



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

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This week started with a bang with our Year 6 World War II day and animal encounters for our KS1 children. Our Year 6 children had a blast taking part in military-style assault courses, completing secret service challenges and ration cooking. They've also wowed us with their teamwork and DT skills designing and creating their own model air raid shelters! Our Year 1 and 2 children got the chance to see, stroke and even hold some amazing creatures! They met worms with legs, grasshoppers, locusts, giant snails, giant hissing cockroaches, a tortoise, a bearded dragon, a royal python, a blind guinea pig and a rabbit. Fantastic memories were made!

On Tuesday, Ellie from the Rotherham road safety team came in to school to deliver a special assembly to our Reception children. Please ask your children what they learnt about keeping safe when out and about. On Wednesday, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed taking part in oral health workshops, learning all about how to look after their teeth and keep them healthy and strong.

It's also been lovely to welcome lots of parents into school this week for our oral health coffee morning, Year 3 and 4 reading stay and learn and our Nest and Nursery phonics workshops. Thank you to everyone who attended these and we hope you found them useful.

I am very please to share with you extracts from two recent NCLT publications at the back of this newsletter, celebrating academic achievements and sporting achievements. We are very very proud of all that we achieved in these areas last year and so wanted to share them with you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hewitt x



The menu for
next week is
Week 1



**Bluebell
Wood**
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

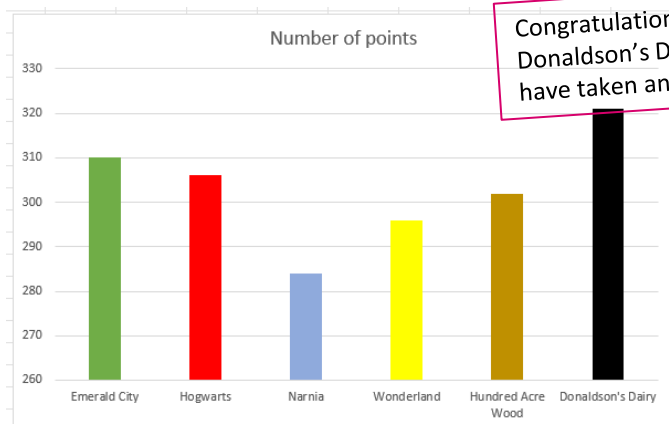


Rupert's fundraiser for Bluebell Wood hospice

We are very proud of one of our young men in Reception who is running the Sheffield Mini 1km run this weekend in Sheffield to raise money for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. If you would like to read more about his story or make a donation, please use the link below.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/rupert-brown-26?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Congratulations to
Donaldson's Dairy who
have taken an early lead!





100% Reading

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:

Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19 & 20

Remember:

- 2 weeks with 100% of children in school reading at least 3 x per week earns us the bronze Fletcher 100% Club Challenge award;
- 3 weeks at 100% earns us the silver award;
- 4 weeks at 100% earns us the gold award plus £200 to spend on new books in school.



Please support us with this by encouraging your child to read at home and reminding them to record this in their planner and bring their planner to school every day.

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

1. Jack A, Year 4
2. Alfred S, Year 3
3. Reece T, Year 5
4. Max M, Year 4
5. Carter C, Year 4



Spelling Frame Super Stars

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

Year 3: Alfred S 200

Year 4: Harvey W 1050

Year 5: Ella C 10718

Year 6: Aria M 1050

Well done!



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 9 and 17 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 9 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	Sophia D - W
		Class 11	Theo T - W
		Class 12	Carter C
Class 2	Raven G	Class 13	Max M
Class 3	Isabella S	Class 14	Daisy B
Class 4	Esme S	Class 15	Saja N-B
Class 5	Bodhi R	Class 16	Ben D
Class 6	Aurora T	Class 17	Henry B
Class 7	Pareeshay A	Class 18	Willow W
Class 8	Rosie H	Class 19	Olivia M
Class 9	Jack T	Class 20	Matilda M

