



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

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



Newsletter

On January 25th the Chinese New Year began and this time it is the 'Year of the Rat'!

Happy New Year!



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School closes for teaching on Friday 14th February and re-opens for teaching on Monday 24th February 2020.

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will, once again, enjoy reading our Newsletter, full to the brim of adventures from this half term at Timothy Hackworth!

Could I please ask for your co-operation with parking and safe driving around our school. Earlier this half term, two children were almost knocked over due to cars reversing and cars driving at speed.

Two parents have had their vehicles hit by other cars passing by.

We do all that we can to try to remind the minority of speeding drivers around our school, and those drivers who make dangerous manoeuvres, compromising the safety of your children, however, a number of parents continue to ignore our advice. It is for the safety of your children that we ask for drivers to slow down and not to make dangerous turns in the road. Please help us to help your children have their right to be safe.

On a positive note, we are delighted that the Dogs Trust in Darlington has named us as their favourite school in the whole of County Durham! The children sang a wonderful canine song, expertly written and played on the piano by Mrs. Shepherd. Well done to all of our children who had great fun taking part in the Dogs Trust Competition, and showing their understanding of the right to be safe.

Your children continue to be a credit to you, themselves and our school. Visitors to our school continue to comment on the respectful behaviour and good manners observed. Fantastic!

I wish you a very happy half-term; we look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

Mrs. Boulton

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

Mrs. Boulton and Mrs. Slattery recently met with our school's Junior Leadership Team who have produced their own Junior version of the School Improvement Plan.

Following a very creative meeting, complete with cakes and snacks to help with the brainpower, the children made their own contributions as to how our school could be even better than it already is!

The children had many thoughtful and exciting ideas. They are now putting their ideas into practice and checking up on how the plan is being put into action!

Well done!!

Pupil of the Week Awards

1T— Olivia, Aaliyah, Rose, Jack, Evie, Ritchie
1H— Emily, Whole Class, Ava, Alayah, Laitia, Emily, Kobi
2T— Jason, Charlie, Faith, Laila, Darcy, Rihanna, Lucy
2H— Jack, Faith, Lucas, Gracie, Dylan, Amelia
3T— Bobbie-Jayne, Kaitlyn, Emily, Evie-May, Hayden, Froylan, Lexi
3H— Lucy, Grace, Elijah, Sienna, Ellie-Rose, Ryan, Lily
4T— Thomas-John, Poppy, Leon, Talisah, Alfie, Sophie, Hollie
4H— Hope, Leah, A'Mira, Gracie-Mae, Joe, Loghan, Sofia
5T— Kai, Zak, Cameron, Riley, Kenzie, Paige
5H— Indie, Annelise, Ben, Gabby, Harrison, Alice, Joshua, Joe, Alfie
6T— Tyler, Leighton, Ben, Lillyrose, Tyler, Tilly, Charlie
6H— Conner, Evan, Phoenix, Cameron, Sophia, Thomas

Lunchtime Superstars

Jessica, Lily M 4H, Finley L, George, Cody B, Lincoln B, Kara, Charlie B, Summer H,
Wayan, Ruby H, Rossi, Alfie A 2H, Lennon, Brooke K, Ana, Willow, Calvin, SJ, Bella M,
Kenzie W, McKenzie, Adam H, Annelise R, Charlie R,
Dylan T, Luna, Alfie D, Ella-Rose, Harry M, Scarlett D, Ella J, Nicky, Kara, Leah, Lincoln B,
Riley B, Stevie, Adam D, Grace, Reece P, David JS, Dylan O, Stevie, Henry, Cameron R,
Isabelle S, Lexi M, Mason J, Matthew, Charlie B, Kate, Joe D, Ana.

Reading Champions of Champions

Maddison B, John-Thomas, Lovina, Aurora

Well Done!!

