



TIMOTHY HACKWORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
On The Track To Success!

Newsletter

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Summer Term

School closes on 23rd May for half term and reopens on Monday 3rd June at 8.50am.

Have a great Half Term!

A very warm welcome to Mrs. Stanley, who has joined our school team as a Teaching Assistant working in Mrs. Finkle and Mrs. Wright's class.

We are glad to welcome back Mrs. Seal and Mrs. Beck who have recently returned from their Maternity Leaves.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have certainly had a very busy half term.

Our Y2 and Y6 children have been a credit to our school with their very mature and sensible approach to their SATs this half term. They have all worked incredibly hard and have shown themselves to be resilient learners, giving their best with relentless effort. World Record levels of loaves of bread, crumpets and strawberry jam have been eaten and enjoyed! Many thanks indeed to our volunteers, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Fletcher, who have kept the toasters busy!

Thank you to those parents and carers who have returned their Parent Questionnaires. We have had incredibly positive feedback, with 94% - 100% parents responding positively to each question. The amount of questionnaire responses from parents has increased this time which is great news!

We look forward to an exciting final half term of the year. Please ensure that children continue to come to school in their uniforms. Children need to wear black school shoes rather than trainers, and no earrings please. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school after the half term.

We hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter. I wish you a very happy Half Term.

Mrs. Boulton

Message from SCYPAN

Several of the young people were asked what they would like to do in the holidays and a trip to Lightwater Valley was requested. In light of this we will be taking a coach of young people on Wednesday May 29th. The pick up point will be Jubilee Fields Community Centre at 9.15am and the cost will be £12.50. If any young people aged between 10 and 18 years would like to attend, they can contact tanyaornsby@ayccltd.co.uk for a consent form.

Well done!

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Ava-Lily, Daniel H, Daniel A, Wayne
1H— Emily, Dylan, Lexi, Maisie
2T— Kaitlyn, Serephina, Leo, Evie
2H— Sienna, Isabel, Amelia, All of 2H
3T— Shania, Blossom, Alfie, Brodie
3H— Kacey, Tia, A'Mira, Hope
4T— Gilly-Joe, Riley, Jacob, Kai
4H— Dante, Alfie, Joe, Harrison
5T— Lacey Jay, Beau, Abbi, Tyler
5H— Jamie, Reece, Jamie, Millie, Abi
6T— Shay, Anya, Shannon, Ella
6H— Jessica, Mckenzie, Peter, Connor

Lunchtime Superstars

Beau, Alicia, Hunter, Mckenize, Ella D, Ashton, Brandon, Bobby, Wiktorina, Ruby, Mason M, Ross, Junior, Daniel A, Froylan, Kobi, Annelise, George B, George K, Ava T, Dylan S, Haydon, Indie, Kaitlyn, Kara, Ethan L, Cody B, Sophie B, Lexi M, Robert K, Jayden W, Ben C, Reece P, Orlah, Dollie B, Indie, Jo B, Robert K, Carter, Ashton, Rihanna Grace.

Honour Board Points

3H— 100 points—A'mira, Gracie-Mae, Hope, John-Thomas, Lily
150 points—Leon, Scarlett, Taylor
200 points—Cody, Leah, Rosie

Well Done!!

Reading Champions

1T - Tianna-Marie, Joseph, Esther, Wayne

1H - Luca, Lucas, Scarlett, Dollie

2T - Rihanna, Kaitlyn, Stacey-Jo, Leo

2H - Noah, Jake, Matilda, Lacey

3T - Spencer, Hollie, Reece, Sophie

3H - Tia, John-Thomas, Lily, Gracie-Mae

4T - Connor, Paige, Kai

4H - Lennon, Riley, Sam, Gabby

5T - Georgia Mae, Aaron, Beau, Ellissa

5H - Finley, Joshua, Lucas

6T - Lily, Rylee, Sophie, Myles

6H - George, Millie, Jayden, Holli

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23rd May—School closes for half term

