

Wednesday 20th July 2016

As we come to the end of a highly successful year, the accolades keep coming. There's much to celebrate in this newsletter as we wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you for all your ongoing support, it makes our job so much easier knowing we have such a great community to help us.

Leavers' Service Award Winners

We wish Year 6 a fond farewell as they make the next step in their educational journey by moving on to High School. We have fond memories of them all and will miss them. Good luck to you all for September – not that we think you'll need it: You're all stars!

This year the Millennium award is presented to Joseph Jamieson (6H) and Frances Newby (6J) and the Believe and Achieve Award to Maya Wells (6J). Well done.

Entrepreneurial success

Enterprise club entered The Alternative Market Competition, they were competing against other primary schools, secondary schools and colleges, by winning two awards it shows just how fantastic our children's businesses are. Below is the feedback we received from the competition organisers:

Honley Junior School - Chocobabs

The Alternative Market is proud to present the award of Best Junior Business Plan to the Chocobabs team.

The Chocobabs team showed a great understanding of their business environment. They produced a brilliant SWOT analysis, were clear about their target audience and identified how to expand and improve their product range in the future. All this really worked – they made a substantial profit and paid back all of their business loan.

Congratulations to the Chocobabs team for a job well done!

Honley Junior School – Popstars Popcorn

The Alternative Market is proud to present an award to Honley Junior School's enterprise Popstars Popcorn Co. for a Brilliant Business Idea - Best Junior Entrepreneurs.

Popstars Popcorn Co. chose attractive re - sealable bags to sell 'home made' popcorn taking advantage of being the sole provider at the Holmfirth Film Festival. Not only did Popstars Popcorn pay back their business loan and make a handsome profit they also bought equipment that can be used for future business ventures.

Three cheers for Popstars Popcorn Co!

Funds for school

From all the groups involved in enterprise club this year, not just those that entered the competition, school has been given £350 towards school items. Thank you!

Activemark Gold

After much hard work by all pupils, staff and particularly Miss Hinchliffe and Mrs Farquhar we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2015/16.



It's been great to see a large increase in the number of pupils taking part in clubs this year: 84% of children have attended a club this year compared to last year's 74%.

Also, Alice Bridge Y4 came 2nd overall at Neiley, an amazing achievement Alice - Well done!

SATs Results

We are really proud of each and every one of our Year 6 pupils, the effort, determination and resilience they showed leading up to and throughout the new style SATs week was brilliant. Here are our results compared to national and Kirklees:

Subject	Honley CE (VC) Junior School	Kirklees LEA	National
Writing	77%	69%	74%
Reading	73%	60.3%	66%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	70%	67.9%	72%
Maths	62%	66.3%	70%
WRM combined	57%	47.2%	53%

Pupil Premium Review

Last week we were visited by Roy Hepplestone and Jim Sayles who undertook a Pupil Premium review, commissioned by the school. They enjoyed a full day at Honley Juniors and have provided us with useful feedback which we will use along with the SATs results to inform our School Development Plan.

Strengths identified :

1. Throughout the day it was evident that Honley Junior School has well developed reflective practices based on research and development using the EEF toolkit.
2. Honley Junior school is very well led and the Headteacher has made a significant impact over a four year period which was evidenced at all levels by parents, children and governors. She has worked well to build a Senior Leadership team, which share the same vision and direction.
3. Leadership is well developed throughout the school and Middle Leaders play a significant role in the development of various initiatives and strategies which impact positively on all children but also with those pupils who receive Pupil Premium funding.

4. The SENCO has a detailed understanding of Inclusion and the provision mapping systems are exemplary. The inclusion team is well organized and the Learning Mentor plays a significant role within a well-motivated support team.
5. Throughout the day we observed high levels of teamwork and staff morale throughout the school was upbeat. There was an impressive unity of purpose within school and the school ethos and tone was empowering.
6. Governor understanding of the Pupil Premium data was impressive and they had prepared thoroughly for the meeting.
7. Parental support has clearly developed over the four years that the Headteacher has been in post. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the school and were grateful for the pastoral and academic support provided by this very inclusive school.
8. The Children's behaviour was exemplary throughout the day.
9. The quality of teaching and learning which was observed throughout the learning walk was consistently good or better and the displays showed that the curriculum was broad and balanced.

School Development Plan 2016 – 2017 Key areas:

Mathematics

- CPD – around greater depth/mastery and fluency to manipulate knowledge
- Increase teaching time and profile of maths
- Increased parent/school links to support maths at home

Leadership and Management

- Improved target setting and data systems to support pupil attainment and progress
- Improve outcomes for pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium

Further develop high standards of behaviour for learning

- Develop independent thinking skills and resilience
- Further develop Kagan practice across school
- Work with the Infant School to review and reinvigorate the handwriting scheme
- Link handwriting to spelling practice
- Presentation – excellence in everything every time.

Robots Invasion

Friday 8th July Mr Jamieson and Mr Swallow from OLYMPUS TECHNOLOGIES came in to year 6 to talk about robotics. First, we looked at some videos showing robots they had programmed. Next, we were taught how to programme a robot arm to draw a square. At first the square was wonky because Mr Jamieson drew the dots on the paper to tell the robot where to go, but the second time we told the robot to draw the dots with a tablet and it worked!

By Toby and Grace 6H.





