

# First Shoots

The Newsletter of

Netherhall Junior School



**April Half Term 2018**

## Summer is Here! (We Hope!)

Another term over and our final Summer term begins. We had a busy Spring term with lots of snow, a wonderful OFSTED outcome and many events that were well attended. Thank you for your continued support.



## Family Fun Day

Year 4 families enjoyed a craft afternoon creating dragon handprints, fans and Chinese lanterns. Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you at the next one!



## Growth Mindset

We are changing the way we think. At NLC Junior School we have been learning about how our brain works... it is like a muscle and needs to be exercised to grow stronger.

Staff have been learning about the structure of the brain and how to develop it to help all pupils become more resilient learners and develop a Growth Mindset. Pupils have been learning about how the brain needs to be challenged to help it be stronger. They work hard to try to be the table chosen to be awarded 'The Brain' in lessons, which means that they are trying hard even if they are finding the task tricky.

## Book Fair

Thank you so much for your generous support of our school book fair held in march.

Mrs Troop was proud to announce that over £1100 was spent on the fabulous books from the Scholastic fair. We haven't had it confirmed yet but hopefully this will mean at least £600 reward given back to our school to spend on books to improve our classroom shelves and library. We couldn't do it without you so thank you very much.

## Dinner Money

Dinner Money School dinners are £2.15 a day. Dinner money must be paid weekly on Monday morning £10.60 for the week meals can only be taken if there is credit on the account. If you feel your child would qualify for Free School Meals you can apply either by telephone 01484 221982 or online at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolmeals).

## Breakfast Club

**A good breakfast is a great way to start the day and our breakfast club is well attended each day.**

The support and funding we get from Huddersfield Town FC is vital in helping young people start the day with a good breakfast. Breakfast club opens at 8:00am. Before this time children are not supervised by staff and it is important that children don't arrive too early onto school site. Children can wait for a few minutes in the sheltered area near school entrance but should not be on the playground, trim trail or spider web.

## Year 5 Production

Last half term, Year 5 collaborated in the production of our Easter play "The Three Trees". This story focused closely on Christian beliefs of the Christ's birth through to his Crucifixion and resurrection. We made lots of costumes that helped us with our portrayal of the characters. We were all very proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work.



## World Book Day

After a snow day delay we still managed to have a wonderful book day, celebrating books, stories and authors. The costumes worn by all to help celebrate the day were magnificent and everyone had a great day. There is a lovely display in our reception area so take a look the next time you are in school.



## Dates for Your Diary!

Date	Event
Fri 27th April	Year 4 Trip to the National Coal Mining Museum
Thurs 3rd May	Due to Council elections - Junior School closed to Year 3, 4 and 5. Year 6 children at High school all day.
Mon 7th May	School closed- May bank holiday
Mon 14th May	SATS week starts for Year 6
Thurs 24th May	Year 5 Family fun afternoon
June	Y6 Bikeability
Fri 25th May	Finish for Half Term, return to School Monday 4th June

## Spring term Attendance

Congratulations to class 3-1 Ed Sheeran, they achieved the highest class attendance for the last half term and were rewarded with a non-uniform day. Unfortunately due to some severe weather our overall school attendance for last half term was less than 95%. We will hopefully see an improvement in this now the better weather is on its way. Let's see if we can reach our target of 96%.

## Sporting Events

At NLC Juniors, we have had a very enjoyable and successful Spring term in PE.

We've entered numerous SPIN events and as a school we have performed really well. Special mention needs to go to Kelsey in year 5 for winning the U11 Girls vertical jump competition at a recent Sports Hall Athletics competition!. Well done Kelsey!

In the Spring term we have also introduced The Power Half Hour, which has so far been a great success. All children are now taking part in a minimum of 30 minutes physical activity every day. Some of the activities that we've been doing are dance, running, aerobics, Skip-a-thons and much more. There have also been a number of after school clubs, such as tennis, boccia, tri-golf and High 5 netball.

## Year 6 Residential Changes

In November 2018 we will be taking Year 6 children to Peak Venture in Sheffield. The residential will replace the Robinwood trip that was enjoyed each January. Year 6 staff are already looking forward to visiting the new location and taking on new and exciting challenges with the year 6 pupils. More information will be coming out to Y5 parents towards the end of Summer term so keep your eyes peeled. If you want a sneak peak at what Peak Venture has to offer, have a look here - <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/locations/peak-venture/>