Monday 3rd June—School reopens at 8.50am

Tuesday 4th June—Y5 visit Broom House Farm

Friday 7th June—Non uniform, wear something blue in aid of Save the Oceans From Plastic

Thursday 13th June—Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort

Tuesday 18th June—Careers Day

Monday 24th—Thursday 27th June Y5 Curriculum Week

Thursday 27th June—Y6 Transition Day Greenfield Shildon site

Monday 1st July—2 Year Olds and Nursery Sports Day, morning and beginning of week children starting at 10am

Monday 1st July—Y5 and Y6 Sports Day starting at 1.30pm

Monday 1st July—Parents meeting for Reception New Starters starting at 4pm

Tuesday 2nd July—Y1 and Y2 Sports Day starting at 9.30am

Wednesday 3rd July—Y6 Transition Day Greenfield Shildon site

Wednesday 3rd July—Reception Sports Day starting at 9.30am

Thursday 4th July—Y3 and Y4 Sports Day starting at 9.30am

Thursday 4th July—2 Year Olds and Nursery Sports Day, afternoon and end of week children, starting at 2pm

Thursday 4th July—Y6 end of year performance starting at 6.30pm

Monday 8th July—Y6 Robinwood 3 day visit

Monday 8th July—Y6 Children not going to Robinwood will be visiting Greenfield Shildon site

Tuesday 9th July—Y6 Children not going to Robinwood will be visiting UTC Science event

Tuesday 9th July—Reception will be visiting Preston Park

Wednesday 10th July—Y6 Children not going to Robinwood will be visiting Hardwick Park

Monday 15th July—Y2 will be visiting the Blue Reef Aquarium

Tuesday 16th July—Transition morning across the school, new classes

Friday 19th July—School closes for the Summer holidays

Urgent - Traffic and Parking

CRC Article 6 – All children have the right to be safe.

Outside of our school recently, a child was almost knocked over by a car. This was due to the traffic congestion on Oxford Street, where a number of cars were doing dangerous turns whilst not following the voluntary one-way system. The majority of our parents and carers support us in our efforts to help to keep children safe, however a small minority of parents and carers continue to ignore the one-way system and continue to travel and park recklessly. This is a serious concern and we continue to urge parents to help to keep your children safe.

MEETING WITH M.P. HELEN GOODMAN

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

The Adults' Attendance Group had a very productive meeting with M.P. Helen Goodman recently.

We talked about attendance, discussing the programmes, which Mrs. Goodman thought were excellent, that we are running to help families and boost school attendance. We also talked about the very expensive cost of holidays outside of term time and the limitations of Ofsted attendance targets. Mrs. Goodman reassured us that she had enough useful information to debate with in Parliament. We will keep you informed about the outcomes from this meeting in future newsletters.

We were also grateful that Mrs. Goodman had time to meet with the pupils from The Children's Attendance Group. The children were extremely respectful and asked very thoughtful questions about Parliament.



CRC Article 28 - All children have the right to learn.

Our school has recently become a member of the Durham Red Box Project, supporting girls in our school who need access to sanitary products so that they are able to come to school and not miss out on their learning.

Thanks to our Governor, Cllr. Shirley Quinn, who has raised the profile of this issue in our local community and who is working alongside the Red Box Charity to ensure our girls have continuous access to sanitary provision so their needs can be met.

Should you require any further information about this, please contact the School Office, or drop into Parent Pod.

The Red Box Project is available in your school!



We are a national
community run project
that provides menstrual
products to young
people in schools.

If you know of a student that needs
free sanitary items, direct them to:

Miss Stainsby

Any of our staff would be happy to help



We hope that in a small way we can
support the incredible work that you,
as teachers, do every day!

www.redboxproject.org.uk

Year 2 visit to Durham Cathedral.

