

'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'



**Timothy Hackworth Primary School**

# NEWSLETTER



## **Parking Plea!**

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

An urgent appeal to parents who are using Oxford Street to bring and collect children in cars. We have had several near-misses where small children in pushchairs, older children and their parents have almost been hit by cars doing dangerous turns at the bottom of Oxford Street. Despite being asked not to do this, a minority of parents continue to drive and park dangerously.

We have alerted our local police to this issue as we are so concerned.

Please help us to keep your children safe.

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## **To our Timothy Hackworth Families,**

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter.

First and foremost, we do hope that all of you are safe and well in these challenging times.

Thank you for your support, for the many kind comments that we have had since the beginning of term, and for bringing your children into school despite the current circumstances and ever-evolving guidance.

I must start by commending your children. They are amazing! They have returned to school happy, safe and settled. They are thoroughly enjoying school, are pleased to be back to see their friends, and are really trying hard with their learning.

Our youngest children who have started with us in 2 Year Olds, Nursery and Reception, have done brilliantly, taking everything in their stride, and have shown themselves to be resilient and confident young people.

Welcome to children and their families who have joined us from other parts of the region, and other parts of the country during this half term. Our older new starters have also had a superb start!

Your children are fantastic at remembering all of our new social distancing guidance in school. They apply these with good manners, with respect, and with care for each other. I am so impressed and encouraged by their maturity, and their ability to take on board these new ideas so well.

And last but by no means least, a very well-deserved thank you to our committed and hard-working staff, who have adapted to very new ways of working, and are working incredibly hard to keep your children safe. To have such a dedicated team, which, I must remind you, includes all of our Office Team, our Cleaning Team and our Catering Team, makes such a difference to the smooth running of our school. It certainly is a team effort.

A warm welcome to Miss. Corney who is teaching in IH, Mrs. Hanson who is teaching 2T and Mrs. Hymers, Lunchtime Supervisor, who joined our staff team in September.

Do stay safe and well and enjoy reading our Newsletter.

Mrs. Boulton

## **Attendance News!**

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

I am delighted to announce that our attendance this half term has been the best it has ever been! Although we have had, understandably, children isolating alongside their families, when children have been well enough to attend school, parents and carers have ensured their attendance in school. This is fantastic news - thank you for taking your child's right to learn seriously and for promoting good attendance! Despite local and national attendance figures declining, we at Timothy Hackworth are going in the opposite direction – in the right way!

# Well done!!!

## Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Calvin, Roman, Cayden, Bobby, Evelynnn

1H— Arthur, Isobel

2T— Ella, Olivia, Jack

2H— Amelia, Clinton, Ava, Macey, Dylan

3T— Elliot, Georgia, Joe, Charlie, Jessica

3H— Lexi, Summer, Logan, Dollie-Blaine, Lovina, Dylan, Alfie

4T— Ethan-Lee, Stacey-Jo, Emily

4H— Jack, Matilda, Kye, Noah, Jake

5T— Alfie, Poppy, Reece, Brodie

5H— Ava, John-Thomas, Ceejay, Tia, Chloe

6T— Charlie, Brodie, Riley S, Whole Class

6H— Whole Class, Indie, Harrison, Lucy Ella, Alice

## Lunchtime Superstars

Leon W, Willow, Calvin, Finlay W, Lincoln B, Ana, Ellie H, George K, Ethan-Lee, Daisy M, Jay T, Joe CW, Dakin-Jo, Layla-Jay, Lacey, Charlie N, Reece T, Oliver R.



