



Road Safety Poster Competition

UNCRC Article - All children have the right to be safe.

Thank you to Miss Johnson and the Junior Road Safety Officers who have organised a fabulous competition about Road Safety for your children to enter.

The competition continues into the New Year, with fabulous prizes on offer!

If you haven't already done so, please vote for your favourite Road Safety poster after the Christmas holidays.

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School closes for teaching on Friday 22nd December and **reopens for teaching on Monday 8th January 2018.**

In the cold winter months remember to keep warm by wrapping up with coats, scarfs and gloves! And don't forget to be careful near roads on icy days and take extra care when playing out and about so that you don't slip over!

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the year ahead in 2018.

Your children have been a delight this term. They have worked considerably well and ought to be extremely proud of themselves during their festive Christmas Performances with fabulous singing, well spoken words and dramatic acting!

We have had many, many kind words shared with us about the Christmas Performances this year from parents, carers and people in the community.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on Monday 8th January 2018. Happy Christmas!

Mrs. Boulton

School Uniform

UNCRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best they can be.

Thank you for sending your child to school looking smart in their Timothy Hackworth School Uniform.

Increasing numbers of children are coming into school with coloured tights, coloured boots and trainers. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. We are keen for our children to come to school wearing the correct uniform from top to toe! Please support us with this.

Attendance

UNCRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

The great majority of our parents and carers send their children to school each day. However, currently, our school attendance rates are falling significantly. One of the main reasons is due to the end of term approaching. This tends to be a pattern which occurs at the end of each term, and is something which we are working hard, in partnership with yourselves, to rapidly improve. Please do support your child, and school, by sending your child to school every day in the New Year. Your support is much appreciated.

Well done!!

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Taylor Seal, Cody Washington, Whole Class, Kelcie Beecham, Bobby-Jayne Hodgson, Evie Cutler, Lexi King, Rosa-Leigh Box

1H— Ryan Cooper, Ben Bowman, Summer Rimmer, Sienna Aldworth, Charlie Alderson, Ellie-Rose Firby, Noah Haylock

2T— Tiana-Rose Smith, Brodie Whitfield, Jack Newton, Sophie Mawson, Tillie Ellwood, Sophie-Mae Douthwaite, Brook Stainsby-Bissett, Talisah Mulley

2H— Kristie-Grace Whiting, Declan Young, Mason Jones, Gracie-Mae Brown, Sofia Marshall, Declan Young, Leon Best, Kristie-Grace Whiting

3T— Ben Mensforth, Evan Hymas, Lucas Horner, Kai Siddle, Taylor-Jay Lawson-Fenwick, Jade McVay, Sophie Jukes

3H— Imogen Sedgwick, Millie Waites, George Hall, Ria-May Nichols, Harrison Smith, Alice Foster, Joe Dixon, Whole Class

4T— Shannon Wilson, Jamie-Leigh Ward, AJ Pye, Ben Copland, Joseph Brunton, Harry McKimm, Ellissa Davison, Whole Class

4H— Belle Jary-Smith, Jake Schofield, Lucas Ellwood, Axshayan Mathialagan, Finley Jayne, Abi Robson, Maddie Larkings

5T— Whole Class, Ella Morgan, Tiah Sowerby, Tyler Fletcher, Zak Harnett, Aiden Mullen, Rylee Bennett, Harry Stoker, Jack Robson

5H— Whole Class, McKenzie Kirtley, Savanna Etherington, Paris Kimmons, Jessica Box, Michaela Foster, Millie Sanderson, Peter Copland

6T— Aaron Brown, Mia Williams, Macy Wilson, Millie Mottram, Cameron Preston, Chloe Mason, Charlie Brown

6H— Keira O'Brien, Grace Wake, Harry Morgan, Ashton Houlahan, Ushnah Khan, Michaela Fitzgerald, Kieran Cleminson, Raijeli Seduadua

Road Safety around School

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The Junior Road Safety Officers in school, alongside Miss Johnson, Mrs. Simpson, our Road Safety Crossing Patrol, staff, pupils and Governors continue to be very concerned about the parking issues around our school.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers have presented their campaign materials at a recent Governing Body Committee Meeting, and have met with Mrs. Simpson, our Road Safety Crossing Patrol, on a number of occasions to try and help to resolve the parking and safety issues around our school.