CRC Article 29- Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

CRC Article 31- Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Written recount by Ellie-Rose

Dear Mrs Boulton,

Yesterday we went to Durham Cathedral. First a lady gave us some cards. She said we had to go outside and try to spot the picture of nature on our cards. On my cards I had a tree surrounded by water and a swan. I spotted the tree but I never found the swan. On the walk outside the lady took us to an outside classroom. Before we went into the classroom the lady took away the rubbish so it was safe for us to use. Then she let us into the outside classroom and asked us to draw the sounds we could hear. We were surprised to see there were no tables or chairs so we had to use tree stumps to rest on or the wall. After we did a play about St. Cuthbert I read the story and Ava was Osluf and Summer was a



servant. Mrs Dykes then asked us to line up with our partners so we could go for lunch. For lunch I had chocolate spread sandwiches, jelly, teddy crisps, banana and a cheese string. It was yummy. Meanwhile 2T came in for their lunch so we took a step back and let them into the classroom too. Then we went to the toilet and the taps were magical you only had to put your fingers under them and the water switched on! Then we saw a Cathedral that was built out of Lego in a glass cage. It must have taken forever to make. A lady told us all about St. Cuthbert and Noah was asked to hold a lamb while Sienna dressed up as a shepherd. As we were told the story more and more of us dressed up. At the end we had our photo taken then we returned to school.



Can we go back again?



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stronger
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Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

CRC Article 27: Every Child has the right to be supported in their development. National School Breakfast Programme Visit

We had a visitor at school this week from the National School Breakfast Programme, to look at our breakfast club provision and also our breakfast bagels. Emma was very impressed with our school and our children.

'Huge thanks for your time this morning. It was a pleasure to visit Timothy Hackworth Primary and see the great job you are doing to ensure that your children have fuel for learning. It was absolutely fantastic to visit a school with such a positive attitude towards Magic Breakfast and the NSBP. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming and what polite children you have.

The classroom bagel system worked like a well-oiled machine – thank you for your hard work in this, I know from the size of the school that this has been no mean feat.

Please pass on my thanks to all of the staff team involved in getting the bagels to the classrooms across the school.'

Emma Rose
School Partner North

CRC Article 14 – The right to an opinion

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Here are some comments from parents and carers in response to our Parent Questionnaires.
Thank you for your feedback.

The school is brilliant.

My son seems to have settled in a lot quicker than he normally would and for that I am grateful.
He comes home smiling and very joyful about the day he has had.

My child loves school.

The extra help offered to my child has been great.
My child loves school, especially the teaching staff in his class.

I love this school.

Definitely a friendly school for children. The staff are helpful and children are respectful and well behaved. Thank you for your tireless work teachers!



Article 28:
Your right to learn and to go to school

At the end of the Spring term, Year 5 had an action packed visit to Greenfield Community College (the Shildon site).

They were able to take part in fantastic activities, including table tennis skills, Drama, German, Chemistry, Art and Photography. There will be an exhibition of their photographs later this year to which children and their families will be invited.

We were all made very welcome by the friendly, enthusiastic pupils and staff and the lunch was delicious!



Earth Hour!

CRC Article 24: All children have the right to a clean and safe environment.

On Friday 29th March, Timothy Hackworth pupils took part in 'Earth Hour'. Everything electrical was turned off for an hour in an effort to help save our environment and our planet. People all over the world took part in Earth Hour to challenge world leaders to push the preservation of nature to the top of the global agenda. Our children would like a future where the natural world is safe. Why not help protect the planet by turning off any unnecessary electrical items? You can help by doing something very small like turning off the lights when you leave a room!



NURSERY OPEN DAY

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

We recently welcomed families to come and look around the Nursery environment and find out about the provision at Timothy Hackworth School.

We shared our, 'School Vision' and discussed what it means to be a Gold Level Rights Respecting School. All the families were very complementary about our school; they enjoyed looking at the photographs, showing the fun experiences we have had in Nursery and seeing the children's work on display.

