



SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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A CRY FOR HELP

Our 50th Birthday Summer Fair is fast approaching. In order for it to be a success, we need sponsorship! If you, or anyone you know, own or are part of a business that would like to sponsor us, please contact admin@hrps.school who will be able to talk to you about your options. The more sponsorship that we receive, the more cool and exciting things we will be able to include in the fair!

On the note of sponsorship, if anybody would like to donate any prizes for the tombola, that would be most appreciated. There is no prize too small!



MRS ABRAHAMS UPDATE

Mrs Abrahams' surgery was a success, and she has been recovering well. She is now out of her cast and in a boot, receiving physiotherapy. We are hopeful that she will be able to begin a phased return to work soon. She has visited a couple of times and has missed the children very much. Mrs Trevis and Mrs Aldcoin (with a sprinkling of Mr Johnson) will remain with Year 2 for the two weeks back after the Easter break.



WIZARD OF OZ

In years to come, people will ask "Were you there?" when talking about the Lower Key Stage 2 production of the Wizard of Oz. The children acted brilliantly and sang beautifully. Their dancing was sublime and their stagecraft unmatched. Miss Clark, Mr Gatbutt, Mrs Lodyga and Mrs Banks pulled off a fantastic play and helped the children reach their full potential both on and off the stage. A spectacular show that will be hard to follow!

GYMNASTICS

A number of children from Key Stage 1 and 2 represented the school at gymnastics competitions. As well as bringing home a number of medals for their excellence, the children demonstrated every one of the school's values and should be very proud of the way in which they conducted themselves. All of us here at HRPS are very proud of our gymnasts!

AWARDS

Our very own Shaun Smith was recognised at the NYES County Catering, Caretaking and Cleaning Awards in March. He was a finalist in the Above & Beyond category and was highly commended in the Caretaker of the Year category. We are lucky to have Shaun and thank him for all of the great work that he does for the school and its children.



THE FARM

Our smallest children took part in a very exciting visit to the farm this term. They met all sorts of different animals and learned a lot about how to keep them safe and healthy. I think there are some budding young farmers in that class! Miss Templeman and Mrs Greenhalgh also had a wonderful time!



YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

Not to be outdone by their Reception counterparts, Key Stage 1 went on a magnificent trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They met all manner of different creatures and thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

RELIGIOUS VISITS

Years 2 and 5 enjoyed a very interesting trip to a Middlesbrough Mosque this term. They learned all about the pillars of Islam, and why Muslims pray in a certain direction. Key Stage 2 were also visited by a representative of the Diocese of Leeds, who spoke all about what it means to be a Christian in everyday life

WORLD BOOK DAY / BOOK FAIR

Miss Palmer organised a fantastic World Book Day for the school. All of the costumes that the children wore were phenomenal – parents / carers clearly went to a lot of effort to support the children here. The children also enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities planned by a number of different teachers. It was lovely to see so many children interacting with teachers that they might not have worked with before.

As part of the week of World Book Day, we were visited by a book fair. Thanks to the love of reading that is so evident in this school and the money spent on books during the fair, school now have an astronomical £738 to spend on books! Thank you.



SCIENCE WEEK

Mrs Ruddy was, again, responsible for a magnificent science week. We were visited by the Science Boffins (who managed to avoid setting fire to the school hall... Just!), Whitby Falconers, Auriga Astronomy's Science Dome, Alpacas, Lambs and Zoolab. The children really enjoyed seeing science be brought to life in front of their very eyes and were buzzing with excitement all week. Some were even brave enough to hold a snake!

VISITED BY THE SUNAKS

We were visited by both the former PM and his wife in March. They took part in a number of different lessons (maths in Reception, phonics in Year 1 and a Q&A in Year 6) and our children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Some of our Year 6s even took on the former Chancellor of the Exchequer in a times table challenge, emerging victorious in the process! Of the experience, Rishi Sunak said, "It is always a pleasure to visit Hutton Rudby Primary and see the enthusiasm of both pupils and teachers. Watching children build confidence with numbers at such a young age reinforces how important it is to nurture these skills early. We saw some fantastic teaching, and it is inspiring to see the commitment and creativity of the teachers in helping children gain the skills they need for the future."



