



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'
Hustwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2024...

We all have most certainly had a very busy month!

Our first pupil voice meetings of this academic year were held and Year 1 children had their first experience of working in their groups:

Epic Improvers, Healthy Schools, Money Makers and HEGG (Hustwaite Eco Gardening Group)

HEGG braved the rain and began the year by checking all the areas and trees that have been planted around the site. The wildlife area needed most work. The pond area has mostly been completed, there will be some pond plants to be added in Spring but the stones and new pond are all in place as well as the cover to stop too many leaves during Autumn. The pond was topped up as well after the water levels had dropped during Summer.



Garden Force continued the work from HEGG and planted the daffodil and snowdrop bulbs ready for spring. The daffodil bulbs will accompany the plaque chosen by the children for Mrs Brack. We have made really good head way with the wildlife area, but as always still more work to do. We will continue to have our short Garden Force days to help the children maintain it. Thank you to those who came to help, it's much appreciated.

Healthy Schools are developing some healthy eating leaflets and will be sharing them with school and parents when they are completed.

Epic Improvers looked back at previous improvements we have made to school, such as the changes to the merit cards, investment in outdoor learning and playground equipment. They came up with more suggestions to make our school an even better place – watch this space...

Money Makers enjoyed organising the Macmillan Coffee morning, wearing green and helping to serve out the cakes/buns at playtime which were donated to help raise funds for this charity. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this cause through their online donations and for the amazing baking. We will be looking forward to Children In Need Day next half term.

Thank you to all who attended our Harvest Festival at St. Nicholas' Church at the beginning of the month which was very much enjoyed by all. It was lovely as always that all classes took part and we thank you all for supporting this year's chosen Harvest charity 'World Food Programme'.

Our EYFS and KS1 children had a great time at our cluster fun run. They all showed great sportsmanship, cheering for everyone and all children tried their absolute best and made it to the finishing line.



On Thursday 10th October we marked World Mental Health Day- **HELLO YELLOW!** We had a super day, each class did a variety of activities to explore and boost their mental health. Class 1 had great fun celebrating our mental health, we talked about feelings and emotions and looked at ways of promoting positive mental health. We learnt that

movement, sport, healthy eating and talking time to be calm and relaxed can all help us be mentally more healthy. We did some energetic dancing before doing some mindfulness colouring whilst listening to calming music, taking time to relax and enjoy the quiet.



Class 2 enjoyed beginning the day with some mindfulness colouring before exploring their emotions. Class 3 learnt what good listening is. We experienced the frustration of speaking to someone showing poor listening and discussed how we could be great listeners to our friends.



This week Class 3 joined forces with Rievaulx Class at Sessay for a trip to Holy Island linked to our topic on Vikings. We were blessed with good weather and made the most of our time there learning about Viking raids, the influence of St. Cuthbert and the Christian roots of the island. We also found time to explore the beach.



A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls football team who competed in the Easingwold Cluster Football Competition and qualified as champions for the Hambleton District finals. The girls were amazing and made us very proud!



All classes as always thoroughly enjoyed the FOHS Disco on Tuesday evening, a lovely social event to end with this half term. There were lots of fabulous dance moves on show and the party games were fun for all! A huge thanks to FOHS for hosting this much loved event.



Once again this year all children enjoyed taking part in our FOHS Harvest Pumpkin Carving Competition. There were some amazing creations and a huge thanks to the Pilcher family for donating all the pumpkins and of course to FOHS for organising our much loved events.

Friday 11 October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Hedgehog Award – Florrie D for her excellent effort in all areas.

Headteacher's sticker – George for his super effort in phonics.

Writer of the week - Freya for her super sounding out of the word hen independently.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Hedgehog Award – Wilf for enthusiasm in sharing knowledge across lots of subjects. Whether it's science, history or whilst watching Newsround.

Headteacher's sticker – Evie and Eliza for bringing things from home to support our Mary Anning Scientist learning.

Writer of the week – Robert for his original ideas and brilliant Beach Hut story.

Class 3, Mr Chapman

Hedgehog Award – Phoebe L for her enthusiasm and excellent responses on World Mental Health Day.