## Reading Champions

2Year Olds - Zara-Leigh, Denny-Lee  
Nursery - Catalina, Nate, Levaeh  
Reception Yellow - Asher  
1T - Isobel, Luna, Calvin, Lincoln, Logan, Ria  
1H - Elias, James  
2T - Rose, Lincoln, Kole  
2H - Dollie-Beau, Laitia, Kobi, Riley, Clinton  
3T - Lucy, George, Jason, Harry, Tianna Marie  
3H - Bella, Lovina, Faith, Cameron, Gracie, Amelia  
4T - Hayden, Zipporah, Olivia, Reece  
4H - Kimberley, Ava, Amelia, Harley, Bethany  
5T - Laura, Shania, Hollie, Ruby  
5H - Lily, Mason, Chloe, Taylor  
6T - Paige, Ella, Riley A, Kara, Taylor Jay  
6H - Alfie, Ben, Dylan, Joe

## Reading Champion of Champions

Paige 6T  
Zipporah 4T  
Riley A. 6T  
Dylan 6H  
Kole 2T



## **Reading, reading and more reading!**

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be.

Our thanks to parents and carers who are spending time with their children to listen to them read. It really does make a difference! Please continue to read with your child. We look forward to changing their reading books each Friday. We have spent a lot of money on buying a range of reading books for your children to enjoy. We really want children to be the best that they can be and to fly through those coloured levels!

With thanks to Mrs. Ord who has lived in our School Library during Lockdown and has stamped and organised books in her sleep!

Enjoy your reading together at home. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about your child's reading.

## **Trees, Trees and More Trees!**

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be

We are looking forward to receiving a delivery of saplings which will be planted by the children in the coming weeks. With thanks to Mrs. Tomlinson who has kindly ordered the saplings for us and to "Tree Appeal" in Barnard Castle and The Woodland Trust who have been keen to help us with our tree-planting efforts!

## **Please stop gatherings on the streets and playgrounds.**

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

Please help your children and each other by keeping a 2m distance from other families. There are too many adults and children gathering on the streets outside of school. Please head straight home at the end of the school day in our joint efforts to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support.

## **Trailblazer Project**

CRC Article 24 - all children have the right to the best possible health.

Timothy Hackworth Primary School is involved in a new, trailblazer project aimed at supporting the mental health of our school community. Soon, staff from the Mental Health Support Team will be coming into school to find out more about our school and to start working with families and children.

Keep an eye on the website for more information and updates.





## Jeans for Genes



### **CRC Article 23: All children have the right to special care and support if they are disabled.**

Timothy Hackworth Primary School took part in Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The children raised a fantastic £134.50!

1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. Simply by having worn their jeans and donating, the children will make a positive difference to the lives of these children.

If you'd like to find out more about how your support will help, please visit their website at [jeansforgenes.org](http://jeansforgenes.org)

Jeans for Genes have a series of powerful five minute films to explain how your child's donation will make a difference. Each film provides a compelling and personal insight, introducing some amazing children living with genetic disorders, sharing first-hand what life is like with their condition. Please visit [jeansforgenes.org/getinspired](http://jeansforgenes.org/getinspired) for more information and to view these films.

**Thank you!**

## Show Racism the Red Card



*CRC Article 2: All children have rights, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, abilities, whatever they think or say, and no matter what type of family they come from.*

Timothy Hackworth Primary School staff and children wore **red** on Friday, 16th October to support the Show Racism the Red Card Campaign which aims to eradicate inequality. We think equality, unity and togetherness are very important!



## **CRC Article 29 – All children have the right to be the best that they can be.**

Remote Learning – Photographs Wanted!

Should you wish to share a photograph of your child and their Remote Learning, please send the photograph to the school email address and we will publish this photograph in the next Newsletter. Our school email address is [timothyhackworth@durhamlearning.net](mailto:timothyhackworth@durhamlearning.net)

## **Barnardo's See, Hear and Respond Service**

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

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's in response to Covid-19 for children up to 18 years of age who are struggling to cope with the emotional impact of the Coronavirus.

You can access the 'See, Hear, Respond' service self-referral webpage or Freephone 0800 151 7015

## **Attendance Stickers are something to be proud of!**

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

Well done to children who have achieved a 100% attendance sticker or a 'Good Attendance' sticker in the last two weeks. The children are rightly proud of their stickers and deserve to be commended for their fantastic attendance! Well done!

