



TIMOTHY HACKWORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
On The Track To Success!

Newsletter

On February 6th it will be Chinese New Year and this time it will be the 'Year of the Pig'!
Happy New Year!



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Spring Term
February 2019

School closes for teaching on Friday 15th February and reopens for teaching on Monday 25th February 2019.

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a busy half term with many visitors in school. All of our visitors have commented upon your children's respectful behaviour, and how impressed they have been when visiting school. Our visitors continue to comment upon our calm school, where the children are so focused and are 'learning every minute'. We are very proud of our feedback, as I'm sure you are too!

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

Mrs. Boulton

Our Governing Body

CRC Article 19 - All children have the right to information.

Our Governing Body visited an Assembly recently, where Governors talked to our children about the role of the Governing Body and how they all want our children to be the very best that they can be.

Governors were very impressed by the children's behaviour and all of the certificates and awards that were presented.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in being a Parent Governor, please contact Mrs. Boulton who will be happy to discuss the role of the Parent Governor with you.

Well done!!

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Daniel A, Daniel H, Esther, Joseph
1H— Emily, Cameron, David, Dollie
2T— All 2T, Darcy, Ethan, Hayden
2H— All 2H, Caitlin, Ben, Noah
3T— Kate, Jack, Talisah, Hollie
3H— All 3H, James, Jayden, Lily
4T— Evan, Paige, Maddison, Riley
4H— Callum, Brooke, Joshua, Isaac
5T— Mackenzie-Mae, Shannon, Tilly, Kaelem
5H— Hermione, Maddie, Millie, Macauley, SJ
6T— Zak, Sophie, Anya, Liam
6H— Rosie, Logan, Katie, Savanna

Lunchtime Superstars

Week beginning 7th January: Indie, Connor T, Ryan C, Billy T, Daniel H, Gillie Jo, Elijah, Emily S, Millie W

Week beginning 14th January: Jaden W, Brodie W, Poppy S, Ben C, Oliver C, Lacey B

Week beginning 21st January: Laila, Blossom, Ethan D, Cody B, Lily H, George B, Kara, Harry C, Katie L

Week beginning 28th January: Riley S, Marco, Grace P, Ben M, Frankie, Anya, Lucas E, Kate T, Ethan L, Sophia B

Year 5 have been working closely with members of staff from The Auckland Project. The project involves working in teams, to create a product to sell to the public!

We have been taking part in daily art activities to prepare for our end product. Last week, we were able to spend the afternoon exploring the local area. On our visit, we took pictures to help inspire our thinking and broaden our artistic minds. We are going to use the pictures to create our own drawing. We are very lucky that we are going to be working with an artist. The artist is going to assist us with our designs and putting our art onto a product. As well as art, we are going to be pricing and selling our products. This is going to involve lots of maths!

We are really enjoying our project and we are looking forward to bringing our product to the market!

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

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

Well Done!!

Reading Champions

1T - Kieran, Lucy, Cody, Jessica
1H - Dollie, Logan B, Lovina, Bobby
2T - Kelcie, Bobbie-Jayne, Jaiden, Evie May
2H - Ryan C, Oliver C, Sienna A, Leon
3T - Shania, Jensen, Laura M, David
3H - Rosie J, Sofia, Taylor D, Cody
4T - Connor S, Rhys W, Ella D, Evan
4H - Graham, Gabby, Harrison S, Ria-May
5T - Lacey M, Aaron, Tyler B, Joseph
5H - Connor R, Finley J, Lucas E, Phoenix
6T - Shannon D, Wiktorina, Harry S, Joe
6H - Jessica B, Jessica H, Hollie



Christmas JUMPER DAY



Christmas Jumper Day

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

CRC Article 24: All children have the right to a nutritious diet, clean water and medical care if they are ill.

