



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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Next week's menu is week 2



We've had a fabulous start to our Summer Term with our whole school Curious Ground project. Each class arrived on Monday to a special envelope with a letter introducing the project, a set of science challenges and a map and clues to their secret location. Throughout the week, children have been visiting their special locations around our school grounds or further afield in the local area. Whilst there, they have enjoyed completing their science challenges and have all taken a photograph which will form the basis of their art work throughout the fortnight. At the end of the fortnight, each child will have a piece of their artwork displayed in a special online gallery, with some pieces from each class also being selected to be displayed in a Rotherham-wide art exhibition. Watch this space!

As part of our Curious Grounds project, our Year 3 and 4 pupils and some Year 5 pupils have taken part in some art workshops led by professional local artists Jason Thomson and Gemma Woffinden. As well as leading metal sculpture sessions with our Year 3s and 4s, Jason gathered ideas from the children for our joint learning community sculpture project. We can't wait to see what Jason develops from these ideas.

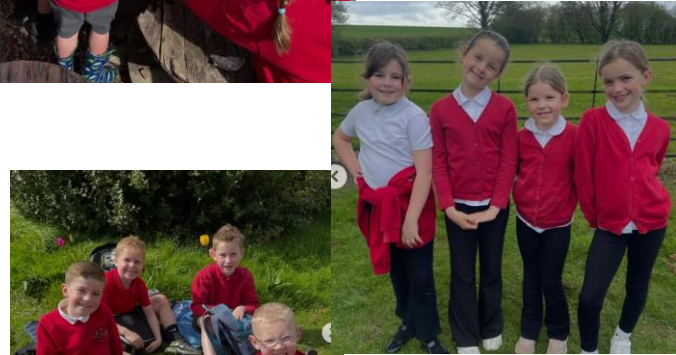
It has also been wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week. Our Year 6 English Stay and Learn session on Tuesday was extremely well attended and we hope you found the session enjoyable and useful. Thank you for your continued support. On Wednesday afternoon, it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in school for our book look. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with you and we hope you valued the opportunity to explore and celebrate their learning journeys together.

Year 4 pupils have begun their swimming sessions this week. They really impressed us with their enthusiasm and confidence. Our after-school outdoor Hedgehog Club also launched this week for our infant children. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying learning and play outdoors.

A big thank you for your support with reading at home. We have had confetti cannons in our Junior assembly this afternoon to celebrate 100% of children in the junior building reading at home this week! Woohoo!

Finally, our KS2 footballers have represented school today in the next stage of the RUFC Half Time Cup. We are incredibly proud of them and can't wait to hear how they've got on.

Mrs Hewitt xx





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

1. Henry B, Year 4
2. George C, Year 4
3. Laken S, Year 4
4. Isaak B, Year 4
5. Harry L, Year 5



Well done to Wonderland who have an early lead! This term's winners will get a full afternoon of outdoor games and fun!

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

Job Vacancy -SMSA

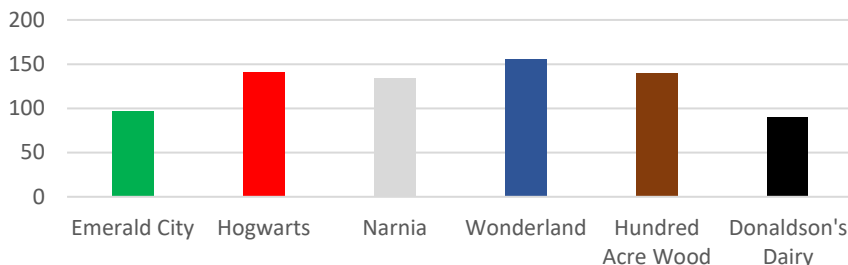


100% Reading

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:
2,3,4,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17 & 18

This means that these classes 13 & 14 have now achieved 100% for 3 weeks in a row and so get to enjoy a special reading reward.

House points



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 8 and 17 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 8 and Class 17 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes on Friday.

Stars of the week		Class 10	Alex N
		Class 11	Lily H
		Class 12	Connie C
Class 2	Alessia M	Class 13	Eunice T
Class 3	Seth S	Class 14	Theo M
Class 4	Rowan S	Class 15	Alfie B
Class 5	Ava Mae S	Class 16	Gracie L
Class 6	Finlay A	Class 17	Brody G
Class 7	Grace A	Class 18	Darcey D
Class 8	Ayla S c		
Class 9	Nellie R		

Dates going forward

Tuesday 21 st April	The Nest, Class 1 Willow , Class 2 parent consultations
Wednesday 22 nd April	Parent consultations for Class 1 Oak and Reception (excluding Class 2) to Year 6
Thursday 23 rd April	The Nest and Class 1 Acorn parent consultations
Friday 24 th April	14:30 Year 1 and 2 Stay and Learn
Monday 27 th April	15:30 School viewing for prospective parents
Tuesday 28 th April	14:30 Class 3 Stay and Learn
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 3 and 4 Survival Day – more info to follow
Thursday 30 th April	9:00 Nursery Willow Stay and Learn 14:15 Nursery Oak Stay and Learn 14:30 Class 2 and 4 Stay and Learn
Friday 1 st May	The Nest, Class 1 and Reception Minibeast Ball – more info to follow
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday – School closed
Thursday 7 th May	With Me in Mind Workshops for Parents: 9:00 – 10:00 Drop in advice session on supporting children with worries 10:00 – 11:00 Supporting school-related stress workshop for Y5 and Y6 parents
Friday 8 th May	Year 3 and 4 football tournament



Safeguarding Contacts

We have a new email address dedicated to safeguarding – THP-Safeguarding@nclt.ac.uk

Please use this for any correspondence linked directly to safeguarding and a member of our safeguarding team will be in touch with you as soon as possible. For anything urgent, please call the school office on 0114 2570153 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

Our Wellbeing Team can still be contacted via email on wellbeing.team.THP@nclt.ac.uk or by phone on 0114 2570153.

Sharing Links

We kindly ask parents and carers not to share links or messages from school emails with others, unless we have specifically said that the information is for everyone. Some communications are sent only to families whose children have expressed an interest or who meet certain criteria, and may not be applicable to all pupils.

We really appreciate your understanding and support.

Year 5 Art Workshop

This week Gemma Woffinden, from the ArtWorks Together festival came to run an art session with Y5 . The session focused on artwork from their free exhibition of work made by artists with a learning disability and or on the autism spectrum at Sheffield Millenium Gallery open until the end of May.

Gemma said ' It was brilliant to work with such generous , creative and kind students.' The group created their own art work using chalk and oil pastels to express times they feel free and happy inspired by a piece titled Freedom by Marcela Polačeková from Slovakia. Gemma will be running free family workshops in May half term at Cambridge Street Collective in Sheffield. Feel free to drop in or book on the festival website <https://www.artworkstogether.co.uk/whats-on>.



Jigsaw Donations

Hello. It is quite astounding how much wooden jigsaws cost these days! If you have any good quality, academic jigsaws that you would be willing to donate, we would gladly take them off your hands! Wooden would be better (longer lasting) and with all pieces present. Any with shapes, colours, animals, numbers, letters would be gratefully received for our younger children. Please bring donations to either of our school offices and let the staff their know that they are for Mrs Lilleker.

Many thanks, Mrs Lilleker