



TIMOTHY HACKWORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
On The Track To Success!

Newsletter

School closes for teaching on Friday 25th May and **reopens for teaching on Monday 4th June 2018.**

ISSUE 24

**May 2018
Summer Term**

Mrs. Simpson helps our children have the right to be safe.

UNCRC Article 19 - All children have the right to be safe.

Mrs. Simpson was invited into an assembly last week to talk to the children about the dangers of cars parked outside of our school on yellow lines. Cars and vans which are parked illegally around our school are causing a danger to your children, their siblings and families.

Mrs. Simpson explained to the children that she cannot be seen by the children due to the amount of parked cars around our school.

Please help us by parking and travelling safely around our school. **Please help us to keep your children safe.**

Pupil Numbers

Timothy Hackworth Primary School is the largest primary school in County Durham! To date, we now have 465 children on roll in our school. Many children are joining our school; parents are commenting on how they have heard many good things about our school which is very positive to hear.

One-Way System – Please Help!

CRC Article 19 - All children have the right to be safe.

An increasing number of drivers are choosing not to use the voluntary one-way system. This is for your children's own safety.

Please use the voluntary one-way system to help to avoid any nasty accidents.

Please help us to keep your children safe.

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

We have many things to be proud of in school this half term. It has certainly been another busy half term!

Well done to our Y6 children who have all worked so hard on their Y6 SATs last week. Their commitment, resilience and incredibly mature attitudes towards their tests have been superb! Well done to all of our Y6 children who have given their very best. We are all very proud of you!

Our Y2 children have also shown great efforts and commitment in their recent Y2 SATs also. They have worked incredibly hard and really tried their best. Well done children!

We are delighted to have achieved our Rights Respecting Gold Award status! This is something certainly to be proud of. The assessors who visited our school were extremely impressed by your children's respectful attitudes and respectful behaviour, and the high quality discussions they had with your children. Please read the report on our school website. With thanks to all of the parents and Governors who were involved in the assessment, our wonderful children and to our dedicated staff. With special thanks to Mrs. Slattery who leads Rights Respecting in our school and for gathering many files of evidence in advance of our assessment visit!

I do wish you a restful break this half term – let's hope we see some sunshine this holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on Monday 4th June 2018.

Mrs. Boulton

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

Earlier this half term, a Head Teacher from a school in County Durham visited our school. She commented on how respectful our children are, how focused the children are on their learning, and how the learning time in school is used so well, where the children concentrate on their learning in a very focused way, showing their Learning Powers to full effect! These are wonderful comments to hear. Well done everyone! This demonstrates how we use every minute in our school to support our children's learning.

CRC Article 17 – All children have the right to information. CRC Article 12 – All children have the right to an opinion.

We are proud that groups of children in our school have contributed to our School Improvement Plan. The children worked with staff to look at our School Improvement Plan and added information linked to their pupil voice. This has resulted in a 'Pupil Version' of our School Improvement Plan. The children had some truly excellent ideas which have contributed to the development of our school. Children want our school to be the best in the country, and they are keen to be 'as quiet as mice' when they walk past the Y6 children's classrooms during their SATs tests! How very considerate!

Timothy Hackworth Primary School
Non-Uniform Day

**We have been reaccredited with
Gold Rights Respecting School status!**



Hurrah!



We are delighted to inform you that we have been reaccredited with the Gold Level Rights Respecting School Award. Your children are a real credit and the assessors commented that the children are "confident and articulate pupils who enjoy school and are extremely proud of their rights respecting status." The full report can be read on the school website.

