults may we remind everyone that you must not ride your bike or scooter in the school playground.



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Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been carrying out an investigation to find out which materials are the most reflective in Science. In History we have been learning further about what it would be like to be an evacuee in WW2. We then wrote postcards in the role of an evacuee to our parents to tell them how we were feeling.



Year 4

Following on from our Jorvik visit last week, Year 4 made their own Viking brooches and decorated them with intricate patterns and covered them in tin foil and finished with paper beads and gems. We also set up our science investigation to see what effect different drinks have on our teeth.



Year 5

Year 5 worked in groups to create model trenches out of salt dough, tea bags and just about anything else we could find! We are now waiting for our models to fully set before we add our final decorations.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to perfect their dance routine and have really enjoyed the challenge. They have also used art to help show a place they find special and how it makes them feel.

Thursday 3rd October: Census Day

Our school census day is Thursday 3rd October. The funding we receive is calculated on the data that the government receives, for example, the number of pupils on roll and how many children have a school meal.

On census day the menu will be one of the children's favourites 'pizza and pancakes' to celebrate the rugby world cup and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal on this day as this will bring much needed funding to our school. It is also a good opportunity for your child to sample a meal if they normally bring sandwiches. There will be prizes for everyone who has a school meal. If you would like a meal on this day please pay for your meal on parentpay. *(Free school meals and R/KS1 universal school meals are free so just order your meal).*

Thank you for your support!

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	95.86%
Nursery	94.70%
Reception	96.30%
Year 1	97.08%
Year 2	94.07%
Year 3	96.92%
Year 4	95.16%
Year 5	95.56%
Year 6	96.25%

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.



E-Safety- BBC OwnIt - digital wellbeing app

The BBC have launched a new app for children called Own It. The app monitors how young people interact with others online and uses artificial intelligence to evaluate the mood of the child so it can offer advice. For example, if the child types 'you're really stupid' the app will alert the sender and ask if they really want to send. It does a lot more and definitely worth a look. For more information see here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49726844>

Dates for your diary

2019/2020

- Friday 4th October **Individual photographs**
- **Friends of the School:** The next meeting is on Monday 30th September at 3:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome.
- Tuesday 8th October 9:00-10:00 **Reception** Parent Workshop (more details to follow)
- Thursday 24th October Halloween Disco (more details to follow)
- Thursday 14th November 9:00-10:00 **Year 1** Parent Workshop (more details to follow)
- Thursday 7th May INSET day (Polling Day)
- (Friday 8th May is May Bank Holiday)
- Monday 20th July will be an INSET day. In July 2020, the last day of term will be Friday 17th July. The final two INSET dates will follow which will be confirmed on next week's newsletter.

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.



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.