Reading Champions

RB - Ria, Jake, Leo, Dalton, Ellissa, Aurora
RY - Finley, James, Sophie, Robbie, Isabella, Charlie
1T - Charlie, Orlah, Ashton, Zaine, Dylan, Rose, Hope
1H - Ollie, Rossi, Macey, Laitia, Alayah, Kobi, Sienna-Mae
2T - Faith, Lola-Mae, Ashton, Joe, Ava-Lily, Darcy
2H - Gracie, Kalen, Jack, Lovina, Bella, David
3T - Jorja, Emily, Bobbie-Jayne, Hayden, Kelcie, Emily
3H - Grace, Ellie-Rose, Bethany, Ryan, Freya, Noah, Natasha
4T - Ruby, Sophie, Shania, Tillie, Leon, Katie, Laura
4H - Taylor, John-Thomas, Tia, Jayden, Hope, Kacey, Logan
5T - Maddison, Tyler, Jacob, Kai, Lucas, Evan
5H - Tyler, Dylan, Harrison, Riley, Dante, Alice, Daniel
6T - Joseph, Abbi, Rueben, Winter, Ellissa, AJ, Aaron
6H - Finley, Lukas, Macauley, Joshua, Conner, Evan, Maddie

Mini Police Relaunch

Article 12 – All children have the right to an opinion

Article 13 – All children have the right to find out about things

Article 15 – All children have the right to join groups

This year at Timothy Hackworth we have relaunched the Mini Police project. Children from Year Five and Year Four classes are involved in the scheme, which aims to help tackle local issues while developing the children's confidence and skills.

So far, the children have enjoyed a visit from Claire, a local police officer, with whom the children discussed the different uses for police dogs in the community. They were very excited to have the opportunity to meet a real-life police dog, Ben! He was very well behaved while each of the children had the chance to stroke and chat to him.



Claire commented on how much she enjoyed meeting the children and she hopes to see them out and about at the community events in the future. THPS Mini Police will be visiting the police training site in Meadowfield in March 2020 to find out all about how people train to become police officers.



Safer parking at our school gates

Article 19: Children have the right not to be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe.



Our road safety theme for this half term is all about 'WALKING TO SCHOOL'. This is an important part of road safety, as it prevents congestion outside of school. Lots of cars around school make it difficult for children to see, and be seen near the busy road. The Junior Road Safety Officers have been encouraging drivers to park away from school, and then walk the last few minutes of the journey. This helps children to be wide awake when they arrive at school.

The Junior Road Safety Officers have also been very busy making their own Pledge. They need all adults to make the commitment to drive more safely. They are wanting everybody to make simple changes to protect all children, build happier communities, and to help save the planet. They would like everybody to drive to the speed limits, but to slow down to 20 mph around school. Driving slowly and smoothly saves fuel, money and reduces pollution.

Let's work together and remember to use our voluntary one-way system. To use the one-way system, please enter Oxford street from Byerley Road and exit via Ruskin Avenue, then onto Diamond street. This will help to keep all children and adults safe. Thank you!

Always remember to: Stop, Look, Listen and Think.

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Road Safety Starts With YOU!

Make The Commitment To Drive More Safely

Today!



I will accept the Road Safety Pledge.

Things I will do:

- **I will stay under the speed limit, and slow down to 20 miles per hour around school.**
- **I will never text when driving so I can stay focused.**
- **I will encourage my child to enter and exit my car on to the pavement.**
- **I will park safely, away from school, and check for pedestrians.**
- **I will not park on any zig zags, yellow or white lines, the school entrance, kerbs, residents' driveways or the bus stop.**
- **I will stop for the school crossing patrol when asked.**
- **I will make sure everyone in my vehicle is belted up on every journey, and children shorter than 135cm are in a proper child travel safety seat.**
- **I will use our voluntary one-way system.**