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

On Friday, 21st December, the children and staff took part in Christmas Jumper Day. We all wore our festive Christmas jumpers for the last day of term to support the Save the Children Campaign. The campaign supports children across the world to ensure that they have essential food, healthcare, protection and education. Thank you for all of your support. We all had lots of fun and celebrated in style with a rousing rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas (complete with actions!) during our final assembly of December. We have had a fabulous 2018 and here's to a wonderful 2019!



Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th February-school closes for half term

Monday 25th February-school reopens at 8.50am

Monday 4th March-Book Fair this week

Thursday 7th March-World Book Day

Thursday 18th March-Group photographs for Reception and Y6

Monday 25th March-Y6 will be attending the Safety Carousel

Thursday 28th March-Y5 Greenfield experience all day

Friday 5th April-school closes for the Easter Holidays

Thank You Mrs. McNabb and baby Evelyn!

CRC Article 29 – All children have the right to a good quality education.



Today Mrs. McNabb came in to show us how to bath a baby.

It was lovely to meet baby Evelyn; she was very well behaved throughout her visit to Nursery.

Mrs. McNabb explained how it was important to never leave a baby alone in a bath and that the water needed to be not too hot or too cold, but just right!

We found out baby Evelyn uses baby bath bubbles and special baby soap. She doesn't stay in the bath for a very long time as she can quickly get cold. After her bath she

loves to be dried carefully before her baby lotion is applied. Next she had a little bit of talc gently patted on her skin so that her clothes go on easily and so they don't get sticky from the baby lotion.

Once her nappy was on and she was dressed she had a drink of milk from her bottle. The children were then invited to come and say, "Hello," to Evelyn. She was described by the children as, "Adorable, lovely, very cute and beautiful!"

What a lovely experience, this will definitely help us with our role play activities we are currently acting out in Nursery.



Gifted and Talented Sports Day

RRS: Article 6: Your right to be healthy.

RRS: Article 29: Your right to become the best you can be.

On December 11th and 12th four children from our school were invited to a gifted and talented sports event hosted by Sedgefield SSP. The children went along to Spennymoor leisure centre where they took part in various activities and learnt the importance of diet and fitness.

Although they said it was pretty tough they all thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. They should be very proud.

Well done to you all!



A message from Our Governing Body
Road Safety Issues at Our School
CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with deep regret that the Governing Body must bring this issue to your attention.

As a result of feedback from many worried parents of children in our school, significant concerns have once again been raised regarding safety on the road and pathways around our school.

We have been further informed that cars are being parked irresponsibly and in breach of the Highway Code, on junctions, yellow lines, across driveways and the nearby bus stop.

We have witnessed this for ourselves, and in the interests of child, parent and staff safety, we strongly request that all adults using vehicles to drop off children or picking children up from school, park in a responsible manner.

We know the problems that parents and carers face and understand that at times it must be difficult, but the law must be upheld before we have a serious accident or worse which involves a child, or children.

We are mindful that the dark mornings and inclement weather are already upon us, so we ask that you all give a great deal of thought about where you might park your car.

As this is a busy time for all, can we also please ask that pathways are not blocked by pedestrians, as this is resulting in people having to go onto the roads to get past, again, creating another serious hazard.

We also strongly request parents using cars, to use the one-way voluntary system to reduce the risk of your child being hurt. This voluntary one-way system is for your child's safety. Please use it.

We are currently running a Road Safety Competition, organised by Miss Johnson and the Junior Road Safety Officers, regarding road and pedestrian safety at the school gates. As part of this competition, we are welcoming any ideas that can be shared to reduce the risk of children being hurt by irresponsible drivers.

As a Rights Respecting School, we feel that your child's safety is becoming increasingly at risk due to the serious road safety issues around our school. We look forward to a safer environment outside of our school gates.

We can only do this if everyone acts in a responsible way, and with your child's well-being in mind.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. P. Crook, Chair of Governors, and Councillor Shirley Quinn, School Governor, on behalf of The Governing Body of Timothy Hackworth Primary School

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

If you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the School Office staff who will be able to help you.

