



Harvey Road School News

Newsletter 6

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Dear parents and carers

Excellent Progress Award

Congratulations to Ariana in class 2 who recently received a prestigious Excellent Progress Award for her all round progress and attitude to learning.

Headteacher awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Headteacher's award:

Year 2 – Krish, Emily, William

Year 4 – Arabeth, Alice, Eddie, Finley

Attendance

Despite the disruption that covid continues to bring, our attendance levels remain very good. Good attendance is not only essential for the children's academic progress but more importantly it has a significant impact on the children's emotional and social development. Thank you for your support in this area.



Safer Internet Day

Yesterday we held some PHSE lessons for Safer Internet day based around the NSPCC Talks Pants campaign. Your child may have come home and spoken with you about this. This campaign aims to help children understand that their body belongs to them and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them upset or worried. You can find out more here

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Learning to Learn

Did you know that pupils and staff at Harvey Road Primary School focus on how children learn through a programme we call Learning to Learn. This sits side by side with and complements the curriculum that is taught at the school.

Inspired by the work of Professor Guy Claxton and his Building Learning Power, Learning to Learn is about:

- Helping children to understand that becoming better learners can only take place through making mistakes and sticking with it
- Developing students' learning habits through an explicit learning language and set of practices
- Giving children the understanding that learning is an active, lifelong pursuit

What are the principles behind this programme?

- That making a mistake is NOT an obstacle but an opportunity
- Staff focus on effort and strategy, not ability
- Staff model the learning process with the children – that every successful learner is both inquisitive and fallible
- That if children use one or more of the '4 R's' then learning obstacles can be overcome

The 4 R's

The strategies children can use to overcome barriers to their learning fall within 4 areas, each beginning with 'R':

- **Resourcefulness** (Working out what to do when you don't know what to do)
- **Reflectiveness** (Using learning strategies that have worked in the past and being actively self-evaluative)
- **Readiness** (Learning alone and with other learners)
- **Resilience** (Sticking at it and not giving up)

To create a school and classroom culture that systematically develops children's confidence and capacity to learn, we nurture their learning muscles through in-class practices and whole school rewards. These include interactive posters and certificates. But what is most powerful are the frequent learning-focused conversations that uses the 4 R's as a framework around which children can express and celebrate the journey of learning rather than just the outcome. Why not ask your children about Learning to Learn and what it means to them?



Football match

Congratulations to our football team who fought hard against Yorke Mead school in our first friendly of the term. We lost the match, but the children played brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship, which is a win in my eyes. We are looking forward to more football and netball matches this term and next.

School uniform

There is much in the press today about the changes to statutory guidance about school uniforms. The aim of this is to ensure that the cost of school uniform is reasonable and accessible to all families. We take a lot of pride in how smart our children look in their school uniform and believe they should do too. We do have a large stock of very good quality second hand uniform and PE kits which are stored in the PTA shed. Please do come and collect the keys from the office if you would like to pick up some items for a small donation to the PTA.

Skills Academy

Our Key Stage 2 children are really enjoying the new Skills Academy sessions that take place on a Friday afternoon. Last week the different groups upcycled plastic bags to make bunting for the courtyard, made Spanish apple tart, refined their table tennis and chess skills and much more. If you would like to run a session in the future on any hobby based activity, then please speak to Mrs Boichat in the office.



Celebrating progress

Sadly due to our covid safe practices, our Celebrating Progress event on 30 November will not be taking place. A final reminder that school is closed for an occasional day on Friday 26th November.

Kind regards,
N Rowlands
Headteacher

PTA update

Children in Need

Thank you for all your generous donations. We will update you next week on the amount raised which we will be sending directly to Children in Need.

Christmas Cards

The deadline for returning the children's Christmas cards is **Wednesday 24th November**. Fill in your child's details on the envelope (no need to return the sample) pop the money in the envelope and return it to the school office. CASH ONLY

Christmas Jumpers / Pj's / Dresses etc

It's nearly time to dust off those Christmas jumpers for yourselves and the children. There will be a few occasions for the children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school in December and as we know, children grow quickly! So, over the next couple of weeks, please bring in your unwanted

Christmas themed clothing and leave them in the box outside the office. We will then sort them and anyone in need of a newish item for the festive season can buy one for £1. You can leave children or adult items!



Christmas Fair / Mini Games Day

Due to a logistical hitch and the main hall being in high demand at this time of year, the Children's fair will now be taking place on Monday 20th December and preparations are in full swing. Throughout the day each class will be invited to join in some festive fun in the hall with Christmas music, Reindeer Toss, Lucky Dip, Tombola and MORE! Further details to follow.

We are in need of a few more parent helpers so if you are free that day, please let the office know.

Christmas Raffle

This year we will be asking for donations towards our Rainbow themed raffle. We are also asking for local business donations. If you work for a company that you think would donate a voucher towards the raffle, you have your own business or you know

someone else that can help, please let the office know.

Facebook Group

If you're on social media, don't forget to join the PTA Facebook group.

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The PTA Team