



HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Weekly newsletter 7 W/E 3rd November 2023

PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.25am - 9.00am & 2.55pm - 3.30pm for safety

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thurs 9th & 30th Nov 2023**
Y2 Trip - £10.50 (for both)
to be paid by 9th Nov

- Friday 10th November 2023**
Y1 Trip - £8.35
to be paid by 3rd Nov

- Monday 13th November 2023**
Wear odd socks - anti-bullying

- Tuesday 14th November 2023**
Y6 Trip - £19.40
to be paid by 6th Nov

- Wednesday 15th Nov 2023**
Flu Vaccination - **online form to be completed by 7th Nov**

- Friday 17th November 2023**
 - Children in Need - wear spots - donation buckets & cake sale
 - Reception workshare-2.00pm

- Tuesday 21st November 2023**
School photo day

- Friday 24th November 2023**
Wellbeing Day - wear red

- Friday 28th November 2023**
Y5 Trip - £15.00
to be paid by 17th Nov

- Friday 8th December 2023**
Christmas Jumper Day - Jumper only - normal uniform

- Thursday 14th December 2023**
Whole school Sunderland Empire panto (more info to follow)

- Wednesday 20th December 2023**
Break up for Christmas

- Monday 8th January 2024**
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

- Monday 15th January 2024 -**
 - Closing date for primary applications

- Friday 16th February 2024**
Break up for half term

- Monday 26th February 2024**
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

- Thursday 28th March 2024**

Messages from the Office

Evolve – school meal ordering

Parents are reminded that they must order their children’s meals by midnight Tuesday of the week before. You can also order as far in advance as possible. This half term, we have not had many orders placed for dinners which means the children are not getting their choice. Please make sure you have ordered in advance.

Music lessons

Reminder to children who play musical instruments – please remember to bring your instrument to school on the morning of your lessons.

We have spaces in violins, guitars, drums and brass for children in Year 2 – 6, which take place during the school day on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

Outdoor Experience Club

We have managed to secure Mr H for another two weeks – 11th November and 18th November. If your child is interested, the club runs straight from school until 4.00 pm at a cost of £2.00 per session, payable in advance. Please call at the office to book your place.

Boogie Bounce

Boogie Bounce recommences once again this half term – children and adult class from 4.30 – 5.15, £2.00 per session or adult/child is £3.00 per session. Please book onto the sessions in advance so that we know how many trampolines to set up for the classes each week.

We would like to offer an adult only class from 5.30 – 6.30 pm, if anyone is interested we are taking names and you can contact the school office to make enquiries.

Futsal sessions

Futsal sessions are running on the MUGA from 4.15 – 5.15 pm for children in KS1 and KS2, enquiries and payment of £2.00 per session to be made at the school office.

Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week & last:

- Prezley Kelly
- Evie Lucas-Collings
- Lennon Summerside
- Lucy Henzell
- Harry Gettins
- Oliver Hockridge
- Mollie Henzell
- Lucas McMahon

Every week, a ‘Hero of the Week’ is chosen from each class and they get to add 10 tokens to their house

OPAL Heroes



The OPAL Monitors.
A huge well done you were a credit to our school and I am so proud of you!

- Tilly Mae Race,
- Alexia Smith,
- Amelia Smith,
- Kaycie Shipley,
- Jessica King,
- Maisie Anderson,
- Jack Gill,
- Isabelle Robson,
- Niall Reay,
- Deborah Okeowo,
- Hollie Collins,
- Ella - Rose Ridley.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 20th October

KS1: Y2	96.79%
KS2: Y4	97.24%

Happy Birthday to the children who have a birthdays this week:



Harrison	Winter
Scarlett	Campbell
Vinnie	Lascelles
Alexia	Gibson

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OPAL update

I am delighted to say that this week after our OPAL accreditation we received the Platinum Award. This is the highest level possible and puts our school in the top 0.05 percentile of UK primary schools in terms of the quality of our play offer. The assessor stated **'Playtimes at Hylton Castle are inclusive, joyful and provide a wonderful variety of types of play.'** We are extremely proud of our achievement and want to thank you all for your continued support. A special thank you to Mr Bell for all his hard work constructing so many amazing things to enhance our play. The Play Leader, Miss Hall, the Play Team and our amazing OPAL Monitors. We will be hosting a celebration event on 12th January 2024 where we will be officially presented with our award (more information to follow soon),

Many thanks.
Mrs Hunter



Platinum Award



Anti - Bullying Week

On Monday 13th November we will be celebrating 'Odd Socks Day' for Anti Bullying Week. All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. During this week each class will also be holding a work share where parents are invited into school to complete some tasks all about Anti - Bullying. It would be great if you could join us. Dates and times will be confirmed soon.



Wellbeing Day - Responsibility Ranger

On Friday 24th November we will be hosting our next wellbeing day. The theme for this one is the 'Responsibility Ranger' and will link to the five ways to wellbeing theme 'Connect.' Pupils will complete a variety of tasks throughout the day focused on mental health and improving wellbeing. We would love it if children could come to school wearing an item of red.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Derwent Hill

Just before half term we took 25 children from Y5/6 to Derwent Hill and I'm sure they'd all agree that it was absolutely amazing! They experienced canoeing, 'The Death Swing', gorge scrambling, mining and much more. Not only did they have an amazing experience, but they also developed a number of personal attributes and skills including independence, confidence, cooperation and responsibility. A special thank you to all staff who gave up their own time, away from their homes/families, to make this possible!

We are currently liaising with Derwent Hill to plan for next year's visit. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks. You'll need to be quick because lots of the Year 5 children are keen to go again next year! 😊



Year 6

Year 6 had an absolutely packed day learning about ancient Greece with our visitor Michael. We learned about the city states (Polis) of Ancient Greece, about democracy in Ancient Greece (we wrote our own election leaflets- in Greek!) and got to be real archeologists handling real ancient Greek objects from the museum. We even put on our own production of Greek theatre, complete with masks and the 'death door'. It was a great day and a brilliant way to end our half term.



Nursery

This week nursery had a visit from Angela's Ark. It was an amazing experience and we all loved learning about the different animals.



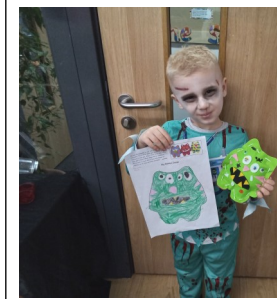
Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic day for Halloween at school. We enjoyed looking at everyone's AMAZING costumes and makeup! The children completed a Halloween times table activity, to test their knowledge with a scary twist, while enjoying some trick or treat sweets and listening to Halloween themed music.



Reception

Reception children have really enjoyed having their grownups in this week to make their felt monsters. They designed their monsters at home and made them in class. They all look amazing!



Year 3

Year 3 pupils had a really, tricky spelling test on Monday. They were tested on 48 of the spellings that they have been learning last term. Harry Gettins was our overall class winner with a score of 44/48. Well done Harry we're all super proud of you! 😊 The other children in the photo all got scores of more than 30 and had obviously tried really hard to learn their spellings over the half term holidays. Well done everyone. Mrs. Masters is so proud of your hard work and ambition to be great spellers!!!!