NURSERY AND 2 YEAR OLD NEW STARTERS

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

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

We recently welcomed the children that would join us over the Summer Term to come and take part in a 'Stay and Play,' session within the Nursery.

Families explained that it was lovely to be able familiarise themselves and their child with the setting, meet the staff and make new Nursery friends!

Lots of activities were on offer and the children were encouraged to explore indoor and outside during this session. We reassured families that we will be having plenty of fun, learning through play, over the Summer Term with their child.



CRC Article 31: All children have the right to take part in a wide range of activities

Chocolate Tombola

Our Easter Chocolate Tombola was a huge success raising £108 for our school. The children really enjoyed taking part and were excited to try to pick out a winning number. A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and children who helped to support this event.

Decorated Egg Competition

Mrs. Crook and I enjoyed judging the Easter Egg competition. It was very hard to judge ; we had so many good entries!

Mrs Hewitson

Competition Winners:

- 2 Years Old - 1st Ava, 2nd Bentley
- Nursery - 1st Anna, 2nd Ria, 3rd Luciana
- Rec. Yellow - 1st Ava May, 2nd Riley, 3rd Thomas
- Rec Blue - 1st Daisy, 2nd Robert, 3rd Ritchie
- 1T - 1st Ashton, 2nd Lucy, 3rd Faith
- 1H - 1st Cameron, 2nd Harry, 3rd Dylan
- 2T - 1st Kaitlyn, 2nd Dylan, 3rd Taylor
- 2H - 1st Grace, 2nd Noah, 3rd Jack
- 3T - 1st Kate, 2nd Holly, 3rd Brodie
- 3H - 1st Cody, 2nd Lily, 3rd A'mira
- 4T - 1st Kara, 2nd Jaideen, 3rd Gilly-Joe
- 4H - 1st Ria-May, 2nd Riley, 3rd Brooke
- 5T - 1st Leighton, 2nd Lacey, 3rd Tyler
- 5H - 1st Joshua, 2nd Sophia, 3rd Alfie
- 6T - 1st Sophie, 2nd Zak, 3rd Freya
- 6H - 1st Kai, 2nd Millie, 3rd Connor

Photographs from Y6 Safety Carousel March 25th

Year 6 visited 'The Work Place' in Newton Aycliffe to take part in the annual Safety Carousel. During the day, the pupils took part in six safety workshops where they learnt about dangers and how to stay safe.

They were involved with the following workshops:

- Fire safety in the home
- Water safety with the RNLI
- Internet safety with the Police
- Road safety
- Safety in the home with the NHS
- Electrical safety with The Northern Power Grid



Year 1 Phonics and Cake Morning.

Year 1 had a very successful Phonics morning. Information was passed on to inform parents about the fast approaching Phonics Screening Assessment, which takes place in June. The feedback from the parents who attended was very positive. Parents felt that they now have a deeper understanding of how Phonics is taught in school, and now feel more confident to be able to support their child at home. The Year 1 children made Fair Trade cakes and muffins to sell on the morning as part of their enterprise project, this was a huge success, we sold every single one! The children also decorated bags to take home. The bags were full of important information regarding phonics and suggested activities and apps that children can use at home.



The Great Tables Challenge!

Thursday 4th April 2019

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 – Oscar took on Lukas and Kai took on McKenzie. Both were very close run things but in the end our champions were Oscar and McKenzie.

All the competitors were brilliant, showing great resilience and resourcefulness. Well done to Brodie, Evan, Oscar, Taylor, Tyler, Dylan, James, Harry, Joseph, Lukas, Harvey, Reece, Kai, McKenzie, Liam and Ella-Rae.



Our Enterprise Project 2019!