## **Attendance Information**

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

We are always looking for ways to improve attendance at Timothy Hackworth School. The Attendance Working Party usually meet once a term to discuss attendance data, rewards and incentives; if you have any ideas about ways to improve attendance please let a member of the Office Staff know.

Your ideas are always welcome. We are always keen to add more members to the Attendance Working Party; please let a member of staff know if you think you could spare a little time to join this group.



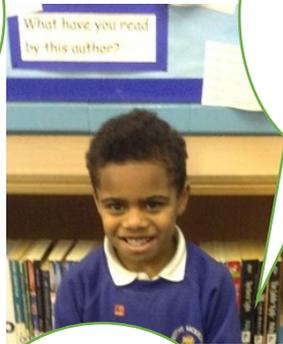
CRC Article 12: All children have the right to be listened to.

**Hello! We are The Children's Attendance Working Party. We use our 'Pupil Voice' to help improve attendance at our School.**

If you are late five minutes every day it adds up to twenty five minutes a week; that is a lot of missed learning!



Morning routines are good, I am never late for school.



I am new to this school and just finding out attendance things.



If you don't come to school you can't be educated.



Children need a note from a doctor if they have a medical appointment.



I am new to this group.



I love learning and sharing ideas.



We should try and come to school every day; the prizes to encourage people to come are improving all the time.



In the Attendance Group meetings we use our pupil voice to come up with ideas.



If you don't have a whole year at school with 100% attendance, don't worry, you could still get a termly award.



Our group is important. We try and think about what other students would like so it is not just the ideas from teachers.



I like being a member of the Attendance Working Party, I have less days off school now.





## John Muir Award

Last year, Miss Westgarth and Year 5 (now Year 6) began their exciting journey to achieving the John Muir Award. We were very lucky to work alongside Rio and his team to carry out a series of activities, enabling us to connect with, enjoy and care for the wild places around us.

To complete the project, we were asked to plant some trees in a wild place special to us. This half-term, the children were able to complete their award.

A small group of Year 6 children were invited to plant eleven new trees on our school field. The children were thrilled and very proud to be able to complete their journey and share their experience with their peers, who unfortunately could not attend the final session.

We look forward to sharing our video experience with you all very soon.

Well done to all of the Year 6 children for their hard work and resilience!

CRC Article 29- All children have the right to be the best that they can be.



## A message from the School Governing Body Autumn Term 2020

CRC Article 28: All children have the right to an education.

On behalf of the Governing Body of the school, I'd like to thank you for your help and support during the first half term of the new school year. Whether you are new to our school or are currently part of our school community, we welcome you and look forward to working together to provide the best possible education and experience for our children.

The last few months have certainly been a challenge for us all. We are extremely proud of how our school community has coped with the many changes to school procedures and routines. The children have accepted and followed the new school routines without fuss or complaint; they are amazing. Our dedicated staff team, led by Mrs Boulton and Mrs Slattery, continue to work extremely hard to ensure the children receive the best possible education, and to keep them safe and cared for; they are determined that everything will be done in the best interests of the children.

Our Governing Body membership is made up of parents, community members, Local Authority members and staff. At the moment governors are not able to visit school, but continue to be involved in discussions and decisions by email and virtual meetings. The Governing Body has many responsibilities, but monitoring is a key aspect; it enables us to get to know the school well. Monitoring is observing or checking how things are going and making sure that what is planned to happen is actually taking place. We look at a range of matters, from overall performance, financial performance, attendance, to how safe children feel in school, to name but a few. It is important we continue to do this during the current situation. Please take a look at the school website to find out more about the work of the Governing Body and details about how to contact us.

We are extremely proud of our wonderful, rights respecting school, and we have seen some fantastic evidence of learning and some amazing achievement. From previous visits to the school and talking to the children, we have heard that they feel happy and safe in school and enjoy their learning. We look forward to being able to resume our regular visits.

Thank you all for your continued help, support and understanding. We hope you all have a happy, safe half term holiday.