CROSS COUNTRY

The winners from last term's cross country went on to represent our cluster in the North Yorkshire finals. Again, the children represented the school magnificently and should be proud of the way that they handled themselves. They all showed immense determination during their races and all achieved very respectable placements when they crossed the finish line.

NEURODIVERSITY WEEK

Miss Clark helped the children learn all about the different ways that people's brains work during neurodiversity week. Leading an assembly on the subject and encouraging the children to think about how to be inclusive as peers as friends.

PTA - MOTHER'S DAY CANDLES & EASTER DISCO

Our wonderful PTA helped our children create beautiful Mothers' Day Candles. Also showing one of the school values, they showed incredible determination and helped almost the entire school decorate candles in one afternoon! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this such a success.

The PTA were also responsible for a magnificent Easter disco this half-term. The children danced the night away and engaged in a number of fun, Easter games. Thanks to all the PTA members and parents who volunteered, and to Miss Templeman, Miss Palmer, Mrs Greenhalgh, Mrs Ruddy and Miss Steckle for giving up their evenings to support the event.



PSHE

After Easter, the children will be learning all about Relationships. As the children get older, this subject covers some sensitive topics. Please check your PING for further information about this, sent by Miss Templeman. As always, if you would like more information about what your child will be learning about in PSHE, please contact the class teacher on Class Dojo.

HOMework

The homework that is set in school is designed to support children's learning through practise, pre-teaching or consolidation tasks. Our weekly homework expectations are:

Times Tables Rockstars / Numbots

Spelling Shed

Century

Reading – please continue to add your comments on BoomReader so that teachers are able to follow the progress that your children are making at home.



SAFEGUARDING – UNDERSTANDING THE 'MANOSPHERE'

Following Netflix's powerful miniseries Adolescence, many parents are becoming increasingly concerned about the growing influence of the 'manosphere'—a network of online spaces promoting harmful ideas about gender and masculinity that boys find it easy to stumble into. Adolescence explores how easily boys can be drawn into these toxic communities, often without parents realising. It is a must watch. These spaces can distort boys' understanding of relationships, emotions, and respect, leading to worrying changes in behaviour.

As parents, there are some key signs to look out for: sudden hostility towards females (classmates, relatives, teachers etc.), using phrases like "alpha male" or "beta", a fixation on dominance or status, or an increase in secretive online activity. It's also worth watching for a shift in tone—mocking empathy or becoming overly critical of others.

Current thinking suggests that the best defence is open, non-judgmental conversation. Ask questions about who your child follows online, talk about respect and equality, and encourage critical thinking about online content. Boys need strong role models, both male and female, who value kindness, empathy, and emotional intelligence.

If you'd like more support or resources on this topic, please get in touch—we're here to help.

HOUSES

This is a reminder that our school is split into 4 houses, red, blue, yellow or green. In the past, these were named after castles / abbeys, but we thought it was time for a change. Following nominations from the children, we have renamed our school houses after planets (and therefore also after Roman Gods).

Neptune (blue)
god of sea,
rivers and
horses

Venus (green)
god of love
and victory

Mars (red) god
of war and
protection

Saturn (yellow)
god of farming
and wealth

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

Ask you child what it means to be ready, respectful and safe. These three words make up our school rules and are what we aim for all of our children to be at all times.



REMINDER

Please can parents / carers remember to park considerately when dropping children off and picking them up. It is important that enough space is left for emergency service vehicles to be able to pass by cars if necessary. Please do not drive into school unless there is an emergency, this includes parking in the small car park at the bottom of the drive and the main car park at the top of the drive. Please also do not park on any grass around the school. Please remember that there are children present at the start and end of the school day.



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