Even if you are unsure, it is worth asking to find out if your child is eligible.

School is given additional funding for Free School Meal places; if in doubt, please ask and we will be happy to help.

A Visit from the School Nurse – Looking After Our Teeth!

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

Our School Nurse, Sarah, talked to our children in Assembly about the importance of brushing their teeth, linking to their right to be healthy. Sarah showed the children how to brush their teeth properly; all of the children pretended to brush their teeth for two minutes – this is the amount of time that children should brush their teeth for. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Assembly. Keep brushing your teeth everyone!



Gymnastics Festival

Year 2 went to the Gymnastic Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. We had completed 6 weeks of coaching to create a routine with a gymnastics coach from the SSP. We performed our routine in front of our parents and other schools. We all really enjoyed this.

Article 29: All children have the right for their education to develop their talents to the full.

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

Key Stage 1 SATs Information for Parents and Carers

Thank you to all those parents who attended our SATs meeting; we hope you found this really helpful. We appreciate you taking your time to come and see us. Sometime in May 2019, all 7 year olds will take the End of Key Stage 1 National Tests. All schools deliver the same tests and it is up to each individual school when these tests are administered. These tests are designed to check that children in all schools are making progress. We have the whole month to do the tests; children are tested on Reading, Writing, Spelling and Maths. As evidence in their books is also assessed until the end of June this plays a very important part in their final result, please make sure your child attends school every day. If they are unwell in school, we will ring you.

We do not tell the children when these tests are happening to ensure a stress free environment as we like to keep it as relaxed as possible. A few weeks prior to the tests we begin to give the children toast, milk and biscuits to keep their energy levels up. As always make sure your child has a good night's sleep so they can perform their best. We mark the tests internally and this is checked by the local authority's advisors or inspectors. They also check the children's school books for evidence of attainment and that all standards and criteria have been met.

Here are a few ways how you can help:

- You can practise spellings at home.
- Read regularly (every night).
- Ask questions about the text that they have just read.
- Chant times tables (mainly 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s).

(The children need to know the inverse too as they have to divide as well as multiply.)

- Complete Maths homework every week.
- Make sure your child has had enough sleep.

Thanks again for all of your home support, it really does make such a big difference.

Mrs. Dykes, Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Paramore



Nursery and the two year old children have enjoyed lots of activities based around dental hygiene. The children have been practising cleaning teeth on a largescale using a giant set of teeth and brushes.

The two year olds also had the opportunity to clean their own teeth with some brushes that were slightly smaller !

We also looked at foods that were good and bad for our teeth and sorted them accordingly.

These activities were followed up by a visit from our school nurse Sara Spratt who emphasised to the children the importance of good dental hygiene.

Parents and Children's Maths Workshop

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

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

Over the last four weeks families from Nursery and both Reception classes have been invited by their teachers to come and take part in a mini games workshop, playing traditional games alongside their child.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and the feedback from family members including parents, grandparents and uncles has been really positive. Playing games such as dominoes, card games, dice games and lotto games are not only great at reinforcing maths skills, early reading skills are also encouraged through pre reading skills such as matching. Obviously the main emphasis is on having fun and learning through play whilst refining skills in counting, reasoning, colour and number recognition.

We were very proud of the children's behaviour and their manners during these fun sessions also very grateful to all the families that have given up their time to come and take part in the games workshops.

We are aiming to set up a mini lending library, where families can borrow games to play at home to consolidate the learning at home and obviously to continue the fun without time constraints . Over the next term we will be inviting other families and children to take part too.



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

Breakfast Bagels

Our bagel breakfast for all children has been a huge success! The children are thoroughly enjoying the warm bagels, especially on these cold mornings! Our bagels are packed full of protein, vitamins and minerals, are free from artificial additives and have no E-numbers.



