



Newton Hill News

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day – the children looked amazing! We had a wonderful day!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Nursery	Isabella L
Reception	Louis
Year 1	Aoife
Year 2	Rehaan
Year 3	Damian
Year 4	Reilly
Year 5	Juba
Year 6	Rebecca

EYFS

Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story 'Biscuit Bear.' The children had lots of fun practising their baking skills to make their own bear biscuits.

Reception:

This week we have been practising recognising Numicon pieces. We have also been thinking about making patterns using Numicon. The children have also enjoyed using clipboards in our provision areas to write sentences about their learning.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been learning about the countries that make up the UK. We've also learnt what their capital cities are and what their flags look like. In P.E we've been improving your balance and hand-eye co-ordination.



Year 2

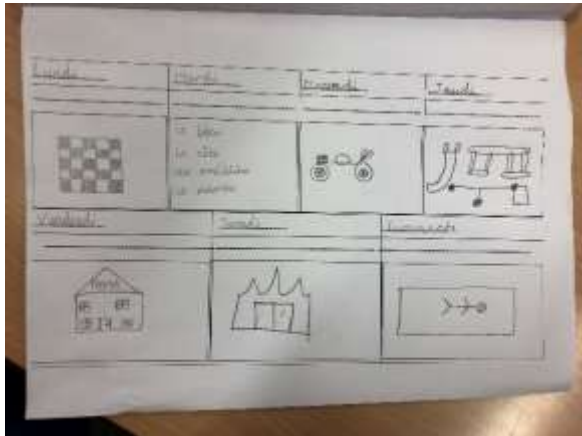
This week Year 2 have been using watercolours to paint a picture of the Titanic. We carefully sketched our pictures, using our observational skills to make sure everything was the same size and then painted it using different brushes and colours.



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Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been learning how to pronounce and spell the days of the week in French. We have also been continuing our class book of Alice in Wonderland and using inverted commas for direct speech.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been reading their new focus book, Egyptian Cinderella. We looked at the book from the main character's point of view and started to plan a diary entry written by her. We also made plans and predictions for our next Science experiment where we will test materials to find the most suitable material for



Year 5

In writing, Year 5 have been looking at the language used to describe the monster Grendel in our class book. On Monday, we took a team of Geographers to compete in the inaugural Geography Bee held at Jerry Clay Academy where we managed to finish second overall!

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been finishing their movie trailers which they started to create on World Book Day. They have worked really well in groups and produced some really interesting film ideas - we certainly have some future film stars in the making! We have also been continuing our learning about the Ancient Greeks and the wars that took place.

Our Whole School Target is 96%	
Whole School 2019/2020	96.05%
Nursery	94.78%
Reception	96.94%
Year 1	96.32%
Year 2	95.08%
Year 3	95.95%
Year 4	95.50%
Year 5	96.16%
Year 6	96.55%

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 and close at 9:00am. 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.

Coronavirus

We will continue to keep you informed with updates about coronavirus that we receive from the government. All letters have been uploaded to the website for your information and reference. Please let the office staff know if you are planning to travel to any of the places listed by the government and we will advise accordingly. We are preparing to provide work for your children should we be advised to close the school for any length of time. We will use Parent Hub to communicate with you regarding home learning. One of the announcements made by the government yesterday was that anyone with a new, persistent cough or a high temperature is advised to self-isolate for seven days. I would politely ask you to adhere to this advice and not send your child to school, if this is the case. Please let the school office know. Many thanks.

Hand washing

Soap is replenished in the toilet blocks each day when they are cleaned. We have been reminding children to respect our school property and use the facilities properly. Staff are regularly inspecting the toilet blocks to ensure that they are being used appropriately. We are constantly reminding everyone about the importance of washing hands as advised.

School Car Park and Parking

School Gates: We are awaiting repairs on our electric gates and as you may be aware at this moment they are having to remain open. There is no access to the school playground as all perimeter gates remain locked. Only in exceptional circumstances when permission has been granted that access is granted to the school car park. The school car park is for **staff only**. For health and safety and safeguarding reasons parents and carers are not permitted to use the car park unless it is for Newts within the designated times unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please drive slowly and take extra care if you are dropping off/picking up in a vehicle near school. Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off and picking up in a vehicle and do not block driveways. Please do not use the garage opposite school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Staffing Update:

Due to our increase in numbers in Reception we have recruited an additional teacher to join our EYFS team. Miss Fletcher will start on Monday to work alongside Miss Cannon in Reception.

Miss Harvatt will be leaving at Easter on maternity leave. We have recruited Mrs Scanlon and Mrs Steele who will start after Easter to teach Y3 until the end of the year. They will be visiting Year 3 before Easter.

Dates for your diary 2019/2020

- **INSET DAYS:** Monday 2nd September, Friday 29th November, Monday 6th January, Thursday 7th May (Polling Day), Monday 20th July.

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.

Useful Numbers and Websites:

116 123 Samaritans
0808 800 5000 NCPCC
0800 111 Childline



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

E-Safety: Resource - Aimee and the Tablet (4 and 5 year olds)

Childnet are releasing a new book for children (4 and 5 year old's) which follows Aimee as she plays a game on her mum's tablet. The story helps young children know what to do if something strange or upsetting happens.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/explore-online-safety-with-under-5s-with-our-new-learning-to-read-book>

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.

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.



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.