We are keen to avoid any nasty accidents involving children, busy traffic and parked cars. This continues to be a serious issue in our school. Please help your children stay safe by parking only in the designated areas around school, and by using the one-way system. Our pupils, Governors and staff are busy working on ideas to improve road safety but we need your help to do this.

Our ideas include:

- A 20mph speed limit request;
- Repainting of roadside markings;
- New signs;
- Increased parental support.

Should you have any ideas regarding how to help us resolve the parking and traffic issues, please contact Mrs. Boulton via the School Office.

Your support is much appreciated.



Reading Champions

2's - Sophie Foster, Kaylem, Ebony, Sophie, Isaac, Phoenix
Nursery - Joesph Robinson, Rose White, Kai, Laitia, Lydia, Mason, Olivia, Ritchie, Hope, Robert, Joseph R, Rose W, Nicky, Evie
Reception - Amelia Scaife, Jessica Holliday
1T - Joria Whitehouse, Joe Claydon-Wood, Emily Morton, Kelcie Beecham, Lexi King, Olivia, Cody Washington
1H - Charlie Alderson, Oliver Coveney, Adam Devonport, Ben Bowman, Sienna Aldworth, Ava Russell, Lily Molloy
2T - Alfie White, Katie Leighton, Sophie-Mae Douthwaite, Laura Mensforth, Sophie Mawson, Tillie Ellwood, Talisah Mulley
2H - Rosie Jones, Leon Best, Gracie-Mae Brown, Mercedes Atack, Scarlet Durkin, Ava Thomas, Leah Ingram
3T - Annelise Race, Rhys Williams, Paige Hunter, Maddison Bowman, Jaydon Thompson, Kara Seduadua, Evan Hymas
3H - Connor Scaife, Dionne-Ella Jones, Riley Smith, Luca Tomlinson, Callum Latcham, Ben Mensforth, Lennon Burrell
4T - Leighton Baxter-Hall, Charlie Broom, Lacey-Jay Mundy, Aaron Marley, Georgia Gillan, Alfie Wright, Scarlett Beal
4H - Evan Ord, SJ Oman, Reece Preston, Sophia Meadows, Jake Schofield, Beau Seymour, Becky Allen
5T - Danny White, Shannon Durkin, Aiden Mullen, Liam Plews, Zak Harnett, Tiah Sowerby, Lily Holmes
5H - Ethan Douglas, Micheala Foster, Peter-John Copland, Jessica Box, George Best, Logan-Ray Prince, Jayden Webb
6T - Leo Stout, Corey Williams, Daniel Tomlinson, Alyssa Costello, Aimee Grey, Aaron Brown
6H - Laclan Kitching, Micheala Fitzgerald, Grace Wake, Sophie Fletcher, Paige Foreman, Harry Morgan, Zak Seymour

Smoking around School Premises

CRC Article 24 – All children have the right to be healthy.

May we request that parents and carers do not smoke around our school premises, particularly when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Governors and myself are increasingly concerned about this issue.

Please work with us in the New Year to put a stop to this, for the sake of your children's health.

Thank you.

HOLIDAY DATES AND EVENTS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Monday 8th January – School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Wednesday 17th January – Individual Photographs

Monday 5th February – Y3 visiting Bowes Museum

Friday 9th February – School closes for Spring Half-Term

Tuesday 20th February – School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Friday 16th March – Y6 visiting The Safety Carousel

Thursday 29th March - School closes for the Easter holidays

Monday 16th April – School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Monday 7th May – school closed for May Bank Holiday

Friday 25th May - School closes for Summer Half-Term

Monday 4th June - School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Tuesday 10th July – Y5 visiting Broom House Farm

Friday 20th July – School closes for the Summer holidays

Year 5 - Cooking at Bishop Barrington School

Year 5 have learnt about food preparation and nutrition whilst cooking Chicken Stir-fry and Spaghetti Bolognaise. They took home their individual creations to show off to their families.