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 14th February - School closes for Half Term
- Monday 24th February - School re-opens
- Friday 3rd April - School closes for the Easter Holidays
- Monday 20th April - School re-opens
- Friday 8th May - School closed—Bank Holiday
- Monday 11th - Friday 15th May - KS2 SATs week
- Thursday 21st May - School closes for Half Term
- Monday 1st June - School re-opens
- Monday 29th June - 2Year Olds and Nursery (AM / Front End) Sports Day starting at 10.30am
- Monday 29th June -Y3 and Y4 Sports Day starting at 1.30pm
- Tuesday 30th June - Reception Sports Day starting at 9.30am
- Wednesday 1 July -Y5 and Y6 Sports Day starting at 9.30am
- Thursday 2nd July -Y1 and Y2 Sports Day starting at 9.30am
- Thursday 2nd July - 2 Year Olds and Nursery (PM / End of Week) Sports Day starting at 2.15pm
- Monday 6th-Wednesday 8th July - Y6 Robinwood visit
- Friday 17th July - School closes for the Summer Holidays

History Club Visit to Auckland Castle

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

On Friday 13th December, the Timothy Hackworth History Club visited the newly renovated and restored Auckland Castle to find out about the archaeological digs, the renovations and to learn about the history of the castle, travelling through time from the earliest Prince Bishops right through to the modern day. The children found out about some of the rarest works of art in the castle, including the famous paintings of Jacob and his twelve sons. The visit ended with the children watching an interactive exhibition featuring some of their own questions being answered by the Bishop of Durham himself, Paul Butler.

Y3 Visit to the Pantomime

CRC Article 29: All children have the right to take part in a variety of activities.

On Tuesday 3rd December, Year 3 took a trip to Durham Gala Theatre. Here, they watched the pantomime which was Aladdin. All the children had a great time watching the show and all joined in with the singing and booing of the baddy! Mrs Hill said, "The children sat brilliantly throughout and were excellent role models for our school.

Well done everyone!"

100% Attendance Movie Night

Children who had 100% attendance last term were invited to a Movie Night. 94 children were invited! The children watched a film called 'Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs' while they nibbled on crisps and Haribo! The evening was great fun and a huge success! Be in school every day to be included in our next 100% attendance event!

Nursery Play and Stay

CRC Article 31—All children have the right to relax and play

Our nursery families were again invited in to join their children with a range of Christmas activities during a stay and play session. Lots of fun was had with a range of crafts, cooking and story activities. It is always lovely to welcome families to these sessions and share the children's recent progress.



Attendance Information

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

Children from Timothy Hackworth Primary School's Attendance Working Party continue to spread the word to their fellow friends and their families about the importance of having the right to an education and coming to school every day.

The children meet regularly, alongside other children and adults, to discuss their ideas about the importance of attending school each day. They recently organised a spectacular Movie Night for those children with good attendance. They have designed special medals and posters for classrooms and continue to talk to everyone about the right to learn.



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

Cameron's comment was also on point, "I love learning and sharing ideas."

Parents, Governors and staff also meet regularly to share their very creative ideas to reinforce the children's messages.

The children are certainly using their Pupil Voice to share the very important message about children coming to school every day. Well done to the Timothy Hackworth Attendance Working Party!



On Monday 27th January 2020, we went to Lanchester Primary School to meet a Holocaust survivor. He was called Sigmund 'Sigi' Ciffer. The 95-year-old veteran was born in Hungary in 1925. He was transported to a labour camp in 1944, aged 19. When we met him, he told us about his experience and life during the Holocaust, which was the German attempted eradication of the Jewish people.

After he told us about his childhood, we filled in some information on a website named Purple Mash. His message was that everyone should have determination, even during the darkest times. He also said everyone should be treated equally, no matter of their differences.

Written by Ellissa, Lucas, Joseph and Maddie.

Gifted and Talented Sports days

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

CRC Article 6: You have the right to life and to be healthy.

