



Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Newsletter

March 2024

Message from the Principal

Hello parents, carers and family members,

This has been a very short yet very busy half term! We have had exciting events such as educational visits, sports trips and residentials in addition to the exciting every-day offer at school.

We break up for Easter Holidays on Thursday 28th March and we will see you all back on Monday 15th April.

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

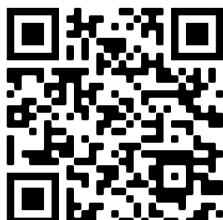
Chris Story

Principal



Philosophy 4 Children – Question of the month

This month we have taken part in ‘The Big Legal Lesson’ to develop our understanding of Democracy. This month’s question for you at home builds on this...



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



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance Update

Our school attendance for this term is currently...

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	89.3%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	91.4%
TOTAL	92.1%

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.

What's happening at Hardwick?

Year 5 Residential

Year 5 went on their residential trip to PGL in North Yorkshire and had a fantastic time! They took part in activities such as The Giant Swing, Fencing, Abseiling and Rock Climbing. Everyone behaved so well on the trip and were a real credit to the school. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to make the trip a success. Remember, the current Year 4 children will be having their trip in the autumn!



Early Years School Visit

Last week, Little Stars, Nursery and Reception went to Preston Park and Butterfly World to learn about their theme of 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Thank you so much to the parents and carers who came on the trip with us!



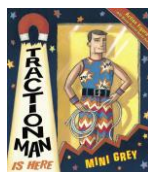
Eco Club Update:

This week, a selection of Eco Club members went to check on the progress of our spring bulbs and the trees that they helped to plant as part of our developing orchard.

As you can see from the photos, the children had a great time despite the weather and there are signs that Spring will be upon us soon! We will keep you all in the loop as to how our school grounds are developing.



What is everyone reading?



As part of our work on Picture Books, Year 1 and 2 will

be reading Traction Man is Here and Year 3 and 4 will be reading Traction Man meets Turbo Dog after Easter!



After visiting Newcastle for a school trip, Year 5 have been inspired to learn a bit more about the area, and so Mrs Keegan has picked the fantastic 'Harry Miller's Run' by David Almond as the class reader for after Easter.



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 29th March – 12th April – Easter Holidays
- 25th April – Year 3 Go Ape Trip
- 26th April – Year 4 Go Ape Trip
- 13th – 16th May – Year 6 SATs!

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...

Chess:

Our Year 5 children are loving their chess lessons with 'Chess In Schools and Communities'. This group also have free chess clubs across the borough – why not go down with your children and have a game, or learn to play if you're new to the game!



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

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

Apprentice TA vacancy:

We have an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic individual to develop a career as a teaching assistant based in our EYFS team here at Hardwick Green Academy.

By undertaking an apprenticeship, you will be provided with full training to become a Level 2 Teaching Assistant. You will be fully supported in the workplace by our apprenticeship training provider and our EYFS team.

You do not need to have prior experience to apply for this apprenticeship but we are keen to receive applications from candidates who wish to pursue a career working within an education setting.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please pass on this advert to them!

Please apply via this link: <https://www.enquirelearningtrust.org/job-vacancies/hardwick-green-apprentice-teaching-assistant-eyfs>

A graphic with a dark blue background and orange accents. It says 'WE ARE HIRING' in large white letters. Below that, 'EYFS TEACHING ASSISTANT - APPRENTICE' is written in white on an orange bar. A list of details includes: 'Hardwick Green Primary Academy', 'Start date - ASAP', '35.5 hours per week - TTO + 5 days', 'Salary - £6.40 per hour', 'Closing date - 15th April 2024, 9am', and 'Visits to school can be arranged.' The Enquire Learning Trust logo is in the bottom right corner, along with the text 'APPLY VIA OUR WEBSITE' and the website address 'www.enquirelearningtrust.org'.



Did you know?

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We have partnered with National Online Safety to provide resources for all parents and carers to support you in keeping your child safe online. Please see our website (link below) for more information.

<https://hardwickgreenacademy.org/information-for-parents/online-safety>