Independent research has found that Y2 pupils in schools, who have been provided with a free and nutritious breakfast have boosted their reading, writing and maths by an average of 2 months' progress, compared to schools with no breakfast provision. As a school we are encouraged by this data and have started to see the benefits already. The Family Action National School Breakfast Programme was formed in partnership with Magic Breakfast and the Department for Education to combat hunger, as over half a million children in the UK come to school too hungry to learn. We are delighted to be invited to take part in this initiative and are proud to be a part of the Family Action National School Breakfast Programme.

Christmas Fayre



This year's Christmas Fayre was particularly busy, with stalls including cakes, tombola, name the bear, white elephant, homemade crafts, balloons and the ever popular toy stall. Our children also took part in the fayre by selling cakes and biscuits, which they had made as part of their enterprise project. Their stall was inundated and they made a healthy profit, which they donated to buy uniforms for some of our children. The entertainment was provided by the Diva's and the choir, who sang and danced beautifully. We rely on donations from parents and the community to be able to run our fayre each year; so we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in making it such a huge success and helping us raise a massive £580 for our school fund! We look forward to next year's Christmas Fayre being even bigger and better, and raising more money for our children.



e-Cadets



Welcome to an update about our e-Cadets. Our e-Cadets consist of 16 children from year 3 to year 6 (2 from each class). The main role of the e-Cadets is to work together as a team to promote online safety throughout our school. We also take part in a range of termly challenges together set by the e-Cadets.

Last term we had our first meeting and discussed about 'screen time'. E-cadets led a class assembly discussing screen time. After discussing what screen time is and the damages too much watching a screen can do they asked children to answer a survey to find out how much screen time we all actually use.

E-cadets, in our second meeting compared what a real friend was compared to an online friend. E-cadets from each class led a class activity and watched an age appropriate video then completed their own activity. They finished by discussing how to recognise the dangers of online friends and how we can keep ourselves safe.

Well done E-cadets!

Our Spring term activities will be starting with online safety week in February where we will undertake more activities to make our children aware of the dangers of the Internet and how to keep safe and then continue with how to be safe with online gaming.

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



At the beginning of December, Year 3 made their long-awaited trip to the magnificent Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle.

After settling into our lavish base of The Jubilee Room, our busy day got underway.

We were treated to a workshop on our latest history topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age', where we completed a range of activities involving authentic and replica artefacts. Our host teacher was extremely impressed with our knowledge, enthusiasm and respectful behaviour.

We were also given the opportunity to view the other exhibits in the Museum as we embarked upon an elf hunt. We tracked down a number of elves that had hidden themselves amongst the display cabinets across the Museum; they provided a series of clues that we then put together to crack a code.



We were fortunate enough to see the Museum's famous silver swan automaton in action before many tired legs, weary from countless trips up and down the grandiose staircases, prepared for our journey home.



NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

26th January – 2nd February 2019

What is National Storytelling Week?

National Storytelling Week is a week for celebrating storytelling and encouraging people to tell their own stories.

People have used stories for thousands of years to communicate. We all tell stories every day. Many stories we know have been told for hundreds of years. Fairy tales and myths were told by people long before they were written down.

Timothy Hackworth Storytelling Week

During National Storytelling Week, teachers and pupils were encouraged to tell their favourite stories. These could have been completely fictional, their favourite stories or stories based around people or characters they already know. Some teachers took their class into our new library to tell the stories too.

Remember! Everyone is a storyteller!

Article 13

You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

Article 17

You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspapers, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



All children from Years 1-6 were lucky enough to have Danny from Destination Judo visit our school for a taster session of Judo!



Nursery and 2 Year Olds Meeting with Santa Claus

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

Our children always enjoy going out and about and on the last day of the Autumn Term, Friday 21st December, the children had a seasonal walk to the Shildon town centre to meet Santa Claus.

They remembered to take their letters and were greeted by Santa Claus with big smiles and "Ho, ho, ho..."

Each child had the opportunity to speak with Santa before they were given a tasty selection box filled with chocolate to take home.

We were very proud of the children's behaviour and manners and also very grateful to all the parents that gave up their time to come with us on this local trip.



