



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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The menu for next week is Week 3



What a fantastic week we've had in school!

Our Rocksteady Concert was a real highlight. It was wonderful to see our young musicians confidently rocking out on stage in front of their friends and families. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and growing musical talent made us all incredibly proud.

It's also been brilliant to see so many of our school clubs in full swing. Lunchtime has been buzzing with activities including choir, hockey, football, reading and Eco Champions, while after school we've enjoyed a range of activities including RUFC Multi-Skills and Ukulele Club. A huge thank you to all staff and pupils who take part so enthusiastically. We have several new clubs launching next term - so please keep an eye out for more information.

Today we celebrated Comic Relief. Children have enjoyed dressing in what makes them happy and have spent the day making each other laugh. We loved sharing some of our favourite jokes in assemblies in both buildings. Try asking your children to share some of the jokes they've learnt with you at home.

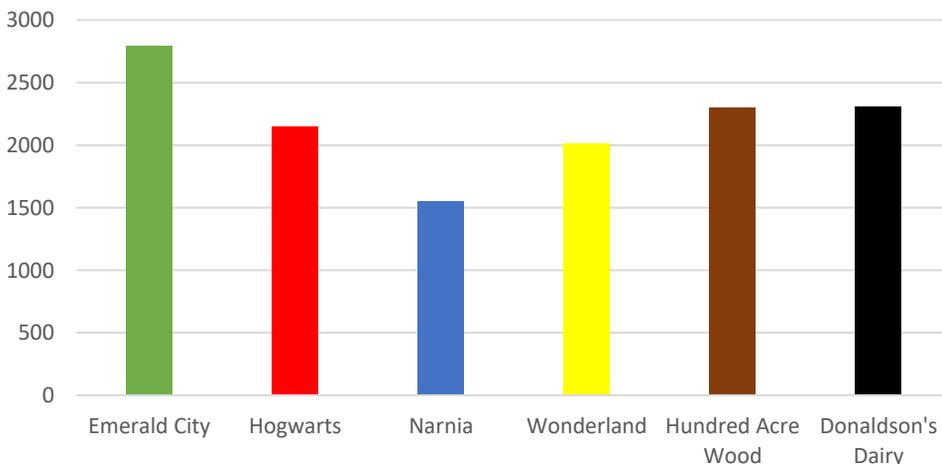
I'm really enjoying seeing children getting out using our beautiful new Community Courtyard and to see it evolving all the time. This week we've had some nature-themed brass rubbings installed which the children have enjoyed investigating.

Finally, we would like to wish a very happy Eid to all of our families and members of the community who are celebrating. We hope you have a joyful and peaceful time with loved ones.

Mrs Hewitt xx



House points



A HUGE well done to Emerald City who are this term's winners. Next Tuesday, they will be enjoying an afternoon off timetable taking part in an Easter egg hunt and Easter crafts.



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

1. Finley B, Year 4
2. Harrison J, Year 4
3. Theo W, Year 4
4. George C, Year 4
5. Theo M, Year 4



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

Easter Service & Easter Bonnets

Yr 1 -6 local walks

Afterschool board games club – Yr 1 & Yr2

Yr 3/ 4 Jamaica Event

100% Reading

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:
Classes, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18

This means that every single child in the infant building has read at home at least 3 x per this week!!!! We celebrated in style in assembly this morning with happy music and confetti cannons! Well done everyone!! Let's see if both buildings can achieve 100% next week! I am stocking up on new confetti cannons just in case!



