

Message from the Head of School—Miss Jenkinson

An end to a long but productive half term has crept upon us very steadily. We were pleased with our recent Peer Review (mock Ofsted inspection) where your children did us all proud once again with their enthusiasm for learning and sensible behaviour. We have been a few points to work on for the year which centre around our reading improvement plan. We all start with some training on this tomorrow during our teacher training day.

I am pleased to announce that Rachel Ainsworth, the Lead of the local community hub will be working with us at Heaton Avenue after half term, every Thursday morning. She will be in school from 9th November for parents to pop in for a chat and support on family matters or just a brew and a chat.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening on the first Tuesday back, the 7th November so please make sure you have your appointment booked in through the online system.

Have a lovely half term in the meantime.

Miss Jenkinson

Star Award



Well done to all our stars from this half term!

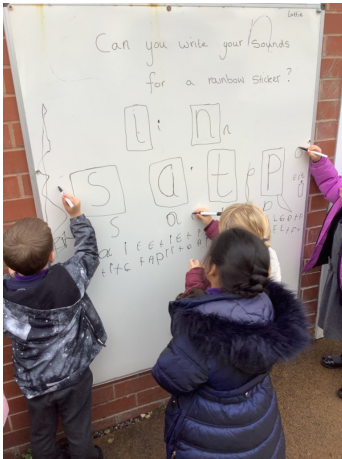


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Foundation Unit

This half term in EYFS we have been focusing our learning on the story the Tiger Who Came to Tea.

The children used actions and story maps to retell the story and have even adapted it to make up their own version. The children baked stripey, tiger buns and wrote an invitation for a Tea Party at school. They have started to learn Phase 2 phonics sounds and are focusing on segmenting and blending



The children have been talking about themselves and their families. They made self portraits using different media and discussed similarities and differences with their friends.

We all enjoyed our Autumn walk and the children spotted seeds, berries, apples and flowers. They noticed that the leaves were lots of different colours and were falling from the trees.

The children have explored numbers 0-5 in depth and the different ways in which we can represent them. They have been counting, subitising and comparing groups of objects.

During the last week of half term we learnt about the life cycle of a pumpkin and the children enjoyed scooping out the insides to find the seeds. They enjoyed learning about the story Room on the Broom and dressed up in Halloween costumes.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been learning how to write instructions using imperative (bossy) verbs on how to make a jam sandwich. They even got to have a go at making one themselves following their own instructions.

In PE, Key Stage 1 have been practicing their ball control skills and learning about attacking and defending. They are almost ready for their first match of basketball now!

In History, Key Stage 1 have been learning all about what it was like to live in the Victorian times. They have been so shocked to find out that there were no iPads in the Victorian times and that children didn't have many toys! They have found it very interesting comparing how children live now to how they lived in the Victorian times.

Key Stage 2

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a poetry workshop with poet Ian Bland and schools from countries around the world including Germany, Wales, Jersey, Brussels and Nigeria! They joined in with some fun action poems and then wrote some of their own poems.



Year 6 were delighted to welcome Dr Diane Davies, the UK's only Maya Archaeologist, in to our classrooms to complete a presentation and a workshop on Maya Civilisation. During this event, the children learnt about Maya culture and discovered more about the Maya through analysing their artefacts.

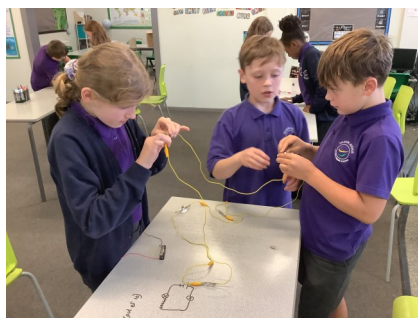


In year 3, we have been practicing our hockey skills in PE which have helped us play mini games. We have been learning about The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and the Iron Age in our history lessons; we turned our classroom into a hillfort to look at what weapons were used and the reasoning behind the creation of hillforts. In English, we followed different instructions to see what makes a good set of instructions before we created our own incredible instructions.



In Year 5 in Science, we have focused on circuits and understanding how electrons move through components and a circuit.

In PE, we have played basketball and learnt the skills of passing, shooting and defending, before incorporating these into a game situation.



School News!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Harvest Collection for Cleckheaton Food Bank, please see below a lovely message of thanks:

To all at Heaton Avenue School,

Everyone at Cleckheaton Foodbank would like to say a very big thank you to you, your staff and children and their families who contributed to the enormous donation of food and other items that we received recently from the harvest festival donations. The generosity was overwhelming.

Please pass on our grateful thanks to all those who contributed.

Your school's continuing support is so much appreciated and helps us to continue to serve local people who are struggling to put food on the table.

Tesco Stronger Starts

Please vote for us!!

Some of you may have already seen but we are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and you can vote for us in both the Cleckheaton and Birstall Tesco Stores.

Here at Heaton Avenue we love to put on a show but our 1970's style production technology lets us down! Therefore, we have applied to Tesco for a grant to fund some new performing arts equipment to showcase our student talent! Please, please spread the word and ask your friends and family to support us where they can!

Thank you in advance!!

Class of the Week



Congratulations to every class who has won class of the week this half term. Our focus for awarding green cards has been transitioning around school so well done to everyone who received one for been ready, respectful and safe when moving around school.

WANTED! : Stall holders for our Christmas Fair

HEATON AVENUE
A SHORE PRIMARY ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Would you like a stall at our Christmas Fair?

We are looking for stall holders for our Christmas Fair on Thursday 14th December 3.15pm – 5pm. Please get in touch if you are interested via email: office.heatonavenue@shoremat.co.uk or phone: 01274 028613

Our ambassadors

Last week, children in Year 6 who were interested in representing our school as ambassadors presented their speeches. Those who took part should be very proud of themselves because it can be very daunting speaking to a large group and for many of these children, this would have been the first time they had done anything like this. They delivered their reasons for wanting the role very well indeed!

