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A message from Mrs Innes

We can hardly believe that we have reached the end of the first half of the Spring term. It has been a wonderful week to finish on with our Art Gallery opening its doors once again and for the children to have the opportunity to showcase their amazing artwork. We really hope you enjoyed it! If you missed the QR code and still wish to donate to our JustGiving page for the Art Gallery in aid Children's Mental Health Week 2024 please find the link below.

www.justgiving.com/page/hempland-primary-1707128745142



Hoping you all have a happy and restful half term break and we will see you all on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Innes



Highlights from the Week



Year 2 had a FANTASTIC explorer day last Friday. We started the day by naming our own sled dogs which we had to keep safe for the whole day. We then identified our route around the Weddell Sea, using our maths skills to help us navigate. Then we made our way to 'Antarctica' (Forest School) to complete a scavenger hunt, answering riddles to test our knowledge of Shackleton's famous expedition. Finally, we tried our hand at shelter building just like Shackleton's crew had to and we finished the day with well-earned hot chocolates and biscuits!



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This week, 16 children from **Year 6** took part in the F1 in Schools Regional Finals at the STEM Learning Centre, York University. They raced their cars, performed a 5 minute verbal presentation and shared a Design and Engineering Portfolio - all in front of professional judges. The event was a huge success for Hempland, with all four teams qualifying for the National Finals in March! Furthermore, we sealed First, Second and Third places, and won 8 awards altogether! The children had worked really hard to prepare for this day, and deserved all of the accolades that they received. Next step... preparation for the Nationals!

Year 5 had a fantastic afternoon and evening taking part in the Young Voices event at Sheffield arena. After rehearsals and workshops in the afternoon, including from MC Grammar and 13-year-old drummer Nandi Bushell, the evening audience of families and friends were treated to a range of songs all conducted by internationally acclaimed Conductor David Lawrence and backed by a full live band.



Diary Dates

Monday 19th February	First Day of Spring Term 2 Year 1 Mud Pie Arts Workshop
Tuesday 20th February	
Wednesday 21st February	Year 5 at Peat Rigg Day 1
Thursday 22nd February	Year 5 at Peat Rigg Day 2
Friday 23rd February	Year 5 at Peat Rigg Day 3

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 27th February **Year 5 visit to York Merchant Adventurers**

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School Lunch Ordering

The new school menu is available now on Parent Pay. Please take a look and all menu choices should be made by the end of the day on Thursday 15th February. Also, a polite reminder to check your balance to avoid getting into arrears. Thank you.

Parking Outside of School

Please can I remind once again about safe and considerate parking outside of school. We have had a number of concerns raised about cars parking on the zig zags at drop off and pick up times and cars left unattended with their engines running.

The City of York Parking Hotline number is 0800 1381119 which is where you can report any misuse of or unsafe parking outside of school. This helps to identify areas concerns in the city and can help us with getting further support.

Hollywood Bowl & Puttstars

Schools discount code for half term fun! If you use the code **FEBFUN50** at the checkout of your booking you will receive **50% off before 11.00**. Enjoy a game of bowling or visit the mini golf centre.

Kids Half Term Activity pack is now available to download from Trans Pennine

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Kids activity pack, full of fun activities for the February half term break is now available to download from our website.

The pack contains lots of activities that include making a jam jar xylophone, becoming an animal track detective, making an egg box bird feeder along with activities for Pancake Tuesday and Valentine's Day. The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF if they send us their address details.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

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OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

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Job	Assistant Headteacher
School	Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School
Details	Leadership 3 - 7 Permanent
Closes	19/02/24 at midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant—EYFS
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Grade CD SCP 3-4 (£22,737 – £23,114) reduced pro rata. 31.5 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30—3.15, Tuesday 8.30— 3.30 Term time only, Permanent
Closes	17/02/24 at midnight

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