At Timothy Hackworth we want every child to be the best they can be. We are lucky that every year in December, four children from our school are invited to attend the Gifted and Talented programme at Spennymoor Leisure Centre. This gives children the opportunity to take part in a variety of different sports, learn about nutrition and the effect exercise has on the body and mind.

The children enjoy this opportunity and talk about how much determination and resilience this takes!



2 Year Old and Nursery Library Visit



The 2-year-old children and Nursery children have very close links with Shildon Library and walk up regularly to choose and change books and have a story read to us. December was linked to the Christmas festivities and Elaine read the story of the 'Night Before Christmas' to us. The children also had the opportunity to colour in pictures relating to the story.

In January we returned our books and, again, there was a very special story; this time read to us by Helen. The story was called 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy.



On our return to Nursery, the children produced some lovely art work relating to the books which will be displayed in the Library for all to see.

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

CRC Article 31 – All children have the right to relax and play

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

The Shildon Supremes Choir raised the roof at the end of last term as they serenaded their families with their singing!

We look forward to listening to more from The Supremes soon!

Year 2 Forest School

Article 29 You have the right to education which tries to develop your personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages you to respect other people's rights and values and to respect the environment.

Year 2 had a great time in the Forest School with Mrs Tomlinson. They impressed Mrs Tomlinson with how much they had remembered about keeping safe in the Forest School. We went on a stick hunt to find the special sticks we needed to make our Christmas Surprise. After all our hard work we enjoyed hot chocolate and a biscuit.



Design Technology – Food and Nutrition with Year 5

CRC Article 27 - You have the right to a good enough standard of living. This includes healthy food.

CRC Article 28 You have the right to education.

Year 5 have had the exciting opportunity to visit King James I Academy's fantastic facilities and benefit from specialist teaching in food and nutrition. They each prepared a healthy dish and found out more about the nutritional value of the ingredients within the dish.



Their behaviour for learning was exemplary and the food prepared looked delicious.

Our fantastic Year 5s must be praised for their awareness of the right to stay safe as they handled knives, a hot stove and other cooking resources with great care whilst maintaining a strong focus on kitchen hygiene.

Many thanks to King James staff and children who made this such a valuable experience, to our adult volunteers who accompanied us and to Mrs. Smith (from our School Office) who in her capacity as Governor at King James, created this opportunity for us.

Digital parenting top tips



CRC Article19: All children have the right to be looked after and kept safe.



A quick guide to staying up-to-date with what your child is doing online:

Think about how you guide your family in the real world and use the parenting skills you already have, such as showing an interest in their lives and the company they keep, to do the same in the digital world.

Try out the technologies your child enjoys. Download some of their music and have a go at the games they like.

Talk to friends and family about how they manage their children's digital lives.

Remind older siblings that websites they use may not be suitable for younger brothers and sisters.

Make digital issues part of everyday conversation. Use news stories or things that have happened to people you know to raise subjects like cyberbullying and copyright infringement by downloading music or films you haven't paid for.

When you're talking about bullying, relationships and other issues, don't forget to include the online aspects.

Ask your child about whether the issues they face are different online and offline.

Don't be afraid to set boundaries and rules. Children may complain but research shows they respond to this.

Talk to your child about the importance of controlling their online reputation by thinking before they post or share anything.

Article written by Geraldine Bedell - A former Editor of Parent Info, Geraldine is a journalist specialising in family issues.

Year 5 Planting In The Park

Year 5 joined a local councillor in Hackworth Park for a planting session, which coincided with National Tree Planting Week.

The children worked alongside Shildon Alive and Shildon Town Council to plant twenty new fruit trees. After planting the trees, the children moved on to planting spring flowering bulbs.

Year 5 commented that they were extremely proud to be expanding their community orchard and were excited to visit the park to enjoy their contributions.

We hope to visit again in Spring to see how the flowering bulbs have flourished.

Well done to all of the Year 5 children for their hard work and resilience!



CRC 28- All children have the right to learn and to go to school.

