



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter



February 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

I cannot believe that we are at the end of February already! This is only a five-week half term so there is a lot of learning and fun activities to cram into a relatively small amount of time!

As well as our regular learning, we have lots of additional things coming up in school with World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. More details about these events are on page 3.

Can I also thank parents for their support with ensuring children come to school in the correct uniform every day, as per our letter earlier in the week.

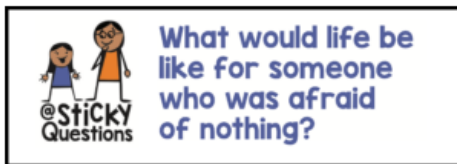
If you have any questions or concerns, as always please do phone up or catch one of us on the playground on a morning.

Chris Story

Principal



Philosophy 4 Children – Question of the month



Attendance Update

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Our school attendance for this term is currently...

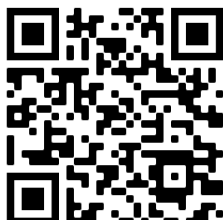
Year Group	Attendance
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	89.5%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	91.4%
Year 5	92.4%
Year 6	90.9%
TOTAL	91.8%

Well done to Year 3 for having the highest attendance so far this term!

EVERY day in school is important – ensure your child in school every day unless it is unavoidable.

Please remember to phone the school office on 01642 677968 if your child is going to absent.

Don't forget to speak to Michelle, our Education Welfare Officer, if you need any support with attendance.



Remember that we have lots of key information about school, such as term dates and uniform information, on our website. Give the QR code a scan to visit!

www.hardwickgreenacademy.org.uk

What's happening at Hardwick?

Picture News:

We have started sharing something called **Picture News** in our Monday morning assembly. Each week, we choose a current news story, provide an image of the story and thought-provoking question to get the children thinking about the news and what it means to them. The assembly is designed to provide opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. They encourage exploration, discussion, challenge and inspire children to learn! This week, we looked at the farmers' protests taking place in the European Union.



Year 5

Year 5 Frank class have been learning the **Trumpet** with Mr Down from Tees Valley Music Service since September. Just before half term, the class performed the songs they had learned for their parents. Well done, Year 5! Pankhurst class have started learning the trumpet this half term, and will show off their learning in July.



Eco Club:

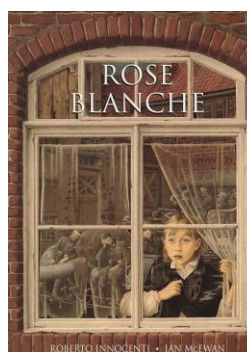
Eco Club have been planting bulbs around school ready for beautiful flowers to grow in Spring. We can't wait to see the beautiful blooms appear! Thank you Eco Club!



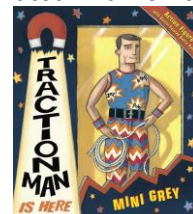
What is everyone reading?

Year 3 and 4 are reading 'One Plastic Bag'.

Year 5 are reading 'Rose Blanche'.



Year 1 and 2 are reading 'Traction man Is Here'.



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 7th March – World Book Day
- 11th – 13th March – Year 5 Residential Trip
- 15th March – Red Nose Day
- 29th March – 12th April – Easter Holidays

Remember, all key dates are on the website under the 'events' section and are in the 'calendar' section. You can subscribe to the calendar on your smartphone, so you are always up-to-date with what's going on.



We are now using **Instagram** to showcase the learning that goes on in school. Our school account is:

@HardwickGreenPA

Please give us a follow! There are lots of exciting learning opportunities each day. The updates from Instagram are also shared on our website too, so if you don't have Instagram, you can still see everything going on in school.

Information and reminders...

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March:

Our theme for World Book Day this year is... Snuggle Up with a Book! Children will be invited to come into school in pyjamas / comfortable clothing (think tracksuits / lounge wear). No crop tops or football shirts please. Please do not buy children anything new to wear. World Book Day is designed to celebrate a love of reading, so we would prefer you to spend money on a book as opposed to a costume!



Key staff:

If you'd like to speak to anyone in school, just give us a call or Dojo message. Some people you might want to speak to are:



Miss Howarth

Academy Senior Wellbeing & Safeguarding Lead



Miss Featherstone

SENDCO



Mrs Rankin

Education welfare Officer

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March:



Our theme this year is 'Funny Fancy Dress'. As we have said with World Book Day, please don't feel pressure to buy an extravagant costume. You could wear your clothes back to front, inside out or just make

a funny costume! Children could come in with a donation of 50P or £1, or you could donate via our Comic Relief 'Just Giving' page, which is here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-hardwick-green-primary-academy>

Nursery and two-year-old room places:

School currently have space in our Little Stars (two-year-old) Provision and Nursery. If your child is between 2 and 4, get in touch now about a space! If you have a younger child, please also get in touch to get their name on the waiting list.

From April 2024, the government has extended the funding for two-year-old provision to include working parents, so now ALL two-year-old children are entitled to 15 hours a week childcare (i.e. a morning or afternoon slot in our Nursery).

In accordance with our admissions policy for September 2024 and 2025, children who attend our Nursery and are eligible for the Pupil Premium (i.e. parents who receive universal credit or other forms of income support – see here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>) will receive a higher place on our admissions list if they apply for a reception place in school.

Please speak to our office team or Mrs Gorman (EYFS Leader) on 01642 677968 if you have any questions or would like to put your child's name down.

You can contact any member of staff by phoning the office on 01642 677968.

EARLY YEARS FUNDING CHANGES

A PLACE IN ONE OF OUR TRUST'S NURSERIES COULD SECURE YOUR CHILD A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION CLASS

the enquire learning trust

15/30 HOURS FUNDING AVAILABLE

Speak to the school office for more information

Funding changes from April 2024

Increased eligibility for working parents for 2 year olds

SCAN BELOW FOR FURTHER DETAILS

SCAN ME

Did you know?

We have a new handwriting scheme in school that we started in September 2023. It is called **Kinetic Letters**. You can read more about it in our website:

<https://hardwickgreenacademy.org/curriculum/subjects/english>

Children have been working hard to consider the sizing and spacing of their letters, and we have already seen huge improvements! If you have any concerns about your child's handwriting, then speak to your child's class teacher about Kinetic Letters.

