

Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is Week 1



It's been another fun week in school, with lots of hands on learning taking place.

Year 6 kicked things off on Tuesday with their thrilling Crime Day. Pupils arrived to the shocking news that their headteacher had been murdered! Working as young detectives, they spent the day interviewing suspects, examining clues and piecing together evidence to solve the mystery. The enthusiasm, collaboration and critical thinking on display were fantastic to see.

This term, we're also delighted to welcome Rotherham United Community Sports Trust, who will be working with our Year 5 children every Friday. Their sessions focus on developing key sporting skills as well as building teamwork, communication and confidence. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their first few sessions and are looking forward to the weeks ahead.

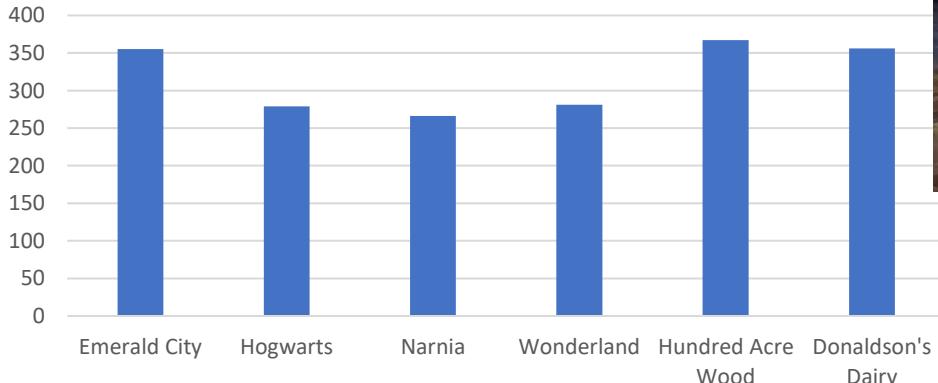
Across school, Science has been buzzing with hands-on investigation and discovery. Year 3 and 4 have been exploring the amount of sugar found in different drinks and investigating its potential impact on teeth using eggshells as a model. Their observations and discussions have been brilliant. Year 5 have been getting up close and personal with the natural world by dissecting a variety of flowers and examining their structures in detail.

It has been wonderful to see so much engagement and excitement in classrooms this week. Well done to all our pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Mrs Hewitt xx



House points



Well done to Hundred Acre Wood who are currently in the lead.



This week you should have received on your personal email...

Friday 30th Jan Dress up day- Celebrating Your Culture

Year 3 & 4 Magna Trip

Year 6 & Reception National Child Measurement Programme

Managing Emotions Workshop

100% Reading

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:

Class 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 12, 15, 17 & Class 18

This means that class 12 have now achieved 100% for 3 weeks in a row and so get to enjoy a special reading reward.

Well done to the following children who have earned the most coins this week:

1. Henry B, Year 4
2. James M, Year 4
3. George C, Year 4
4. Henry CS, Year 4



Spelling Frame Super Stars

Well done to the following children for earning the most points on Spelling Frame this week:

Year 3 – Vinnie D 7840

Year 4 – Theo M 3444

Year 5 – Victory O 6092

Year 6 – Divine O 23134

Well done!

Attendance

Congratulations to Class 8 and 10 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 8 and Class 10 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes on Friday.

Stars of the week		Class 10	Isla K
Class 2	Henry C	Class 11	Runa W
Class 3	Florence L	Class 12	Jude W
Class 4	Fern H	Class 13	Alex M
Class 5	Annie D	Class 14	Lylah R
Class 6	Noah S	Class 15	Harper C
Class 7	Layla W	Class 16	Finley R
Class 8	Rohan H	Class 17	Ayman K
Class 9	Oscar M	Class 18	

Dates going forward

WC 26 th January	Cultural Diversity and Faith Week – including dress up day on Friday (see information overleaf)
Wednesday 28 th January	Lockdown drill in both buildings
Monday 2 nd February	09:00 Year 5 Maths Workshop
Thursday 5 th February	09:00 Managing Emotions Workshop (see separate letter)
Monday 9 th February	09:00 Nursery Acorn Stay and Learn
Friday 13 th February	Children's last day in school Break the Rules Day
Monday 23 rd February	Children's first day back
Tuesday 24 th February	Reception Vets and Pets day
Thursday 26 th February	School Council meeting with Cllr Simon Currie re. road safety
Friday 27 th February	Wear something white day to raise money for learning community art project (more info to follow) Poetry Slam semi finals within school (see information overleaf)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – more info to follow



One World, One Performance

We are excited to announce our upcoming Poetry Slam Showcase, bringing together talented young performers from across our Trust's three primary schools: Anston Greenlands, Redscope and Thorpe Hesley. Over the next few weeks, children will be choosing poems which celebrate different cultures and putting together performances in class, with finalists chosen following special assemblies where they will get to perform to each other. The showcase event will take place on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at Wingfield Academy, where each winning poetry performance group will showcase their piece alongside pupils from our partner schools. We look forward to celebrating the creativity and confidence of our young performers—it's certain to be an evening full of inspiration and entertainment!

Cultural Faith and Diversity Week

Throughout next week, the children will have lots of exciting opportunities to learn about cultures from around the world. We will be exploring different music, languages, dances, food, and fashion, and celebrating the many wonderful cultures that make up our school community. This week is a fantastic chance for children to learn from one another, ask questions, and develop an appreciation for our similarities and differences. To finish off this amazing week, we will be holding a dress-up day on Friday. Children are warmly invited to come into school wearing an outfit that represents their culture. This could be traditional clothing, colours, or something meaningful to them and their family. We are also lucky enough to have the Winterhill Prefects come in their traditional outfits and sharing information about their cultures. We are really looking forward to celebrating diversity and creating special memories together.



Before the Christmas holidays, one of our fabulous Year 4 children raised money for Sheffield Children's Hospital by creating and selling gift boxes at some of our Christmas performances. This week, she visited Sheffield Children's Hospital to present her donation. They were so pleased with her donation, kindness and creativity – as are we!

She raised a fantastic £164.70 and this wouldn't have happened without your kind support. Thank you to all of our parents who bought her boxes to support this great cause.



A message from Mrs Watson, our new Wraparound Care Manager:

Hello,

My name is Laura Watson, and I wanted to introduce myself as your new Wraparound Care Manager. I've been part of the team here for the past eight years as a Wraparound Assistant, so some of you may already know me. I'm excited to continue working with families in this new role.

I'm looking forward to creating a fun, safe, and welcoming space before and after school for your children. My aim is that wraparound care feels like a place where the children can enjoy, relax, play, laugh and be themselves.

Our team is made up of fantastic, caring individuals. We have Mrs Taylor, Mrs Keating, Mrs Elliss and Mrs Taylor-Ward at breakfast club. At after school club, we have Mrs Park, Mr Durham, Miss Woolley and Miss Smith. I am there for all sessions if you ever have questions or need anything.

We will be doing a wide range of activities such as create and craft, outdoor activities when the weather is a little nicer, as well as free play, where the children can choose what they would like to do. We will also be doing activities and crafts linked to calendar events, like Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.

I look forward to continuing working with you and your family.
Mrs Watson



If you are interested in accessing our Wraparound Care, please contact the school office on 0114 2570153 or email thp-wraparoundcare@nclt.ac.uk