Headteacher's sticker – Millie for her give-it-a-go attitude in music.

Writer of the week – Timmy for his excellent use of the passive voice in his newspaper report.

Friday 18 October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Hedgehog Award – Arthur for his super effort at subitising during number work.

Headteacher's sticker – Rhodie-May for trying so hard with her number formation.

Writer of the week - Evie-Mae for her fantastic use of the word "ginormous" in her Great Fire of London news report.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Hedgehog Award – Jack for being an amazing listener and attempting everything independently.

Headteacher's sticker – Rocco for fabulous phonics progress.

Writer of the week – Evie for her brilliant written answers in maths. She always explains in detail.

Class 3, Mr Chapman

Hedgehog Award – Eliza W. for her prolific goal scoring at the cluster finals.

Headteacher's sticker – Timmy and Freddie for their brilliant use of maths manipulatives.
Writer of the week – Douglas for his incredible independent writing.

Friday 24 October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Hedgehog Award – George for his super effort in phonics and with his writing.

Headteacher's sticker – Archie for his perseverance in maths with our new topic of subtraction.

Writer of the week - Rhodie-May for her independent use of her sound mat to write CVC words.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Hedgehog Award – Sharday for her enthusiasm for learning and trying her best.

Headteacher's sticker – Leonard for his fantastic Phase 2 Phonic recognition. George for his brilliant times tables fluency.

Writer of the week – Ana for her brilliant monster comparison sentences. Especially thinking of her own ideas.

Class 3, Mr Chapman

Hedgehog Award – Sare for her G.R.I.T at the girls' football finals.

Headteacher's sticker – William A. and Daisy for their progress and bravery at swimming.

Writer of the week - Phoebe R for the most amazing 'strict teacher' story.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in the school hall at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by Mr Chapman.

Have a fabulous half term holiday.

NOTICES:

- **Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November 2024.** After half term once again we will have poppies and other Royal British Legion items available in school for a donation. Suggested donation £1 per item. MoneyMakers will be on the playground at playtime should anyone wish to donate.
- **School Drop Off** Please can we remind everyone that **school starts at / registration is at 8.50am**. The gate is officially opened at 8.40am and locked at 8.50am/after the school bus has arrived. Any child arriving after 8.50am is recorded as late (L) and if arrives after registration is closed at 9.15am is recorded as unauthorised (U).
- **October online safety newsletter for parents.** Please see the October online safety newsletter to support you in providing your child with a safe online environment. As always we want to promote having a safe online environment for children both at school and at home.
- **Federation Governors.**

GOVERNOR VACANCIES – WOULD YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A GOVERNOR AT OUR FEDERATION?

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

DEVELOP YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

HELP SHAPE EXPERIENCES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

No in-depth knowledge of the education system is needed, you bring with you skills and workplace knowledge that will help positively impact young lives. For more details please don't hesitate to contact Miss Bennett.

DIARY DATES:

25 October	Break up for half term at normal time.
4 November	Training Day – School Closed.
5 November	Back to school for Autumn Term 2
14 November	Law and order! Curriculum enrichment day
15 November	Children In Need
20 November	Class 1 and Class 2 (with Y4) Antarctic/Arctic Survival workshops
22 November	FOHS and FOSS Christmas shopping event and fashion show at Dalton Village Hall. Tickets available from FOHS.
24 November	Husthwaite Village Hall Christmas Market – KS2 Craft Club have a stall!
27 November	Year 6 SAT's Parent Information Evening (5pm Zoom)

29 November 9am	SEND and Inclusion parent drop in session at Husthwaite with Elevate MAT SEND and Inclusion leader.
3 December	3.20-4.30 Experience Advent with Rev'd. Katie and Lucy. Contact Mr Chapman for more details.
6 December	Christmas fair
11 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity
18 December	Whole Federation Christmas treat to Ritz Cinema, Thirsk to see Paddington in Peru with thanks to FOHS
20 December 9.30am	Christmas service at St Nicholas' Church

Please see 2025-2026 term dates attached for your reference, as always, they are also on our school website.