Last term we held an enterprise project across the school. Each year group was given £50, to spend as they wished, to try and make as much profit as they could. Y3 decided to have a party and sell tickets for it. They had a lot of fun and at the same time made £81. Some year groups set up competitions like guess the birthday of a giant cuddly toy and guess how many chocolate eggs were in a jar. Most year groups though decided to make products to sell so we held an Enterprise Fair and invited parents and friends along to buy the things we had made. This was a great success – thank you to everyone who came along. We finished off our project with an assembly where we told each other what we had done and how much profit we had made. The winners (with a staggering profit of £131.56) were Y1. They received a trophy that they are very proud of. Well done to all year groups – now you can spend your profit!



NURSERY AND 2 YEAR OLDS STAY AND PLAY -SPRING TERM 2

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

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

During our last, 'Stay and Play,' lots of Spring themed activities were on offer that included further developing the children's skills in cutting, decorating, colouring and sponging! The children were also encouraged to make a tasty chocolate treat and take part in a hunt for eggs outside in the Nursery garden!



ATTENDANCE REWARD

CRC Article 31 - The right to play.

Well done to all the children that achieved a 100% attendance during the Spring Term.

As a reward, 98 children, from all year groups, were invited to attend an after school disco. Together we played games, sang, danced and enjoyed a treat or two!

The children were **all** extremely well behaved; it was lovely to see the older pupils playing so considerately with the youngest learners from our school. We had two children that kindly volunteered to be DJ's during the disco; many thanks to Lillyrose and Ben for this help.



School Governor Update

Governor News

We are delighted to welcome two new members to our Governing Body. Mr Malcom Gray has joined us as a Community Governor and Mrs Samantha Townsend as a Parent Governor.

Malcolm Gray - *This is my first term as a Governor of the school, and the opportunity to support the school, pupils and parents is a challenge I relish. I have worked in Local Government since 1991 and I currently work for Livin Housing Limited as their Community Investment Manager. My experience of work areas includes rent collection, council tax, housing and housing support, ASB and now in community investment. I am currently the chair of the East Durham Rural AAP and I manage the Foundations building in the centre of Shildon.*

Timothy Hackworth has vast potential with an optimistic and bright future. I have met with some of the pupils, teachers and governors and I consider it an honour and a privilege to help support the school moving forward. The team at the school take great pride in their efforts both individually and as a collective and I will do my very best to help our young people enjoy their learning, have fun and develop the skills and attributes they need for a bright and successful future.

Samantha Townsend – *I am a Mam to 3 children (Reception, Year 3 and Year 5) at Timothy Hackworth Primary School. I am a serving Councillor on Shildon Town Council and a qualified teacher.*

I really appreciate the ethos and values of Timothy Hackworth School and I'm really excited about the opportunity to help it build on its strengths by joining the team as a parent governor. I'm very interested in protecting SEND provision and helping the school continue to be a progressive, inclusive establishment.

We look forward to working with Mr Gray and Mrs Townsend.

Our governors held the first of their Summer Term meetings on Wednesday 22 May. At the meeting Governors received and considered a report from Mrs Boulton about the school's current position, and of progress relating to the School Improvement Plan, including pupil attainment and pupil attendance. As part of an update about the teaching of online safety in school, the governors were delighted to welcome Mrs Hill and members of the e-cadets to their meeting. Governors would like to say thank you again to the e-cadets and to Mrs Hill for providing them with clear information about online safety in school.

Governors are linked to curriculum areas and various monitoring visits have been carried out this term, including English, Health and Safety and the administration of the SATs. Governors have enjoyed taking part in school events and assemblies. The Chair of Governors visits the school regularly to meet with Mrs Boulton and the Chair and Vice Chair arrange meetings to share knowledge and information.

CRC Article 28 and 29 – All children have the right to an education that develops their personality, talents and abilities to their fullest potential.

CRC Article 3 – Adults should work together to ensure the rights of all children are met.

Governors are regularly invited to join in with staff training and have recently taken part in training relating to Online Safety.

CRC Article 36 – All children have the right to be protected from things that can harm them.

If you have any questions you can email the governing body at timothyhackworth@durhamlearning.net or hand in a letter to the school office.