



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

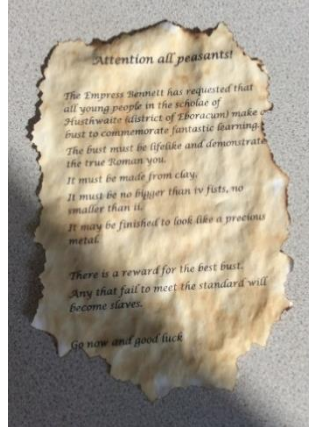
Another busy fortnight, last week the children enjoyed dressing in red and wearing their character red noses for Red Nose Day. They also had a great science day across the Federation focusing on the theme 'Growth'. Different classes learning included measuring trees, life cycles – sheep, cow, humans, animals including humans and investigations about what happens to our bodies as we get older in terms of growth. Science day was concluded with a celebration of all the children's learning about 'growth' on a federation zoom led by our federation science subject leader Mrs Bennison at Sessay.



Class 1 have been learning about the artist Paul Klee and have created pictures based on his 'Castle and Sun' abstract cityscape painting. Everyone has recreated a piece of the original artwork which is being put together for a beautiful classroom display. The children thoroughly enjoyed their science day activities, especially measuring the height and circumference of trees in our school grounds. They used a technique where they needed to spot the top of the tree when they bent over and looked between their legs. They could then measure the exact distance between the tree and where they were standing. In Forest School, the children have created natural pictures by hammering leaves, stems and flowers, releasing the plants chlorophyll onto canvas and creating a beautiful picture.



Class 2 also thoroughly enjoyed their science day activities, measuring the hands of different aged children in school to help them answer the question: Do our body parts grow as we get older? They also enjoyed exploring the life cycles of some farm animals and are so looking forward to Freddie and George's lambs visiting school soon. Continuing with their Roman history topic theme, in English Class 2 have written Roman myths based on a Roman god/goddess of their choice. They have also been busy in art; designing and making their Roman sculpture busts. They are excited to see how the finished Roman busts turn out and the children are desperate not to become the Empress Bennett's slaves!!



In Class 3, Year 6 have at last been able to relaunch playground squad. They have absolutely loved it, as have our younger pupils in school. In their learning, they have continued their chocolate discovery with taste testing and evaluating a range of chocolates. There were even some left for Mr Chapman to try! They have been using and applying a range of maths skills across the curriculum: ranging from graphs and chart drawing, such as their graphs in science week, to tally charts and mental maths in French. They have thoroughly enjoyed their cross-curricular English work, writing blog posts linked to their research on Mayan writing and numbers.



Friday 18 March Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Jack for his fantastic maths work investigating 2D shape. Jack knows the shape names and has created pictures painting with shapes. He has even printed with shapes to make a castle as part of our topic.

Headteacher's sticker – Eliza for her kindness towards her classmates. Eliza is helpful and a good friend to everyone.

Handwriter of the week – Wilf B for trying hard to write in the cursive style and trying to improve the presentation of his writing.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Holly for excellent portrait sketching and her roman bust design.

Headteacher's sticker – Eliza M working hard on her English work this week both our grammar work and her topic writing. Joseph for his confident work on 2D and 3D shapes.

Handwriter of the week – Freddie for working hard at his cursive handwriting and trying to keep it more consistent.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Jess H for really giving it her all over the last two weeks. She has approached things with a positive mental attitude.

Headteacher's sticker – Charlie for striving for perfection and applying his writing techniques in his DT evaluation.

Handwriter of the week – Jess C for consistency in her cursive handwriting.

Friday 25 March Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – William P for his kindness towards other members of the class. William has demonstrated empathy and kind words, he has been friendly and welcoming to our newest members of the class and has helped them with snack time and following routines. William has been a fantastic role model, caring and helping his friends.

Headteacher's sticker – Alfie for his listening and attention during collective worship and assemblies. You have answered some difficult questions showing a good understanding.

Handwriter of the week – Phoebe R for developing her writing stamina and writing extended pieces. Phoebe has tried so hard to keep her writing a consistent size whilst remembering her non negotiables!

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Esme for her increased confidence and independent work in maths. She has worked incredibly hard this week whilst we have begun recapping some fractions learning ready to introduce new concepts.

Headteacher's sticker – Bryony for listening carefully and working hard at creating her Roman bust sculpture out of clay.

Handwriter of the week – Phoebe for her consistently beautiful handwriting and presentation in all areas of the curriculum.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Daniel for much improved effort across the whole curriculum, particularly in his writing.

Headteacher's sticker – Lucas, Rory and Charlie for their Haka using Māori words and corresponding dance moves.

Handwriter of the week – Alex for his continued effort for self-improvement.

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:

Class 1: William A and Freddie.

Class 2: Bryony and Mollie.

Class 3: Charlie H and Millie.

This afternoon we would like to invite you to join us for our Friday celebration Assembly in school at 2.50pm, this half term hosted by Miss Bennett.

Have a lovely weekend.

NOTICES:

FOHS (Friends' of Husthwaite School) events. FOHS are always looking for additional parents/carers that can give any amount of time to help organise and run school events for our whole school community to enjoy. Please contact the school office who will put you in contact with FOHS who always welcome any willing extra pairs of hands! Next meeting **Thursday 28 April, 7.30pm** at Husthwaite Pub, new and old parents very welcome.



-Friends of Husthwaite school have dusted off their knitting needles once again. They have been busy knitting some wonderful **Easter chicks with creme eggs** inside that are available for the children to purchase for £1.50 each from the school office from Wednesday next week. The perfect easter gift for all!

-7 April **School Disco**, 4-5.30pm. Tickets £5 which include a disco fun goody bag, hot dog and drink. Tickets available from the school office.

-17 July **'RAT RACE'** An exciting assault course event for the families of Husthwaite School and other daring, athletic and fun loving local young people to be held on the Newburgh Priory Estate. A huge thanks to Joseph and Evie's parents and Newburgh Priory Estate for enabling this new event to happen. More details to follow... and a plea for helpers!

4 April	Y5/6 netball match at Easingwold Primary School
5 April	Class 2 Roman Production for Class 2 parents/carers – 2.30pm and 6pm performances
7 April	Class 1 Helmsley Castle Educational Visit FOHS School Disco
8 April	Easter Service 9.30am St Nicholas' Church Break up for the Easter holiday at 2.30pm
25 April	School reopens for the Summer term
28 April	Young Voices
2 May	Bank Holiday School closed
9 – 12 May	KS2 SATS week