Spelling Frame Super Stars

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

- Year 3 – Olivia W 4629
- Year 4 – Oscar A 2296
- Year 5 – Victory O 2084
- Year 6 – Amelia T 62090

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	Caleb S
		Class 11	Louie S
		Class 12	Holly B
Class 2	Sophie C	Class 13	Phoebe H
Class 3	Genevieve W	Class 14	Ashton H
Class 4	Peyton L	Class 15	Ezra R
Class 5	Freddie C	Class 16	Maisie C
Class 6	River S	Class 17	Millie P
Class 7	Tianna A	Class 18	Liv S
Class 8	Freddie G		
Class 9	Rowan F		

Dates going forward

Monday 23 rd March	p.m. Transition workshop for Year 6 children in school
Tuesday 24 th March	Easter Gift Services at Church: 9:30 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 10:15 Year 3 and Year 4 11:00 Year 5 and Year 6 9:00 Nest Easter Craft Session House Points Reward afternoon in school 17:00 One World, One Performance Poetry event at Wingfield
Wednesday 25 th March	Class photographs 14:15 – 14:50 Year 3/4 Jammin' in Jamaica drop-in for parents
Friday 27 th March	Children's last day in school
Monday 13 th April	Back to school Start of whole school 'Curious Grounds – Thorpe Hesley and Beyond' project p.m. Classes 5, 6, 17 and 18 local walks
Tuesday 14 th April	9am Year 6 English Stay and Learn p.m. Classes 7, 8 and 9 local walks Year 4 swimming sessions begin



Get your children on Numbots!

NumBots is an online game-based learning platform designed to help children (primarily EYFS and Key Stage 1 but all children in all year groups can access it) build fluency in mental maths, specifically addition and subtraction. It aids understanding and recall of number facts, helping students transition from finger counting to mental calculation through, engaging, interactive robot-themed, and self-paced levels. Your child's reading record should have their log in details (TTRS and Numbots are the same login)



For one week only, starting Friday 20th March- Friday 27th March, Year 4 pupils across our Trust (Thorpe Hesley, Anston Greenlands and Redscope) will be competing in a TTRockstars Battle against the Maltby Learning Trust. This is a battle we are determined to win! So please support your child in playing at home (whilst also getting in some practise for the MTC) Good Luck Year 4- we believe in you!



Healthy Packed Lunch Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting children's health and wellbeing, we would like to gently remind parents of our healthy packed lunch guidelines. Eating well at lunchtime helps children stay energised, focused and ready to learn throughout the school day.

A healthy packed lunch should include:

- **A starchy base**, such as bread, wraps, pitta, pasta, rice or couscous. Wholegrain options are encouraged as they provide important fibre and vitamins.
- **A source of protein**, for example lean meat, fish, eggs, beans, pulses, tofu or cheese. Please note that meat products such as sausage rolls or pies should be included only occasionally.
- **Fruit and vegetables**, using fresh, frozen, dried or tinned options. Aim to include at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables or salad each day. Finger foods such as cherry tomatoes or cucumber sticks make great additions.
- **A dairy item**, such as yoghurt, fromage frais or cheese, to provide calcium for strong bones and teeth. Lower-fat varieties are recommended.
- **A healthy drink**, limited to water, milk or fruit juice (not fizzy drinks). Water is freely available throughout the day in school.

We kindly ask that packed lunches do not contain: chocolate, sweets, pastries, salted snacks or fizzy drinks. Healthier alternatives such as fruit bread, malt loaf, dried fruit or rice cakes are encouraged.

Please also remember that **we are a nut-free school**, so no nut products should be included in lunchboxes.

Thank you for working with us to promote healthy eating habits and helping to ensure that every child has the energy they need to learn, play and thrive.



Curious Grounds – Thorpe Hesley and Beyond

To kick off our Summer Term, all children from the Nest through to Year 6 will be taking part in an exciting whole school project called "Curious Grounds – Thorpe Hesley and Beyond." This project is all about exploring our local area and developing children's curiosity about the world around them.

Each class will be visiting a special local location, using maps to navigate and completing a set of Science challenges during their visit. Children will also take a photograph of their location, which will become the starting point for a piece of artwork they will create back in school.

Throughout the fortnight, children will take part in a range of activities linked to Science, art and outdoor learning. Every child's artwork will be included in a special online gallery, and four pieces from each class will be selected for display either around school or as part of a Rotherham wide art exhibition.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children's discoveries, photographs and creativity as they explore Thorpe Hesley and beyond.