In order to celebrate, and to support Unicef with providing vital support to children around the world, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday, 25th May. If children would like to take part they should bring a contribution to school which will be sent to Unicef. By taking part, we can help UNICEF provide essential supplies to children in need.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Boulton and Mrs. Slattery

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Sienna-Mai Longstaff, Olivia Brown, Reece Alderson, Stacey-Jo Ross, Jorja Whitehouse, Rhianna Robinson

1H— Harley Gibbons, Bethany Leybourne, Lacey Bennett, Lily Malloy, Ryan Cooper, Freya Cooper, Sienna Aldworth

2T— Hollie Luntley, Reece Tinkler, Spencer-Lee Cutler, Stevie-Kate Neilson, Anthony Lewins, Connor King

2H— Whole of Class, Joesph Waites, Stevie Townsend, Lacie-Mai Taylor, Loghan Hope, Harriet Ward

3T— Charlie Aldworth, Tyler Robertson, Evan Hymas, Kara Seduadua, Jaydon Thompson,

3H— Casper Dowson, Jack Schofield, Rose Lewins, Finley Bowman-Ryan, Adam Plews, Rose Lewins

4T— Jamie-Leigh Ward, Children who attended the Commonwealth Project, Tilly Chester, Lacey-Jay Mundy, Mason Hopwood

4H— Jake Schofield, Becky Allen, Emily Brown, Lucas Ellwood, SJ Oman

5T— Liam Plews, Danny White, Sophie Smirthwaite, Lily Holmes, Anya Rutherford, Rylee Bennett

5H— Connor Thompson, Hollie Armstrong, Peter-John Copland, Rosie Henderson, Ethan Douglas, George Best

6T— Dylan Kirby, Harry Whitehouse, Aimee Gray, Corey Williams, Alyssa Costello, Whole of Class

6H— Liam Forster, Micheal Wilson, Ewan Douglas, Anthony Hickson, Lachlan Kitching, Whole of Class

3T and 3H- Dance Festival

In both Year Three classes we had a dance coach working with us for five weeks. This was in order to prepare us for our Dance Festival. Our dance was to the song, 'Dance with Me Tonight', by Ollie Murs. We all worked very hard over these five weeks and managed to finish the full dance in time for our performance. The Dance Festival took place at Aycliffe Leisure Centre and we were so happy and



surprised to see so many of our parents and carers there to cheer us on. Our dance instructor and some other dancers were there to watch our final performance and to judge how well we did. We all danced extremely well and we had so much fun doing it too. All of the judges agreed that we had all danced in time and tried our hardest. Thank you to everyone who came and showed us their support.

Well Done!!

Reading Champions

1T - Serephina Hanky, Kaitlyn Rutherford, Darcy Dugdale, Jorjia Whitehouse, Emily Morton, Hayden Morgan
1H - Lucy Jasper, Noah Haylock, Eddie Collinson, Isobel Aldworth, Ellie-Rose Firby
2T - Sophie Beal, Corey Walton, Jack Newton, Brodie Smith, Connor King, Katie Leighton
2H - Mason Jones, Nathan Wainwright, Sofia Marshall, Lacie-Mae Taylor, Hope Hickson, John-Thomas Cleminson
3T - Ella Douthwaite, Kenzie Watson, Zak Cooper, Tyler Robertson, Lucas Horner
3H - Riley Smith, Beau Seymour, Riley Bell, Lennon Burrell, Dylan Templeton, Isaac Hunter
4T - Joshua Aldworth, Lilyrose Ferens, Abbi Claydon-Wood, Mackenzie-Mae Prince, Ben Copland
4H - SJ Oman, Lucas Ellwood, Ewan Hall, Maddie Larkins, Axshayan Mathiyalagqn
5T - Lily Holmes, Chloe Hardwood, Harry Stoker, Joe Washington, Marco Horoba, Sophie Smirthwaite
5H - Shane Porter, Jessica Hind, Dean Whiting, Harrison Caygill, Jessica Hind, Declan Smith
6T - Kelsie Fulton, Charlie Robinson, William Bright, John Taylor, Riley Wilkinson, Dylan Kirby
6H - Ewan Douglas, Connor Oman, Raijeli Seduadua, Cayden Laffey

Our Easter events and fundraising were a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to those who gave us their support by buying tickets or donating Easter Eggs and chocolate for the tombola. In total we raised an amazing £254.92. Our fundraising focus at the moment is to purchase a special Story Chair which the whole school can enjoy; this and any future funds will be used for this. Thank you, once again, for your continued help and support with our special events.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th May—School closes for half term

Monday 4th June—School re-opens at 8.50am

Monday 4th-18th June—No school crossing patrol

Wednesday 6th June—Robinwood Meeting for Y6 parents starting at 3.30pm

Monday 2nd July—Reception Sports Day starting at 1.30pm

Tuesday 3rd July—2's/Nursery Sports Day for morning children starting at 10.15-11.30am

