



Headteacher's Introduction

We received the wonderful news this week that our Hempland Christmas tree was the winning entry in the York Minster Christmas Tree Festival! This was really lovely news to receive and all of the children and staff are absolutely thrilled. All children throughout school were involved in making the decorations so it was a real team effort and we will now receive a prize of £200 to spend in school. Here is our winning tree which you can also see on the school Twitter account if you were unable to visit the festival in person.

This half term all year groups will be conducting an artist study and will be learning about the work of a different artist. This whole school artist study is something new we have introduced this year and is already proving to be very inspiring. We are currently looking at possibilities of showcasing the artwork the children produce as we would love to be able to share the artwork wider and will keep you updated with how we hope to do this.

The Spring term has already got off to a flying start with the children enthused about their learning and displaying such positive attitudes. We are all so impressed!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Innes



What have we been working on this week?

Further to the correspondence that was sent home before Christmas, we have now started to put together our ROAR books for all children. We are really looking forward to seeing these build up throughout the year and being able to create a book full of memories for the future.

Road Safety Improvements – Councillor Update

The Heworth councillors, Bob Webb, Anna Perrett and Claire Douglas would like to thank Mrs. Innes and the rest of the Hempland School community for your ongoing support and commitment to improving road safety for the school walking, cycling and scooting route along and around Hempland Lane. Your ideas and suggestions have been really helpful. So far:

- We've been able to get improvements to the junction at Hempland Lane and Hempland Avenue completed. The improvements are designed to slow traffic down as it approaches the junction. Reports have so far been positive and traffic seems to have slowed.
- At our request, a traffic speed assessment was carried out in November by the North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau. Speeds were measured on Hempland Lane around the junction with Heworth Village. Speeds were above the limit on enough occasions to warrant a Community Speed Watch Scheme to be approved by the police. The scheme is designed to deter speeding drivers and slow traffic down. The councillors are now looking for a community group to run the Speed Watch scheme and look after the radar gun and equipment. Please let us know if you would like to get involved.
- We are continuing to look into the possibility of finding funds to put a lollipop person in place for the school run on Hempland Lane. The Heworth councillors are liaising with the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust on this issue and will update you as more information becomes available.

You can reach us on cllr.cdouglas@york.gov.uk, cllr.aperrett@york.gov.uk or cllr.rwebb@york.gov.uk



Vacancy – School Cleaner

We are looking to appoint a cleaner to start work as part of the in-house cleaning team. Our school is a large, and inspiring place to work and we are looking for an enthusiastic, flexible and committed person to work as part of a team to make sure our school is cleaned to the highest standards.

In return we are offering:

- Full training
- £9.50 per hour
- 24 days holiday a year (plus bank holidays)
- The opportunity to join the Local Government Pension Scheme if you wish.
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If you would like further information then please contact Ann Kirkpatrick via the school office on 01904 806506 or email office@hempland.pmat.academy

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E-safety tip of the week

Replika is a new piece of software that learns to imitate its user, aiming to produce more rewarding interaction. The more a person talks to their Replika, the more it sounds – and thinks – like them. Straight away, there's an obvious potential issue. An advanced chatbot, constantly reflecting someone's own thoughts back at them, could create a personal echo chamber where even extreme or distasteful opinions become normalised. As the free **National Online Safety** guide this week discovers, that's not the only possible threat posed by the AI companion app Replika. Read the guide and visit the website to catch up on the most recent online safety developments.

Deaf Awareness

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Dates for the week ahead



Monday 17 th January	Robin Wood Information Meeting for Year 6 parents 5pm start 
Tuesday 18 th January	
Wednesday 19 th January	
Thursday 20 th January	Census Day – ‘Space’ Special Lunch Menu
Friday 21 st January	Artist visit in Year 4 – Lincoln Lightfoot 

Future diary dates

Year 6 Victorian Day – Thursday 3rd February

The children will be invited to come to school in Victorian clothes and there will be a day of exciting Victorian workshops planned to enhance the half term topic. Further details will follow shortly from the Year 6 team.

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The Bloodaxe Book Challenge being run by York Explore Libraries and Archives and the JORVIK Viking Centre finishes **Saturday 15th January**. If you are taking part please come along to your local library by this Saturday to complete the challenge and collect your rewards. All children who complete the challenge will be invited to a visit by Cat Weldon author of the How to Be a Hero series on **Saturday 19th February**. They will hear all about what it's like to be an author as well as lots of interesting facts and tales about what it was like to be a Viking.

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: THE PRIMARY YEARS

5 Week Parenting Course

Starting
Wednesday 19th January
9.30 to 11.30am

Heworth Methodist Church
Heworth Village, YO31 1AE

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