Again, the children's resilience as learners and behaviour for learning was excellent - something to be very proud of! Again, we would like to thank our parent volunteers.

Children from the art club, from Years 3 and 4, went to Bishop Auckland to take part in the Advent Window display. Over the last 10 weeks, the Art Club have created a Little Donkey display for the Advent Window Project. The children have worked very hard creating the display by using lots of different textures and art techniques. The children then sang the Christmas carol Little Donkey to their parents and adults of the community. They then enjoyed some juice and a cake in the shop - Baby and Toddler Kingdom. If you have time over the Christmas period, please do pop along to the shop on Bishop Auckland High Street to see our fabulous display.

Pupils in Year 6 have been promoting the use of Fairtrade products by selling Fairtrade bananas during our playtimes. They have worked hard to spread the word on how Fairtrade benefits the farmers and workers who grow the bananas. Will you buy Fairtrade the next time you visit the supermarket?



Year 6 have entered a competition that is running in conjunction with the Premier League. It is linked to an advert starring famous footballers and a poem called Try, Try, Again. We have sent our own poems away to be judged. As we were one of the first 1000 schools to enter, we have been sent a book bag filled with books for our Year 6 library.

We will find out if we have won any of the amazing prizes in February fingers crossed.!



Our Talented Sports Superstars!

Four children from Year 6 attended a Gifted and Talented Programme in Spennymoor this term.

10 children from Year 4 have been invited to the Change for Life Celebration at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

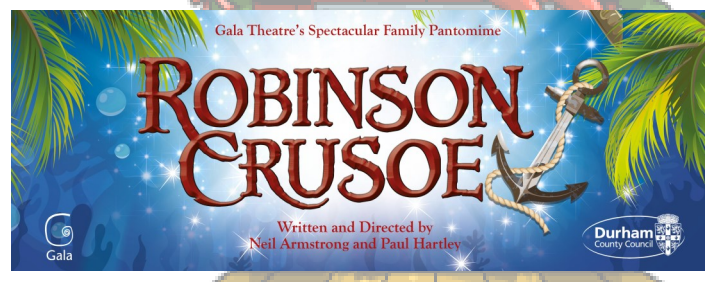
Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 Football Team who won the Football League on 12th October. Our Football Team will now play in the semi-finals at Sedgfield. Well done!

Joji Basudra, Y6, our talented Gymnast, went on to achieve a medal for this gymnastic performance. The children will be able to watch Joji's somersaults from his competition in Assembly later this term.

Well done Joji!

We are very proud of you all!

On Tuesday 5th December, Year 3 took a trip to Durham Gala Theatre. Here, they watched the pantomime which was, this year, Robinson Crusoe. All the children had a great time watching the show and all joined in with the singing and booing of the baddy! Miss Hutchinson said, "The children sat brilliantly throughout and were excellent role models to our school. Well done everyone!"



Two year olds!

This term the two year olds have been interested in The Gruffalo story. We have followed the children's interests by planning lots of fun activities and enhancements around this story. We had fun story sessions inside using props and puppets. We then took our stories to the forest area and listened to them in this natural environment.



Other activities that the children have enjoyed are art activities, including making a large scale Gruffalo using the children's handprints. We have also provided the children with cooking opportunities such as making our very own Gruffalo Crumble!



Year 4H

In English this term, 4H have been reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We began by inventing our own Iron Man and writing stories about him. We used ideas from the story to write descriptions and news reports. We even designed a trap to catch the Iron Man. We have also been reading The Person Controller by David Badiel. This has been a very popular book with many children buying their own copy or borrowing it from the school library to read along. After Christmas we are going to read Stitch Head by Guy Bass.

We have developed and learned new skills in Maths this term. We have had great fun learning times tables and completing weekly Rock Star Challenges. There is a great enthusiasm about moving up the Rock Star ladder and lots of the class use the site at home to improve their times tables.

In Science we became experts on the human digestive system; just ask someone in 4H about their oesophagus. We carried out an investigation to find out which liquids were bad for our teeth and discovered that fizzy and acidic drinks damaged teeth a lot.