Year 6 then experienced democracy in action - we had a confidential vote to choose 4 ambassadors and 4 deputies who will take part in events, meetings and will be given various roles of responsibility.

We can now announce, in no particular order, the children chosen to be Lead Ambassadors are:

Finlay Guy
Edward Smith
Ava Loblej
Kayla Hodgson

The Deputy Ambassadors are:

Emily Sykes
Mia Woodcock
Damon Davidson
Henry Whitley

Congratulations to all of the above!

Mental Health & Well-being

World Mental Health Day was on the 10th October, we supported #HelloYellow by coming to school wearing a splash of yellow. Here are some top tips for supporting your child with their own Mental Health & Well-being.

Ways to support a child or young person



Be there to listen

Regularly ask your child how they're doing, to help them get used to talking about their feelings, and know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on [Young Minds: How to talk to your child about mental health](#).



Support them through difficulties

Pay attention to how your child is feeling or behaving and try to help them work through difficulties. It may not be easy facing challenging behaviour, but try to help them understand what they're feeling and why. Learn more from [the Maudsley Charity on difficult behaviour](#).



Stay involved in their life

Show interest in their life and what's important to them. It not only helps them value who they are but also makes it easier for you to spot problems and support them.



Encourage their interests

Support and encourage your child to explore their interests. Being active or creative, learning new things and being a part of a team helps connect us and boost our mental wellbeing.



Take what they say seriously

Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways. [Anna Freud Centre's guide on ways to support children and young people](#) has more on this.



Build positive routines

Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up. The [Sleep Charity has relaxation sleep tips for children](#).

Online Safety Tips

There are lots of things you can do to keep yourself safe online.

• Think before you post

Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, carers, teachers or future employers seeing. Once you post something, you lose control of it, especially if someone else screenshots or shares it.

• Don't share personal details

Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings. Remember that people can use small clues like a school logo in a photo to find out a lot about you.

• Watch out for phishing and scams

Phishing is when someone tries to trick you into giving them information, like your password. Someone might also try to trick you by saying they can make you famous or that they're from a talent agency. Never click links from emails or messages that ask you to log in or share your details, even if you think they might be genuine. If you're asked to log into a website, go to the app or site directly instead.

• Think about who you're talking to

There are lots of ways that people try to trick you into trusting them online. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them like your address, full name, or where you go to school. [Find out more about grooming](#).

• Keep your device secure

Make sure that you're keeping [your information and device secure](#).

• Never give out your password

You should never give out your password or log-in information. Make sure you pick strong, easy to remember [passwords](#).

• Cover your webcam

Some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing, so make sure you cover your webcam whenever you're not using it.

Important reminders

Before & After school.-

Please ensure that pupils are supervised in the playgrounds before and after school to ensure they are not accessing out of bounds areas or playground equipment. This is to ensure the safety of all children and we appreciate your support in this matter.

Attendance matters -

Please ensure you notify the school office if your child is absent from school for any reason. Contact should be made as early as possible and a voicemail message function is available if this is before school opens. If we do not receive a reason for absence then we will attempt to make contact using emergency contact numbers. Please ensure your child's emergency contact details are kept up to date. In the event that no contact is made, we will request a home visit from our attendance officer. This is part of our safeguarding and attendance policy and we appreciate your support in this matter.

Authorised collection details—

Please ensure that you have sent your child's class teacher a list of people who are authorised to collect your child from school. Please include their full name and their relationship to your child.

It is vitally important that we have this information to ensure a safe departure from school and after school clubs.

Event information

Children in Need— Children can come to school on this day in non-uniform, the theme this year will be to wear something yellow or something spotty, along with any Pudsey Bear attire you may have!

Suggested donation £1

Many thanks for your support!

Break the Rules Day—This year to help raise donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle, we are allowing children for one day only to break the following 5 school rules:

- 1: You can wear trainers to school with your uniform!
- 2: You can have a crazy hairstyle!
- 3: You can bring an unhealthy snack for break time!
- 4: You can eat pudding before your main!
- 5: You can bring juice in your water bottle!

In return, we would appreciate donations of Christmas themed treats for our ever so popular Christmas Hamper Raffle!

Parents Evening

Our parents evening is taking place on Tuesday 7th of November 3.20pm - 7.00pm. If you haven't already done so, please book an appointment with your child's teacher— The booking system is open and you should have received a letter with full instructions on how to book an appointment.

Please contact the office if you require further assistance. Thank you.

Optimistic October



Thank yourself for achieving things you often take for granted



Let go of expectations of others and focus on what actually matters to you!

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th October - Training Day – Children not in school

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd

November - School closed for half term

Monday 6th November - Back to School

Tuesday 7th November – Year 5 Trip to Piece Hall

**Tuesday 7th November – Parents' Evening
3.20pm -7.00pm**

Friday 10th November - KS1 Pirate Workshop & Remembrance Service at Memorial Park

Friday 17th November - Children in Need

Thursday 23rd November - Break the Rules Day & Year 4 trip to The Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Tuesday 5th December - Christmas Craft Day

Thursday 7th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Fair

Monday 18th December - KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 19th December - Foundation Unit Nativity

**Wednesday 20th December—Year 2
Pantomime Trip**

Thursday 21st December—KS2 Carol Service

Friday 22nd December - Christmas Party Day & Last Day of Term



Parent's Coffee Morning



Please join us for our weekly coffee morning with Rachel Asquith—Summers Hub coordinator and our Pastoral team taking place every Thursday morning, from 8.45am. Find out what's going on in the local area, have a cuppa and have a chat!