



A message from Mrs Innes

Our Year 6 children return today from their adventures at Robinwood where they have demonstrated our four school values in abundance. They have once again been such super ambassadors for Hempland and will no doubt be looking forward to an early night tonight!

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for the teacher meetings. Early Years and Key Stage 1 meetings will take place in the small hall and Key Stage 2 will be in the large hall and your child's books will also be available for you to look through. We are hoping to collect your views on our school through completing the Ofsted Parent View short survey and chromebooks will be available in both halls should you wish to complete the survey.

Hoping you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Innes

Phase News

Early Years & Key Stage 1 (Year 1&2)

Early Years The EYFS have had an 'Eggstra' special delivery in the classroom this week! They made predictions about what would hatch out of the eggs and then observed carefully for cracks. There are now some new babies in early years which children have been very 'eggcited' about!

Year 1 have been practising sculpting skills using playdough to form sweet shapes. This is in preparation to make clay sweets next week and links to their key text Hansel and Gretel.

Year 2 learned about how a religious story gave the message to be kind to living creatures and then reflected on how they have been kind to living things in their own lives.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3&4)

Year 3 have been really engaged with designing their own dragons and have written a report all about them. This links with the DT work where children are designing and making a pop-up book of dragons.

Year 4 As part of science week, year 4 have made a water barometer out of plastic bottles and tubes to observe how the water levels move up and down to indicate the changes in pressure.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5&6)

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the Merchant Adventurer's Hall and feel very lucky to be the first school to visit! They learnt so much about Tudors from taking part in a series of workshops and were fascinated by the building and artefacts.

Year 6 have been having a super time at Robinwood on their residential this week enjoying a whole range of adventurous activities including the giant swing and piranha pool!





Subject Spotlight – MUSIC

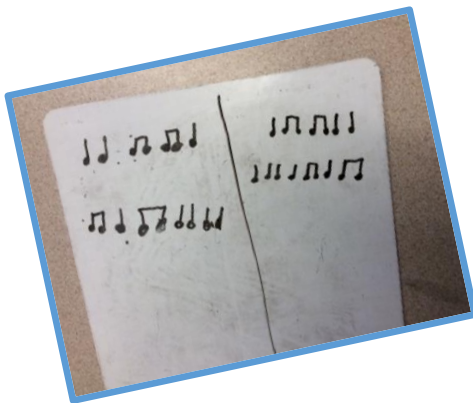
At Hempland, children have the opportunity to enjoy music as performers, composers, participants and as listeners and are given the chance to perform within school, to parents, the wider community and on the national stage. We nurture children’s enjoyment and their interest in music by introducing them to a range of traditions and styles and provide all children with the opportunity to sing and play instruments. The music curriculum at Hempland is underpinned by the National Curriculum and Sing Up Education. This gives children access to a wide range of music genres and introduces the children to new musical vocabulary they know and use within the music classroom.

Children learn to respect music from different genres and cultures and the achievements of composers and musicians both in the past and present day. All children are encouraged to form a love for music and develop a motivation to participate in musical activities. Children are encouraged to practise regularly to improve and perfect their performance skills. Through editing and refining their ideas, children learn to improve their compositions to achieve a desired outcome.



How music is taught at Hempland

Music is taught each term, covering three main strands, singing, listening and composing, across the year. Music is an extremely practical subject, where each child has the opportunity to use their imagination and explore a range of sounds and instruments. Children are encouraged to use their creativity to create beats, rhythms and grooves and to combine these to create ensemble pieces. All children at Hempland are given the opportunity to experience live music. Throughout their school life, children should experience MEG workshops (run by the University of York), a pantomime, whole class music tuition, Young Voices, The Choral Festival and Archbishop Holgate’s school theatre performance.



Extra-curricular

At Hempland, we also offer individual or group peripatetic music lessons in guitar, piano, violin, viola, recorder, flute and singing. Every lesson is taught and tailored to the children to further their knowledge and enjoyment of music. We also offer extra-curricular clubs at Hempland, such as Singstars and Sing and Sign.



Young Voices

Young Voices is a huge highlight of the children’s musical experience at Hempland. The children learn a selection of songs and come together with children from across the UK to form the world’s largest children’s choir. Here is what this year’s Year 5 thought about the experience:

‘I really enjoyed learning the songs. I really liked the beatboxing.’

‘I loved the beatbox collective, Heather Small and the violinist.’

‘I loved all of the lights and colours and learning all of the songs. It was amazing!’

‘It was amazing! The songs were great and I loved the music.’

‘I enjoyed Young Voices because we got to hear Heather Small and we got a message from Nile Rodgers.’





School Development

We have been reviewing our classroom environments this week to ensure that they continue to create a calm, purposeful space conducive to support children to learn. All classrooms have maths and English working walls to support children's thinking and recall of key information as well as other displays to support the curriculum content and key vocabulary being taught. Teachers think carefully about the key learning that children need to know and take into consideration cognitive overload and over visual stimulation when developing their classroom environments. Children's work is also celebrated through display and children are proud to see their work being valued and their efforts praised.

Contact Details

Please remember to keep the school office updated with any changes to your contact details. This includes change of phone numbers, emails, emergency contacts and address.

Friends of Hempland News update

March 2023



School Discos 30th March

Our discos are taking place on Thursday 30th March:

Year 1/2 - 4-5pm £2.00

Year 3/4 - 5.15 - 6.30pm £2.50

Year 5/6 - 6.45 - 8pm £2.50

The disco tuck shop will be open with £1.50 Maximum spend.

Please can children bring a water bottle and we ask there to be no mobile phones please.

Chocolate Tombola 31st March

We will be holding the chocolate tombola within the school day.

Please send £1.00 with your child on Friday 31st March.

We ask for each child to bring in a piece of chocolate to go towards this by Thursday 30th March.

* If your child has any intolerance to chocolate please provide suitable chocolate/an alternative labelled with the child's name and class.

Pre-loved school clothes

We are now collecting all of your used school clothes and we'd be really grateful for any outgrown ones. Please leave clean clothes, in good condition, in the red bin, which is now to the left of the main school door. Thanks!

Committee Members & Volunteers

We are always looking for committee members and volunteers- contact us via our Facebook page or on friendsofhempland@gmail.com if you can help.



Diary Dates

Monday 20 th March	3:30-7:00 – Parent/carer meetings
Tuesday 21 st March	3:30-6:00 – Parent/carer meetings
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 6 visit to Archbishop Holgate’s ‘Fame’ performance 1:45–4pm 6:30 – Year 5 Shakespeare performance for parents
Thursday 23 rd March	
Friday 24 th March	Year 3 Tag Rugby tournament at AHS

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies
For details and to apply, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code



Job	Estates & Facilities Apprentice
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Apprentice National Minimum Wage Level 3 Apprenticeship Training Course - Facilities Management Supervisor
Closes	N/A

Job	Cook (External Vacancy)
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Hutchison Catering Term time only. £10.88 per hour 10.5 hours per week – Wednesday & Friday 08.30 to 13.45 Please contact – Susie Arnold 07500 958950 or email susie@hutchisoncatering.co.uk
Closes	N/A

Job	Casual Exam Invigilators
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	£10.00 per hour – This is a casual position and, due to the nature of the role, will provide flexible working hours at the convenience of both the school and invigilator. Further details available on request.
Closes	N/A