Tuesday 3rd July—Y5/Y6 Sports Day starting at 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th July—Y3/Y4 Sports Day starting at 1.30pm

Thursday 5th July—2's/Nursery Sports Day for afternoon children starting at 2.00-3.15pm

Friday 6th July—Y1/Y2 Sports Day starting at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th July—Y5 going to Broom House Farm (letter to follow)

Wednesday 11th July—Y2 Blue Reef Aquarium (letter to follow)

Tuesday 17th July—Y6 Leavers' Party at the Civic Hall—information to follow

Friday 20th July—School closes for the Summer Holidays

Year 6 have recently spent the day reaching for the Hollywood stars while filming at Locomotion. They were asked by the museum to take part in the filming of a new promotional video for the British Science Museum, which will appear on their website in the near future. During the filming shoot, Year 6 also had the opportunity to take part in a number of crafty activities.



Please support our School Attendance!

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

Our attendance had improved at the beginning of this half term, however, as we approached the half term holiday, our overall school attendance is once again a cause for concern. Our whole school attendance currently is 95.3%. We are constantly aiming for 97%, however, this is very difficult when children are taken out of school on holiday in term-time, and due to many missed days of absence without reason.

Many children are missing out on their right to learn as they are not attending school.

School will continue to follow Persistent Absentee procedures, which results in involvement from the County Attendance Improvement Team where legal proceedings will be taken where necessary.

Your support is much appreciated.

Nursery Library Visit

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

The children always enjoy visiting Shildon Library to select books to bring back to Nursery.

We were able to notice seasonal changes on our walk to this venue. Again the children's excellent behaviour was praised by the library staff.



Luca's Amazing Bake Sale!

CRC Article 12: All children have the right to be listened to and their views taken seriously.

Luca approached Mrs. Boulton with his concerns about the fact that there are only two female white rhinos left in the wild. This will be the end of the species. He was also concerned about the numbers of Amur Leopards and the poaching of African elephants. There are 55 African elephants killed every day for their tusks! Luca decided he wanted to take action to support the World Wildlife Fund.

Luca talked to the children in assembly about the bake sale; he planned and recruited some friends to help. His family were amazing and baked hundreds of delicious cakes! Luca ran the bake sale over two days and made an outstanding £218 for the World Wildlife Fund.

Well done Luca!

A new Family Learning group started on 4th May. The course title is Write Result. We have had a positive response from parents and pupils who attend. Watch out in September for new and exciting courses.

We have had a fantastic response from parents and children wishing to attend our Let's Get Cooking sessions. So far this term we have made tasty sausage rolls, marvellous muffins and perfect pizzas. See Miss Stainsby for more information regarding future Cooking Club sessions.

Year 2 had a lovely visit to Durham Cathedral in March. Our teachers were very impressed that we showed great respect to those that were using the cathedral for their own worship. Whilst at the cathedral we were given a tour where we learnt all about Saint Cuthbert and that the cathedral had been built in his honour. Some of us took part in retelling the story of Saint Cuthbert which was great fun. After lunch we had a walk by the river and found a bridge that was over 300 years old! We are very lucky to live in a place that is full of history and interesting stories.



A Royally Good Wedding!

On Wednesday the 16th May something very exciting happened in Nursery... There was a Royal Wedding! We wanted to celebrate the upcoming nuptials of Harry and Megan so we decided to use the floristry goods, kindly donated to the Nursery by Susan, and invite Reverend Andy from Shildon Methodist Church to help decorate our learning space and conduct a ceremony. We began by arriving in our favourite party clothes and by learning the words to some common wedding hymns. When Reverend Andy arrived, we all took our seats in the beautifully decorated church area and sat either side of our decorated aisle. We used the floristry flowers to make buttonholes, aisle decorations and of course the all-important bouquet! Reverend Andy married some of the children who wanted to be brides and grooms and they signed their names in our class register. This was followed by confetti, pictures, and of course the Wedding Breakfast! We decided to make ours look like a street party, as is tradition for Royal occasions. We all sat and enjoyed food kindly donated by parents and staff and enjoyed a piece of 'wedding cake' made by Mrs Vallums. After this, we all had a good party and a dance and watched videos of William and Katherine's wedding so we know how big an event a Royal wedding is! We all had a fantastic day and really appreciate all of the hard work by all of the parents and friends of the school to help us to do this and to make it such a special day for the children. We especially liked the jelly rings which were exchanged as part of the ceremony!