Back at Nursery the children were keen to talk about this very enjoyable experience.



ATTENDANCE MOVIE EVENT

CRC Article 31 - The right to play.

Well done to all the children who achieved a 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

As a reward the children, from all year groups, were invited to attend an after school movie event. The children all sat very respectfully during the film, 'Boss Baby,' and enjoyed a treat or two!



Meet the Governors

Pauline Crook – Community Governor (Chair of Governors)

I have been a member of the Governing Body at Timothy Hackworth Primary School for over 23 years. I also have a long association with the school as my mother was a former pupil here, as was I and also my two daughters; we have many happy memories of our school days. Prior to my retirement in 2018, I was Business Manager of the school for over 20 years. I am proud to be associated with Timothy Hackworth School and I'm committed to providing the children with a happy, safe environment where they can enjoy their learning and reach their full potential. Being a school governor is often challenging, but also very rewarding; I look forward to continuing in my role and supporting the school leadership to ensure the school meets its educational aims and, consequently, the best possible outcomes for all our children.

Anthony Jones – Parent Governor (Vice Chair of Governors)

Hello my name is Anthony Jones and I am delighted to have been selected as Parent Governor for Timothy Hackworth Primary. I am a father of three and my two boys attend Timothy Hackworth Primary. Through the role I hope to help the school continue to provide excellence in education and help to build relationships between the parents and the school. I have completed 26 years military service and now work in a children's residential home as the Positive Behaviour Support Coach helping the children with special educational needs and behaviour concerns. I will also be hoping to help the school and parents with the extra challenges a SEND child encounters.

Shirley Quinn – Local Authority Governor

Hello I am Councillor Shirley Quinn. I am an elected Councillor for Shildon Town Council and Durham County Council. I was a previous pupil of this school in the 1970s having many happy memories and a good start to my education. I am a frequent visitor to the school, sharing my pride for all the children who are always polite, eager to learn and achieve many awards. I have worked in the catering trade, management of staff in the emergency alarm service and in the care of the elderly. I currently work in a local nursing home. I aspire to letting all pupils have the best that can be achieved and will promote a belief of reaching for the stars as well as helping to make Shildon a great place to live, play and work.

Claire Ash – Parent Governor

I am a parent governor and have previously volunteered at Timothy Hackworth School. I am currently working as Teaching Assistant within the school. I wanted to become a school governor to fully understand how the school operates and help the school and children develop and grow. I really enjoy the role as I am able to see the progress the school has made and celebrate the many achievements our children make whilst being at school.

Nicola Stainsby – Staff Governor

I have been a dedicated member of the team at Timothy Hackworth Primary for over 17 years and part of the Governing body for over 10 years. As Staff governor my link areas/specialist interests are Rights Respecting Schools, Safeguarding and Online Safety. I am passionate about our school supporting every child to be the best that they can be!

Dawn McArdle – Community Governor

I am 66. I'm married and have 4 children and 2 granddaughters. I was a teacher and worked in inner city Birmingham for many years. My specialism was special needs, inclusion and all aspects of English including as a second language, reading, speaking, listening and writing. I feel passionately that children have the right to the freedom to play and to be children as well as the right to a good education.

Fiona Minay – Community Governor

I was Co-opted on to the governing body in December 2018. I am the Practice Manager of a local family dental practice, Ashby and Atkinson, here in Shildon. Due to my position at work, I feel I bring experience in child safeguarding, people management, conflict management, multi-agency working and prioritising the needs of vulnerable children. I also hold the PGCE qualification which I feel will give me further insight in the general day to day running of a classroom. The school and council are providing me with the opportunity to attend a wide range of training courses which will enable me to understand what is expected of me in my role as governor, and what policies the school must adhere to, to run effectively. I am proud to be a governor of Timothy Hackworth Primary School, and want to strive to ensure every child who attends is safe, happy, and enable to develop their full potential.