

First Shoots

The Newsletter of

Netherhall Junior School



Autumn 2018

Y6 Kingswood Residential

A cold and wet November in Penistone saw some of our Y6 children and staff enjoy lots of outdoor activities at Kingswood.

Our Y6 day visitors enjoyed Thursday completing activities and enjoyed an activity day at Newsome High and a treat from Dominos pizza. The children loved being outdoors and facing their fears on many of the thrill-seeking activities such as the Leap of faith and the giant swing. Despite the cold weather, they managed to build up their resilience, learnt to work as a team to problem solve and most of all had lots of fun!



Class Dojo!

We have introduced a new school app called Class Dojo. Class Dojo allows parents to see what their children have been doing at school via the class story page which contains photos and information on work done at school.



The site is safe and only accessible to parents and staff. Teachers will be using this to share all the fantastic work and activities done in class. If you need to contact school to discuss anything, please do this by contacting school office as usual. All children will be sent home with a letter containing a parent code which allows you to sign up. Class Dojo app can be downloaded to your mobile phone.

PREVENT Workshops

Just Enough UK came to visit y6 to help us gain more of an understanding of radicalization. They used the concept of Guy Fawkes (a story we already knew) to help us understand in more detail the process that may occur.

We thought carefully about our digital footprints and the risks that could present themselves whilst we are online. After the session we all knew more about what radicalization means, how to look out for it and most importantly the people we should tell if we are worried that this may be happening to us or someone we know.

Going for Gold

We celebrate our 'bronze' 100% attendance winners this term and also recognise those who have excellent and good attendance over the Autumn term. We are slowly creeping up to 95% and are hoping we can make 96% by the end of the year. You can help by ensuring your child is in school, on time every day!

Published Poets

Well done to Keila-Rose and Tierra for getting their poems published in a Kirklees literacy book. Very proud of your hard work girls!



Dinner Money

Thank you to parents and carers for working to help the change in our lunch arrangements work positively. Children must choose on a Monday if they are on school dinners or packed lunch and remain with that choice for 1 week. This ensures they can find the best week for them from the school menu and also helps us keep down food waste as we have a clearer number each week to order the right amount of food.

Year 3 Christmas Production

Year 3 performed a Countdown to Christmas for our parents and carers this week. Staff are very proud of them all - fantastic singing and great acting performances. Well done to all. Thank you for your support at home, helping learn lines and practising the songs!



Community and Fundraising



We raised a super £309.30 for Children in Need and as always had a great day dressed in various bright and fun outfits! Thank you to you all for your generous donations. Our Head boy, Head girl, deputies and prefects visited the Memorial gardens in Ravensknowle Park to lay a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Sporting Achievements

We've had a great time so far this year in PE. We've continued to enjoy Brazilian Ju Jitsu in Year 6 with Mr Helm and Mr Walker our new sports coach has been teaching us handball and net games. After school clubs have included boccia, multi-sports, netball and benchball. We have entered a number of SPIN events including girls football, Year 4 football and Table Cricket. Special mention to the children that represented the school at Table Cricket, as one of our teams finished 3rd and won Bronze medals! Well done!

Scooters!

Children have been loving our new set of scooters! We used some of our sports premium funding to buy equipment to help keep children active and engaged in physical activity. Lunchtimes have a new scooter timetable for each year group and the feedback from the children is overwhelmingly positive.

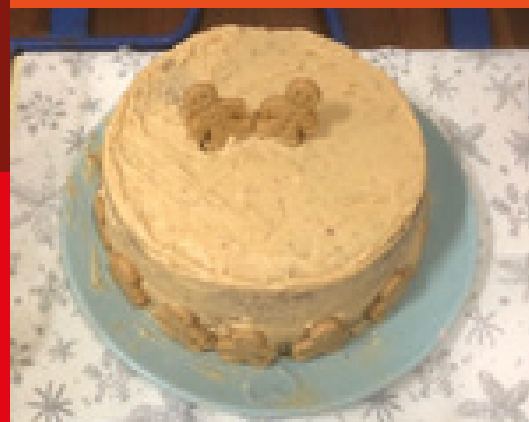


Dates for Your Diary!

Date	Event
Fri December 21st	School Closes at 1pm
Tues January 8th	School Reopens
TBC	Year 4 Family Fun Day
Fri March 1st	World Book Day (Dress up)
Mon March 11th	Book Fair in School
Fri March 15th	Red Nose Day
TBC	Year 5 Family Fun
TBC	Year 5 Easter Performance

Christmas Coffee Morning

We had a positive turn out to enjoy our first 'staff bake off' as part of our Christmas Coffee morning. Parents enjoyed a variety of different 'bakes' created by staff and judged their top 3. The gingerbread cake was the outright winner! Well done Mr Crane. We were joined by stalls from the Creative & Media School and The Lollipop Tree who had lots of festive goods on offer. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us...keep your eyes open for our next event!



Breakfast Club Changes

Our busy breakfast club is very well attended and we are thankful we have the support from Huddersfield Town to help us provide a good breakfast for children to start the day.

We have made some changes and have been in touch with our current breakfast club attenders already. We can no longer offer an 'open door' policy for breakfast club due to staff and pupil ratios. Parents and carers will have to contact school for a breakfast club place or be put on a waiting list. If you have any questions please contact Miss Fellows at the school office.