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

Year 2 Trip to Durham Cathedral

Article 13 You have the right to find out things and say what you think, through making art, speaking and writing, unless it breaks the rights of others

Year Two had a great time on our visit to Durham cathedral. We had a tour of the cathedral, learned about the life of a monk and listened to the organ, which was very loud! We also learnt about the life of St. Cuthbert and we had a great time dressing up as characters from his life story as we acted out key events in his life. We ended the day by lighting a candle to remember him.



A Special Nursery Visitor

People Who Help Us

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

During the busy month of December and the lead up to Christmas, Nursery had a visit from Mrs. Johnson, our local Post Lady. She spoke to the children about her role within the community of Shildon and how she helps people. She kindly allowed us to try on her uniform.

The children in Nursery had written their own letters to Santa Claus which Mrs. Johnson kindly posted for us using The Royal Mail. Following this visit, we enjoyed various activities within our Nursery with role play in our very own Post Office.



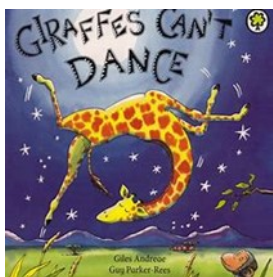
Equality and Diversity Books

CRC Article 12 – The right to an opinion

CRC Article 13 – The right to find out about things

CRC Article 28 – The right to an education

Children have really enjoyed taking part in lessons and discussions based on the resources available through our Equality and Diversity Book Box. These books are provided through a charity called Educate and Celebrate; having them available in school allows teachers and the children to investigate together and experience the broad range of diversity that exists within our society. Sharing these stories as a class and in small groups has led to some interesting conversations about prejudice and how some people's rights are always not respected. Staff have been very impressed with how sensible and mature the children have been during these lessons, often expressing the opinion that everyone is different, but everyone is equal.



Children in 1T said, "We should always include everyone, no matter how they look. We can encourage people to have confidence."

Children in 5T understood that, "Everyone has a family. Everyone has a different family and they don't need to be ashamed."



Cody in 4H summed up, "We don't judge people however they look. Even if they are black or white, big or small, thick or thin or boy or girl. No matter who you are, you should still be treated the same."



Year 4 Basketball Coaching

CRC Article 28 - Every child has the right to an education.

CRC Article 29 - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Year 4 have enjoyed a half term of basketball. The Basketball Coach has inspired them and they have all given their very best! This has been part of the curriculum coaching programme and has linked to an after school club with the children participating with enthusiasm. Teamwork and support has been a real strength within the sessions.



Things Year 4 have learnt:

Dribble the ball hard. The more time the ball spends in your hand, the more control you have of the ball. The harder you dribble, the quicker it gets back in your hand.

Head up at all times. Look up during all practice.

Use your finger tips to control the ball, not your palm.



Y3 Visit to The Palace Green, Durham

CRC Article 13: All children have the right to an education.

Year 3 brought their History studies to life with an amazing visit to Palace Green Library in Durham City. Both classes enjoyed a carousel of activities that covered varied aspects of our focus topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age'.

We examined a replica skeleton and impressed our hosts with our fantastic history knowledge!



We examined a number of real and replica artefacts ranging from a grindstone to a fire kit.



We looked at the fantastic exhibits in the gallery and even did some weaving in a roundhouse.



We designed our logo for our tribe and etched this onto metal foil to produce our own coin.

Well done Year 3 – fantastic behaviour and impressive learning throughout the day!

The Timothy Hackworth SEND Parents Advisory Group is made up of a small group of parents who meet once a term and work alongside the SENDCO to improve SEND systems, information and experiences of SEND for families and children in school.

The SEND Parents Advisory Group have previously contributed to the improvement of Support Plans, helped to develop transition arrangements for SEND children, represented the school at parents' forums and created a questionnaire to help gather the views of parents of children with SEND in school.

For more information, contact Mrs. Kozlowski, our SENDCO, or call into our Parent Pod.