



Headteacher's Introduction

It's been another jam packed week with so much happening to enhance our curriculum at Hempland.

Our Year 5 children were honoured to be asked by Heworth Without Parish Council to go along to help them plant 30 saplings in the Jubilee Wood on Wednesday. They learnt all about the history of the wood and exactly how to plant trees from the local councillors and then in teams of two, planted the rowan, silver birch and wild cherry trees themselves!

On Wednesday our Year 6 children boarded their coach to start their adventures at Robin Wood and what an adventure it has been! The children have had an amazing time and thrown themselves into so many different activities including canoeing, caving, climbing and archery. It will come as no surprise to hear that there have been endless comments about the children's manners, behaviour and overall attitude. What a superb example they all are!

Thursday was really a day of colour as the Early Years children celebrated the festival of Holi by having their very own Holi Party. They learnt all about where the festival originates from and why, listened to Indian music and enjoyed performing a special Holi dance. The day finished off with a colourful explosion in the form of a paint party! It was so much fun!

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope the sunshine continues!
Mrs Innes



What have we been working on this week?

One of the areas that we are continuing to develop at Hempland is Computing, and this half term the staff are furthering their own subject knowledge to keep up to date with our changing digital world. Every teacher is taking part in training on Computing that is specific to their own year group, to ensure the children continue to have an up-to-date and inspiring learning experience.

Staffing Update

Mrs Dean will be leaving Hempland at the end of this term. She will, of course, be sorely missed after many years dedication to the children of Hempland as a teacher in Early Years, Year 3 and Year 4. She is a very valued member of our staff team and we wish her every success for the future.



Defibrillator

We are absolutely thrilled that we will very shortly have a defibrillator on our school site. This is something we have felt very passionately about as a school and through the funds raised through Friends events, we are able to purchase this really important piece of equipment for our school community. Thank you for all of your support in helping us to achieve this. The defibrillator will be attached on the wall outside of the main school office so it is very visible for all visitors to the school site.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day has, as ever, been a great day in school. Through the sale of red noses, the bun sale and your donations, we are sure we will have raised a great amount. We will let you know the total amount raised once all of the money has been counted.

We also have 3 super Year 4 boys – Luke, Joseph and Harry who have organised their own triathlon which will be taking place tomorrow at York Sport Village. The boys will be swimming 500m, cycling 5km and running 2km and to raise money for Red Nose Day. They would welcome any support or encouragement so head down to York Sport Village and cheer them on if you can!



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Triotriathletes?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional_-_donation_received--nth_donation&utm_content=3f7fa0d8-351a-4bea-981a-6b091ddcf426&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1647294540589

World Down Syndrome Day

Monday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day and celebrates that we are all the same but we are also different and helps us to learn more about Down Syndrome. On this day, people wear colourful socks as they look a bit like chromosomes. Children are encouraged to wear their fanciest, most colourful socks on this day to help raise awareness. In school, we will be having an assembly with information kindly shared from YDSSG (York Down Syndrome Support Group) Should you wish to make a donation, please use the following link.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hempland-primary5?newPage=True>

Deaf Awareness





Dates for next week

Monday 21 st March	<p>World Down Syndrome Day – Rock Your Socks</p> <p>Year 2 Healthy Me workshop</p> <p>Parent Meetings 3.30-7.00</p>
Tuesday 22 nd March	Parent Meetings 3.30-6.00
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 4 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thursday 24 th March	
Friday 25 th March	Year 5 Marine Ecologist visit



Future diary dates

Monday 28th March – Year 6 SATS parent meeting 5pm

Wednesday 30th March – Year 5 Shakespeare performance 6.30pm

Friday 1st April – Easter Chocolate Tombola 3pm

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