We have been learning about Ancient Greece in History and made some very striking printed designs based upon Greek art and pottery. We found out about how our own democracy in the U.K. began in Ancient Greece over 2000 years ago.

Our Geography learning has focused on Shildon and whether it is a healthy place to live. We have spent time thinking of different places in Shildon and the impact that these places have on the health of the people living in the town. We are soon to complete a walk around Shildon collecting evidence to support our ideas and opinions – weather permitting!



Year 5



The Story Telling Chair

We would like the chair to have a personal connection to as many children in our school as possible so are seeking donations of items that could be used to help create Timothy Hackworth Primary School's own versions. Examples of unwanted items that could potentially be used to create covers for our story chairs could be a sparkly or colourful party dresses, old dressing-up clothes, old handbags, buttons, sequins, beads, knitwear, cushion covers or throws, faux flowers, fur or Christmas decorations. Damaged, but clean, items would be great as only part of each item is likely to be used. If anyone would like to purchase a particular item specifically for inclusion on our Story Telling Chairs, these would also be welcome. Please bring any items to school during January, as we hope to commence work on the project at the start of February.

Could you help foster the love of stories?

We need donations of interesting fabrics, haberdashery and other textiles.

We would like to create similar chairs to the one pictured for our School libraries.

Palace Green Library at Durham University

Well worth a visit and free to enter!

This term, Year 5 visited the fabulous Palace Green Library at Durham University. We were there to find out about life in the Anglo-Saxon times.

Becoming historians was great fun. Amongst other things, we found out many fascinating facts whilst we were treated to dressing up as monks, and Anglo-Saxon girls and boys. To our horror, we found out that to cure a headache, which they often believed was demonic possession, they drilled holes in the skull. If you didn't have a real headache before that, you certainly would afterwards! Even worse, thought some members of Year 5, was the fact that many of the monks remained silent for the remainder of their lives once they joined the monastery. We managed a whole five minutes! We handled faithfully reproduced replicas of genuine Anglo-Saxon artefacts. Examples included many of the items pictured as well as several others.

In one of their many captivating galleries, we came across The Story Chair (pictured in the Story Chair Article). This was created as a focal point for the Lindisfarne Gospels exhibition. Whilst finding out more about this book, we became iconographers by learning about what the visual images and symbols used, in the Lindisfarne Gospels and on helmets and swords, might mean.

The children's **respectful behaviour** made them a credit to our school and was remarked upon by the Library's staff. The generous donation of their time by parent volunteers was also much appreciated.



Your Growing Healthy Team are here for all children and young people, providing support, encouraging healthy lifestyles and protecting those who are most vulnerable.



FUSSY EATING

How you can help your child

Many children go through phases of refusing to eat certain foods or at times refusing to eat anything at all. This is a normal stage in young children as they become wary of new foods. They need time to learn to like them. Food refusal is often a way of showing independence and is a normal part of growing up.

It is natural for parents to worry about whether their child is getting enough but as long as they are active and gaining weight then they are getting enough to eat.

Eat meals together, preferably at the table away from distractions such as toys and television

Make mealtimes enjoyable – talk to your child about their day

Offer the same food as the rest of the family

Don't force them to eat; if they don't eat then remove the food calmly but don't offer an alternative

Offer small portions and include at least one food you know your child likes; give lots of praise for trying new foods even if they only manage a small amount

Present foods in a fun way and use colourful plates and cutlery

Your child may be a slow eater so be patient

Don't leave meals until your child is too hungry or tired to eat

Don't offer too many snacks between meals – offer water or milk and slices of fruit

Tastes change – one day they might hate something but a month later they might love it

Offer a range of foods from the main food groups including:-
milk and dairy
meat, fish or other proteins
bread, pasta, rice, potatoes
fruit and vegetables

It is particularly important for picky eaters to have children's vitamin drops until the age of five

Useful websites for more information

<http://www.gosh.nhs.uk/medical-information/general-health-advice/food-and-diet/fussy-eaters>

<https://www.bda.uk.com/regionsgroups/groups/paediatric/resources>

https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/pdf/fussy_eaters.pdf

For further advice or support contact your School Nurse on 03000 263538