



Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher ...

Firstly, a huge thank you to all for your continued communication, support and understanding over what has been a very challenging week regarding COVID-19 cases in school. I realise it is a very worrying time for all and know that like myself, priority is of course keeping everyone as safe as possible. As you know we have had multiple cases, in fact reaching a peak of 13 positive cases in self isolation and remote learning yesterday after asking the whole of Class 2 to have PCR tests. We have been liaising with NYCC Public health and are doing everything we can in school to reduce the possibility of further transmission, we politely ask you to be mindful of this outside of school too. If in any doubt that your child may have symptoms, please don't hesitate to book them a PCR test. Doing regular lateral flow tests at present will also help our situation. For your information the most common symptom we are seeing in child positive cases this week has been a headache if any symptoms at all and thankfully no one is really poorly. I am hopeful that numbers are now decreasing and asking all to continue being super vigilant and cautious.

It was a competitive start to this half term last week due to the half term Smarties challenge set by the Friends of Husthwaite School (FOHS). A huge thank you to FOHS for organising and our MoneyMakers pupil voice group for counting up. All proceeds raised are going towards the children having a travelling pantomime in school at Christmas. An amazing £303 was raised. It was very close with Class 2 raising the winning amount of £114.20 (Class 1 £92.20 and Class 3 £96.60) I know Class 2 when they are all back in school are looking forward to a DVD and hot chocolate treat!



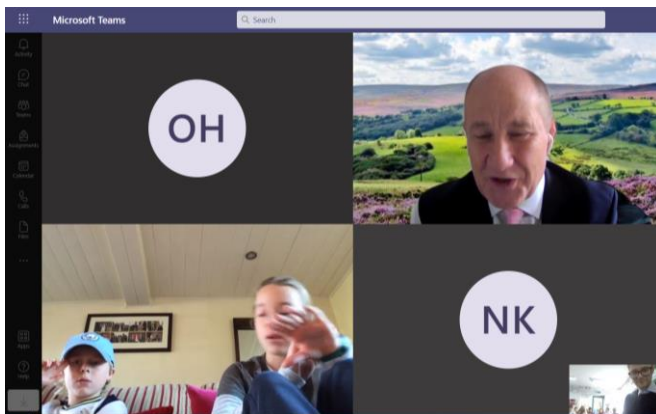
All our children enjoyed their Bonfire Night special lunch last Friday. Class 1 have been learning about different categories of animals such as mammals and reptiles in Science. They have made 'What Am I?' riddles giving facts about their animal for other children to guess. In English they have used onomatopoeia to describe the sound that fireworks make. They have also written about remembrance and made some beautiful poppy pictures.



Class 2 were horrified last week when Miss Goodchild borrowed some of Mrs Jackson's toys and covered them in black paint! The children were less than impressed that they then had to clean them! However, they did a great job and wrote some good instructions. They have been enjoying their new class text 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and are continuing to focus on instructions. A highlight last week was also building biscuit Stonehenge's! They have also done some lovely topic-based writing as well as Remembrance acrostic poems. In maths the learning has been focused on addition and subtraction and Year 2 enjoyed their active maths lesson focused on subtraction.



Class 3 have been learning all about Democracy this fortnight as part of Parliament Week last week. Through this, they have found out about the roots of Democracy in Ancient Greece; they then turned their attention to the UK democratic process and were lucky enough to have our Local MP, Kevin Hollinrake, tell us all about his job as well as giving plenty of time to answer our questions. Yesterday Class 3 started their 5 week swimming programme and had an amazing time at Thirsk Pool learning a much important life skill. Finally, in Forest Schools this week the children made their own charcoal to be used in their Art work next week.



Friday 5 November Awards

Class 1, Mrs Jackson.

Bird Award – Daisy for developing her confidence to work independently both in maths and writing. She has tried so hard.

Headteacher's sticker – Freya and Phoebe J for using the iPads to create an African animal picture as part of our topic. Both girls listened carefully and could recall which animals lived in Africa.

Handwriter of the week – Wilfred K for using his phonics and writing words that described the noise of fireworks!

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Bird Award – Joseph for really good additions to discussions both in guided reading and topic.

Headteacher's sticker – Niamh for working hard on her instructions for cleaning a lion!

Handwriter of the week – Charlie Traves for trying really hard with his new pencil grip to hold his pencil correctly and form his letters.

Class 3, Mr Chapman.

Bird Award – Izzy for Creativity in topic work. Using what she had learnt about Greek democracy and using this in the presentation of her work.

Headteacher's sticker – BOB for his amazing use of persuasive features in his letter to our local MP.

Handwriter of the week – Jess B. for attention to detail in extended writing

Miss Goodchild's Superstars:**Class 1: Phoebe J, Wilf K****Class 2: Timmy****Class 3: Jess C****Friday 12 November Awards****Class 1, Mrs Jackson.***Bird Award* – George for working hard to understand number bonds to 5. He had fantastic recall and number formation.*Headteacher's sticker* – William P for not giving up when finding things a little tricky. William H for working hard in maths exploring and learning about number bonds to 10.*Handwriter of the week* – Robert for wonderful mark making, drawing lines and circles when creating his firework picture.**Class 2, Miss Goodchild.***Bird Award* – Niamh for listening carefully to instructions and working incredibly hard to remember the learning we have been doing across the curriculum.*Headteacher's sticker* – Freddie, Mollie and Esme for working really hard on their Remembrance acrostic poems.*Handwriter of the week* – Archie for continuing to work hard on his joining and keeping the size of his writing consistent. Keep it up Archie.**Class 3, Mr Chapman.***Bird Award* – Joe for patient and careful explanation, helping a friend to complete their Barvember Challenge.*Headteacher's sticker* – Jess B, Jess C and Poppy for the greatest improvement in our first swimming session, by the end swimming 10m comfortably, an amazing achievement.*Handwriter of the week* – Evelyn for consistent progress in handwriting.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Hope. Your child got a home school values sheet of ideas in their book bag last Friday, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

Due to the current COVID19 situation in school, Friday celebration Assembly will be on Zoom until further notice. Everyone as always is warmly invited to join us at the earlier time of 2.30pm, to allow time to get to school for pick up.

Topic: Husthwaite Friday celebration Assembly

Time: Nov 12, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89252882471?pwd=cHZzVXJjMGZuME9CR3pIVDh0QjhQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 5288 2471

Passcode: 7k2WVB

Have a restful weekend.

NOTICES:

- We are very happy to inform all parents/carers that our 'Governor Surgery' will resume this half term. Liz Hebdon your Husthwaite parent governor will be available on Tuesday 7th December after drop off at the school gate / in the school hall. This is an opportunity where you can meet a governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Liz is also available by email lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

DIARY DATES:

15 – 19 November	Anti bullying week. ONE KIND WORD. Odd socks day on Monday for a bit of fun!
19 November	Children In Need. £1 to wear pyjamas or non-uniform to school. 50p 'spotty - Smarties breaktime treat'
26 November	Non-uniform day in return for Christmas hamper donations. Details to follow.
2 December 3-4.30pm	Christmas Fair
7 December	Liz Hebdon Parent Governor Surgery
9 December 2pm or 6pm	Class 1 Nativity in the school hall (Class 1 parents)
17 December 9.30am	Christingle service at St Nicholas' Church