

Hempland Primary News

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A message from Mrs Innes

We have been awarded the Music Mark School Award in recognition of our school's commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all of our children. The enhancement that we have planned into our curriculum has been recognised which includes the MEG workshops for Key Stage 1, whole class music tuition in Year 4, extra-curricular provision throughout the year and the Rocksteady group. Also planned into our curriculum is the opportunity to experience a music live performance and this year we are looking forward to taking Year 3 to the pantomime and Year 5 will be heading to the Young Voices concert later in the Spring term. We are thrilled that our curriculum has been recognised in this way and will be displaying our certificate with pride!

Mrs Innes



Highlights from the Week



Early Years Visitors

This week, the children in Reception had a visit from some special visitors! Simon and Mark came to visit the children and talk to them about being a Police Officer as part of their 'People who help us' topic. The children were so excited and really enjoyed having them here, especially when Simon put the sirens and lights on!

As well as the police visitors, the children also had a visit from Librarian Suzanne. She came to speak to the children about what it's like working at a library and explained all about how she helps a wide range of people. Suzanne read the children a wonderful story and encouraged all the children to pop down and visit her at Tang Hall Explore library.



Cross Country

We would like to say a huge well done to the children who took part in the cross-country event at Askham Bryan College on Wednesday. All the children who represented Hempland should be very proud of their efforts and achievements. A further shout out goes to two of our Year 3 girls, Martha and Evie, who came in the top 8 and have qualified to go to the finals later on in the year.

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Planet Protectors

On Thursday, the planet protectors had a meeting all about Fairtrade. Margaret Hogg a member of York's Fairtrade forum came in and talked all about what she does.

Fairtrade's approach enables farmers and workers to have more control over their lives and decide how to invest in their future. To make trade fair, Fairtrade supports and challenges businesses and governments buy their products. Fairtrade changes lives by changing trade. It transfers wealth back to farmers and workers in developing countries who deserve a decent income and decent work. Here are some examples of Fairtrade food: bananas, cocoa, coffee, flowers, sugar, tea, cotton and fruit/juices. More and more people in this country like to buy Fairtrade items or goods, because they realise that by doing so they are helping farmers and growers across the world.

By Isla, Planet Protector, Year 6



Governing Body Update

The LGC meets formally five times in the academic year with the first meeting held last week.

We reviewed the school's key development priorities for the year, finances and updates to school policies. Policies for both the school and the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust are available on the school website.

We also discussed the results of an anonymous Year 6 pupil voice survey which was carried out at the end of last year. This was insightful with many enthusiastic comments about the school experience as well as suggestions for improvements, some of which the school are already implementing. It's definitely an exercise which we plan to repeat next year.

Governors also carry out monitoring visits in school. Sally Weyman has visited in her capacity as safeguarding governor - this is done every term. Before Christmas we will also be in school to carry out health and safety, SEND and pupil premium monitoring visits.

Susannah Dale-Simmonds, Chair of Governors

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Friends of Hempland

Thank you to all of you who have generously donated sponsorship money for the Pea Hunt which took place last week. If you have not had a chance to pay yet, then please do so by Friday 20th October. You can pay using the online link <https://square.link/u/xkYCiceL> or by handing cash to reception.

Diary Dates

Monday 16 th October	Early Years Parents – Early Reading Meeting 5pm
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 1 – Great to be me Day!
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 6 – RobinWood residential Day 1 Early Years – Nurse visit
Thursday 19 th October	Year 6 – RobinWood residential Day 2
Friday 20 th October	Year 6 – RobinWood residential Day 3 Early Years – Ambulance visit

Future dates:

7th November 3:30-7:00 - Parent Meetings

8th November 3:30-6:30 – Parent Meetings



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