Disco Fever

Pupils were entering Honley Junior School ready for a night of fun - not knowing that at the end they would be in tears, getting ready to leave the school behind. The DJ provided some great music and had everyone up dancing, finishing with emotional songs making everyone cry. FOHJS provided great snacks with drinks to keep the year 6's energized and to keep them dancing. All together it was a brilliant but emotional night that was a good way to send us off. We love you Honley Junior School.

Rex and Faith 6H

School Meals

The price of school meals rises slightly from September with meals now costing £2.05 each, ParentPay will automatically make the changes to your account. Mrs Gorge our new Kitchen supervisor has made a great start at Honley Juniors and has some exciting plans for the menu from September including introducing homemade meat and potato pie and other homemade delights.

If you qualify for free school meals, remember to claim for them. We receive funding for every child entitled to them whether they choose to have a school lunch or sandwiches from home. Thank you!

Pokemon Go! Are you playing safely?

Kirklees Division of West Yorkshire Police have asked us to pass on their advice to children about this app:

- Be cautious to alerting strangers to where you will be in the future
- Be careful where you leave 'beacons'
- Parents should supervise children when using the app
- Always pay attention to your surroundings, especially in built up areas
- Where possible play with friends and stay in a group
- Avoid playing near roads and water
- Play at home - you can use lures to attract Pokémon to you
- Keep your device safe and out of sight – your phone will vibrate when a Pokémon is near



The makers of the game have said ' We encourage all people to be aware of their surroundings and to play with friends or family, especially when you are exploring unfamiliar places. Please remember to be safe and alert at all times'.

Holiday fun

With the summer holidays approaching fast we thought we could share some websites with you that have suggestions of local events and activities to keep you busy during the six weeks.

<http://www.examiner.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids>

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/cliffehouse/index.aspx>

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/summer/index.html>

www.netmums.com/activities/free-family-fun

www.kirklees.gov.uk/summercamp

<https://tickets.kirklees.gov.uk/en-GB/shows/summer%20holiday/events>

<http://www.kalkids.co.uk/>

Dyslexia Action Centre

We have been sent this information regarding 3 different summer courses available at Dyslexia Action Leeds Centre during the school holidays.

- **Summer fun with Maths** - practical fun sessions that will be running the first week in August and again the second week of August. Suitable for KS2 children.
- **Touch typing** – this is a new course running on two different weeks during the holidays – students are introduced to and taught the basics of touch typing over 2 sessions using English Type Junior.

The price of the course includes the cost of the typing programme which is available on CD which they then keep and take home and continue to practice with.

This is suitable for Upper KS2 students and secondary age.

- **'Step up to Year 7'** – this is a one morning course available in the last 2 weeks of the holidays – designed to help get ready for high school, providing tips and tricks on how to be organised – colour code your timetable, keep up with homework and start to develop study skills. – for those starting Year 7 in September!

For more information and to book places please ring Dyslexia Action Leeds on **0300 3032018**



Honley Library

Children's Summer Book Festival

Join us for some fantastic events throughout the summer.

Free activities for children of all ages!*

What's on.....	When and where.....
Shark in the Park A fun interactive story event in the park (bring a picnic tea if you wish). Age range 3-5 years **	Friday 22 nd July 2:30pm to 3.30pm People's Park Honley (Library if it is raining)
Babies into Books A relaxed story and rhyme event to develop an early love of books. Age range 0-3 years**	Thursday 28 th July 10:30am to 11.30am Honley Library
Magical puppetry workshop Imagination and creativity! Hands-on puppet making workshop with story and rhymes. Age range 3-8 years** (please register an interest for this event at the library or by emailing mollyjanesmith@hotmail.com)	Wednesday 3 rd Aug 2:00pm to 3.00pm Hope Bank Works
Story Sack Workshop A story time with a twist! Vote for your favourite story and watch this exciting project unfold. Age range 3-6 years**	Monday 8 th Aug 2:00pm to 3.00pm Honley Library
Author Visit – Alan Gibbons An interactive writing workshop led by a well known children's author. Age range 7-11 years** (please register an interest for this event at the library or by emailing mollyjanesmith@hotmail.com)	Thursday 11 th Aug Time – 10.00am to 12noon Honley Library
Revolting Rhymes Pencils at the ready! Listen to Roald Dahl's dastardly and delicious descriptions, and be inspired to create your own artwork. Age 5+	Tuesday 16 th Aug Time 2:30pm to 3.30pm Honley Library

*With the exception of Revolting Rhymes these events are all volunteer run. If you enjoy the event, would like to see similar events in the future and would like to make a donation to ensure this is possible it would be gratefully received at the event. Or you can sponsor Carrie Birch, library volunteer, who is doing a sponsored swim to help raise funds: <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/carrie-birch>.

**Age ranges are for guidance only—everyone welcome to all activities. Children must be supervised by an adult during all activities.

Diary Dates	Event
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays
06.09.16	School opens
13.09.16	Class 3H Bagshaw Museum Visit
14.09.16	Class 3J Bagshaw Museum Visit
26.09.16	Year 4 Dewa Experience
20.10.16	One World Conference – Honley High School
7 th – 9 th Nov 14 th – 16 th Nov	Year 6 Kingswood Residential
21 st – 23 rd Nov 23 rd – 25 th Nov	Year 5 Cliffe House Residential

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