Dates going forward

Monday 28 th Sept	9:00 – 10:00 Parent Coffee Morning in the outdoor classroom off the Junior yard. Everyone is welcome – we'd love to see you there!
Tuesday 29 th Sept	School Nurse in school to measure Reception children's height and weight 9:15 and 14:15 Nursery Stay and Learn (Prime Areas) 14:30 Class 3 Reading Stay and Learn
Wednesday 30 th Sept	9:00 Year 6 Reading Stay and Learn
Thursday 1 st Oct	14:30 Class 2 and 4 Reading Stay and Learn
Friday 2 nd Oct	Student Council Election with Local Councillors
Monday 5 th Oct	Year 5 Dance Workshops in school
Wednesday 7 th Oct	p.m. Year 5/6 Inclusive bowling event – More details to follow
Monday 12 th Oct	Reception skeleton day Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
Tuesday 13 th Oct	Harvest Festivals at church: 9:30 Year 1 and 2 10:15 Year 3 and 4 11:00 Year 5 and 6

At Thorpe Hesley Primary School we have had an extremely busy and positive year providing a wide range of sports activities for our children. We have offered various forms of sport during PE lessons and through various lunchtime and extra-curricular activities.

Rotherham United have delivered PE sessions to Year 5 children and provided many footballing opportunities over the year. Key Stage 2 children have been involved in the Primary Stars Cup and the Half Time Cup, where they were crowned champions at the New York Stadium! Key Stage 2 attended a special assembly to celebrate 100 years of Rotherham United and had the opportunity to attend a six-week after-school football club. RUFC have also delivered an after-school gymnastics club to Key Stage 1 children and an after-school multi-skills club to Foundation Stage children.

In the autumn term, Craig Nixon delivered martial arts sessions to children across all key stages, during which they learnt a range of basic karate skills.

Our committed staff have worked extremely hard this year to provide children with a range of after school and lunchtime clubs.



During the autumn term, Mr Meares ran a dodgeball club for upper Key Stage 2 children and Mrs Morgan began her dance club for Key Stage 2 children. The group then attended the Rotherham Dance Festival and performed for parents and carers at the 'Musical Extravaganza'. Mrs Morgan has also run a flag football club and a hockey club where children then attended a tournament to play competitive hockey matches against children from other schools.

Mr Binney has led a bench ball club for Key Stage 2 children and Mrs Bailey has continued to lead football clubs every lunch time for Key Stage 2 boys and girls. She also ran our very own world cup tournament in school over several weeks this summer which as always proved extremely popular.

In the infant building, Miss Moran has led a dance club for Year 2 children who performed a street dance and jazz dance at our 'Musical Extravaganza,' held at Wingfield Academy, and at the Thorpe Hesley Artworks Summer Gala.

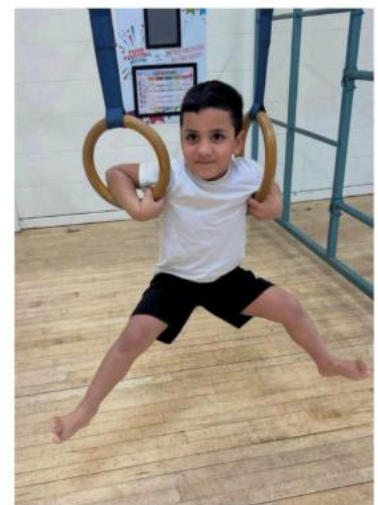
As well as regular PE sessions, children have participated in a range of competitions and events to encourage student participation and promote healthy competition. These have included an inclusive ten pin bowling tournament for children with SEND, the EFL Utilita Kids Cup, Year 3 and 4 futsal tournament, Year 5 and 6 athletics tournament and the Rotherham Festival of Sport.

In the summer term, Year 5 children are taking part in bike-ability sessions and all children from Nursery to Year 6 have participated in Sports Day events. Our Year 4 children also had a wonderful day at New College Doncaster, taking part in the NCLT primary varsity event.

We have lots to celebrate over the last year and we are extremely proud of all our children and staff.



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Thorpe smashes national benchmarks across every kpi

Thorpe Hesley Primary School has achieved its strongest SATs outcomes of the past three years, with all key performance indicators significantly exceeding national averages at both the Expected Standard and Greater Depth. Combined attainment measures were also exceptionally strong, with the proportion of pupils achieving Greater Depth doubling over the three-year period. A particularly notable success was in Reading, where performance improved dramatically, with attainment at the Expected Standard increasing from 69% to 90% and Greater Depth rising from 26% to 35%. These outstanding results reflect the high quality of teaching and learning across the school and provide further evidence of performance that aligns with the school's Outstanding Ofsted judgement.



All measures exceed national average at both Expected Plus and Greater Depth