

Message from the Head of School—Miss Jenkinson— Tuesday 22nd November

Recently we had a SHARE MAT Learning Walk with our Chief Executive Officer, Mr McNally, this went really well, with your children displaying fantastic social behaviour as well as learning behaviours in their lessons. Mr McNally was particularly impressed with the phonics work we do with the children in Years 1 and 2 and the progress they make in this area.

With December around the corner, we are busy at Heaton Avenue planning a range of Christmas activities from Christmas Jumper Day to the nativity plays and the Christmas Fair, so I do hope you'll be able to join us for some or all of these events. Many thanks to the volunteers who have made a great start with wrapping the presents for the Christmas shop; we are very grateful for the time you have given up to help us in school. We would really appreciate any more helpers as there are still lots of presents to be wrapped!

A polite reminder that this Friday is a teacher training day so school is closed.

Miss Jenkinson

Star Award



Children in Need

We had a brilliant day for Children in Need last Friday, everyone looked brilliant dressed in their Pudsey bear outfits and bright colours! Thank you so much to all our children/parents and carers for supporting Children in Need last Friday!

We raised a fantastic £263.85!!!!

The Media Team ran a colouring in competition for Foundation and Keys Stage 1 and a design a poster competition for Key Stage 2.



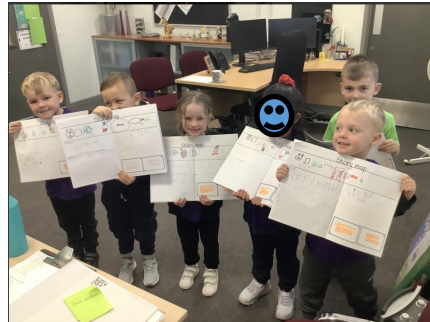
Well done to our winners Billy F, Tyler F, Lola E, Benjamin A, Eleanor U, Luna C, Iyla C, Yashvi S, Alicia C-C, Darla T, Isabel R, Maisey H and Maria D-W. And congratulations to our overall winners Key Stage 1—Amaya H, Lower Key Stage 2—Letty S and Upper Key Stage 2—Ava P.

Foundation Unit

The Foundation unit opened up their doors for their first lending library session this week. Thanks to all those parents and carers that attended.



Our budding reception writers!
We teach our writing through "story mapping" which tells a story in pictures and action.



Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 have been enjoying doing their art this half term. They have been learning about the primary colours and had fun mixing them together to make secondary colours. They have also used different painting techniques using a toothbrush, cotton bud and fork to see what these look like on paper! Well done to our artists!

The Year 2 children had so much fun singing pirate songs and doing a pirate dance when they had a visit from the Pirate workshop. This got the children enthused about pirates ready to do their work in English about 'Pirate Tom'.



Key Stage 2

This week, our mixed Year 5 and 6 classes have started their unit - Biology: The heart and the circulatory system. What better way to introduce this unit and get some hands-on learning by dissecting an animal heart. The children observed the dissection while discussing the different parts of the heart and learning about how this vital organ works.



Our Year 3 children had a fab day last week, exploring The National Railway Museum and learning all about the history of chocolate! They even had a go at making their own chocolate bar.

Mental Health in School

Heaton Avenue are proud to have recently been awarded the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award. Mental health is a really important part of everyone's health and well-being. We are delighted to have been recognised for all the hard work our staff put in to ensuring Heaton Avenue is a safe and happy place for children to learn and achieve the best possible outcomes. The award evidences that as a school, we promote positive mental health and teach children how to stay healthy. We recognise when children may experience difficulties with their mental health and respond to these needs with a wide range of support strategies including internal and external referrals. We work closely with Northorpe Hall to ensure we are up to date with mental health & well-being initiatives and best practice. This includes accessing staff training and network meetings. We have also enrolled a member of staff in the DFE funded, Senior Mental Health Lead Training, to ensure that we can continue to improve our offer for our children, our staff and the community we serve. We have recently updated our school website with the latest mental health & well-being policy and some useful external links. Should you require any further information then please get in touch with school. Mental Health Matters.



Remembrance Day Memorial Service

Please see below the lovely feedback we received following a visit with our Year 6 children to Cleckheaton's Memorial Park for Friday's Remembrance Service:

On behalf of the Spenborough branch of the Royal British Legion please accept our sincere thanks for supporting the Armistice Day Parade held in Cleckheaton Memorial Park on November 11th.

The attendance from your school was outstanding, the conduct of the pupils was exemplary, and you can all be justly proud of the way your pupils represented their school. Everyone who attended can be justly proud of themselves and thank you for your continued support of the poppy appeal.



Welcoming King Charles!

Earlier this month, Mrs Turner had the once in a lifetime opportunity of performing for King Charles III in Bradford with her brass band! They played as the King arrived and welcomed him to Bradford. What a fantastic day!



A big thank you!

Thank you to Michael and Gavin from the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes for donating £250 towards some new equipment for our school. The cheque was gratefully received by two of our School Council members Oliver and Ava.



Class of the Week

Congratulations to Mrs Sheldon's class who won our Class of the Week Trophy!



Well done to Mrs Sheldon's class who received a total of 28 green cards! The children earned their green cards this week for being superstars and helping their friends and others around school. As a reward they got to have extra time playing out at break.



Latest Information

School Photos

Please can you ensure any photo orders are with us by Thursday the 24th of November.

The School Photographer has provided his bank details should anyone wish to pay via bank transfer. Please ensure you use your child's name as the reference.

Sort Code - 05-05-35

A/C No. - 17303053

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Many thanks



New Ways November— Happiness Action

- ◆ Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
- ◆ Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th November:

Flu Nasal Spray

Thursday 1st December:

Year 1 Balance Ability

Friday 2nd December:

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th December:

Family Christmas Crafts Afternoons

Thursday 8th December:

Christmas Fair Evening @ 3.15pm—5pm

Monday 12th December:

Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2pm & 6pm

Tuesday 13th December:

Foundation Nativity @ 2pm

Wednesday 14th December:

Year 2 Pantomime @ Victoria Theatre, Halifax

Thursday 15th December:

Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St. Luke's @ 1.30pm

Christmas Fair

We only have a few stalls left to fill for our Christmas Fair evening on Thursday 8th December. If you are interested in having a stall please get in touch via email or phone or call in to the office!