100 % Attendance

UNCRC Article 31 - The right to play.

Well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance over the Spring Term. The children behaved exceptionally well at the recent disco and taught each other new dance moves, including, 'The Floss!'



The children have used their pupil voice to help us plan other reward events too, such as a mini treasure hunt. The Children's Working Party will be contacting local businesses over the Summer Term, requesting incentives for excellent school attendance. We look forward to sharing these rewards with the children over the next academic year.





Messy play fun

UNCRC Article 31 - All children have the right to play.

The Nursery and 2 Year Olds love to get messy! Here are some photographs that show what was on offer during our last messy play session. The children were encouraged to have fun and explore, to talk about and mix the wide range of media on offer. For this sensory play session we used cornflour, clay, shaving foam, jelly, finger paints and flour.



Year 1 Gardening



On Monday 30th April IH and IT went into the school garden with the Guerrilla Gardeners from St. John's Church. First we cleared the beds of weeds and found parsnips planted from last year. We planted sunflower and herb seeds. Then, in a vegetable patch, we planted beetroot, onions, radishes, potatoes, beans and strawberries. We all had a fun morning discovering how to grow plants. Following all of this hard work we plan to make vegetable kebabs on the BBQ!



History for the More Able and Exceedingly Enthusiastic



Our Key Stage Two More Able and Enthusiastic Historians Group have been a real credit to the school whilst working with the curators from Auckland Castle.

They have found out how to spot the remains of buildings by creating their own mini ruins and about how the life of County Durham's miners is portrayed and interpreted in art at the Miners' Art Gallery. The children asked precise questions and made well considered suggestions.

They will be continuing their local history project by interviewing elderly people from Shildon.





Netball

Recently, Year 5 have completed several sessions of netball at Greenfield (Sunnydale Campus). They benefitted enormously from the expert teaching and spacious court. The children showed great enthusiasm, developed some great skills, and played respectfully.

The Great Tables Challenge!

All children, by the end of Y4, should be able to recall tables facts up to 12x12 quickly. By the end of Y6 they should be able to recall division facts too! The Government plan to introduce an online tables test for all children in Y4, within the next two years. Here are a few websites you could try to help your child practise their times tables.

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

<https://www.nationwideeducation.co.uk/www/flash/bsa/bsa-flash/index.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/supermovers/42612499>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2Nr-f02AUY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6oJ5rw9mys>



And of course don't forget Times Tables Rock Stars. All children from Y2 to Y6 have logins. Ask your child's class teacher for more details.

www.ttrockstars.com

The Great Tables Challenge!

Wednesday 28th March 2018

Last term we had two fantastic Tables Challenge Competitions. Each class in KS2 selected two Tables Champions, who competed against each other, in a variety of Maths challenges, both on paper and online. They had to compete in front of an audience of their classmates, who cheered and encouraged them all. The audience also had to take part in a range of activities, designed to help them practise their tables too. The final round of each competition was a head to head challenge – Maddie Larkings competed against Lucas Kirby and Lachlan Kitching competed against Daniel Tomlinson. Both were very close, but in the end our champions were Maddie and Daniel. All the competitors were brilliant though, showing great resilience and resourcefulness. Well done to Riley Smith, Evan Hyman, Oscar Bright, Paige Hunter, Harry McKimm, Joseph Brunton, Keira O'Brien, Charlie Brown, McKenzie Kirtley, Millie Sanderson, Leland Butterfield and Hayden Sangster.





Youth Variety Show



Come join us at the
Civic Hall, Shildon



THURSDAY 13th / FRIDAY 14th JUNE
7:30 pm



Tickets : £3:50
(payable at the door)



All Proceeds to SCYPAN YOUTH AWARDS EVENING



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