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Jam Packed with News

Hawes Side Academy

Our HSA Newsletter

Brimming with useful information! Friday 13th & 20th November 2026 **Autumn 2**



Pictures: learning in Mosaic & our artists in Year 1

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MOSAIC

What an exciting time it is in Mosaic. The children are incredibly busy with their learning, challenging themselves every day and continually building on their knowledge.

Routine plays a fundamental role in Mosaic, and this structure helps the children focus on their day and the learning experiences they will embark upon. Children in Mosaic learn through creative play, repetition, and the use of a wide range of resources and tools. This week, their focus has been on number work, particularly recognising numbers 1 to 10.

'What we learn becomes part of who we are.' Kathy B Jeffords

Alongside this learning, with a firework theme that proved very popular, the children have been mark making and have come up with some wonderful designs, bursting with colour.

Mosaic class is always a fun place to learn.

YEAR 1

This half term in art, Year 1 have been exploring the world of colour. The children have been learning about the primary colours, red, yellow and blue, and experimenting with different brushstrokes using the 'dip, dip, dab' method. The children have really enjoyed developing their painting skills, exploring different forms of mark making and discovering how colour can be used creatively. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experiment just like young artists.

'All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist when they grow up.' Pablo Picasso

Year 1 have also been historians. They have been investigating a range of sources to find out what our school was like in the past. The children have been looking closely at old photographs and other historical artefacts, comparing our academy as it is today with what it was like many years ago. The children have enjoyed spotting similarities and differences, while considering how and why things have changed over time.

Year 1, your enthusiasm is infectious!

ELF RUN

Have you seen the letters about Elf Run on 16th December. Read more here

Elf hats can be purchased on ParentPay.

VIP FAMILY

Congratulations to Megan in Year 4, who you will see later switching on our very own Hawes Side illumination. She will even get to use the 'real' Blackpool Illuminations switch!

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Switch On event, which is a joyous community celebration each year.

DANCE SHOW

We were amazed by the wonderful performance our HSA Dance Group presented at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday. Every week, with Mrs Black, they have put 100% effort into their practice sessions, and this really showed when they took to the stage.

The Winter Gardens is a BIG stage, but our amazing performers were not daunted. They remembered their routine and delivered it like true professionals. The spotlight was on them, and it was thoroughly deserved.

Check out our 'latest news' post on our website.

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Louie, Alif, Harvey, Mason, Owen and Jax

KS2: Eleanor, Reign, Freya, Mia, Jayden, Lottie, Oliver and Tyrone

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance
(week ending 13th November)

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **Foundation** with **98.1%** Whole Academy Attendance 93%

The class with the *best punctuality* this week was **Mosaic and 6S.**

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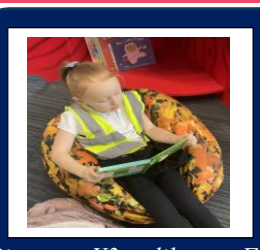
Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance
(week ending 20th November)

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **2H** with **92.86%** Whole Academy Attendance 93.5%

The class with the *best punctuality* this week was **4H**






Pictures: Y3 at library, FS in PE & Utilitia Cup

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YEAR 2

[redacted] Year 2 never stop! They are always busy learning. When you go past their classroom, they are focused on Mrs Francis and Ms Greenhalgh, actively listening and engaging in classroom learning activities.

As part of their maths lessons, they have started to add and subtract numbers to 100. As part of their maths toolkit, they have been using Base 10, drawings and related fact strategies to help them.

'Education is not learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.' Albert Einstein

In their English lessons, they have been learning about invitations: what they look like and their special features, including what information an invitation needs to contain. As well as the invitations recently sent home, the children will also be writing their own invitations for families to attend the Year 2 Nativity. Talking of the Nativity, the Year 2 class have been very festive. Lots of singing, lots of practising their lines and lots of rehearsals have kept them busy, busy, busy! They cannot wait to perform for their families at St Christopher's Church on 9th December.

Keep up all the hard work Year 2, we are all very impressed with the progress you are making!

PARKING

[redacted] We ask that, when visiting our academy, you are respectful of our neighbours by parking safely, legally and considerately. Please ensure that access is maintained for residents to get to their homes and move safely around our neighbourhood.

'Be kind, be mindful. Be a good neighbour.' Unknown

The safety of our children, other road users, pedestrians, the wider community and yourselves remains our highest priority.

Please note the car park is for staff, authorised visitors and nursery families.

NEU WAY SUPPORT

[redacted] Neu Way is offering early support for children, young people and families. Click here to find out more



FUN TO FUNDRAISE

[redacted] Thank you to everyone who took part in Children in Need last Friday. It was great to see so many Pudsey inspired outfits.

Your kind donations have been counted and together we raised £168.79.

KEEP IN THE LOOP!

[redacted] It is the time of year when there is lots going on as we make the speedy run up to Christmas break. Make sure you don't miss anything by visiting our calendar. Click here

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

[redacted] We are so proud of Minnie in year 6. Last weekend she sat her LAMDA exam, and we know that Minnie was a bit nervous, but her drama teacher said she did really well. She has worked so hard – three years of dedication in the pursuit of her performing arts.



She has not only sat her LAMDA but is appearing in a Christmas Choir show in December and is also part of the HSA Dance Group who performed at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday. *Well done, Minnie!*

Caleb Alistair from year 5 has done it again! He has passed his Level 8 Skate UK. You may have seen from previous newsletters that Caleb Alistair works exceptionally hard in ice skating and is excelling in the sport. *Keep it up Caleb Alistair!*



Celebrating Success

for the children who took part in *Utilitia Cup*

Click here to find out more

A message from our Principal, Mrs Boothroyd

We have had a very busy couple of weeks.

Firstly, it was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening. If you have not yet made an appointment, it is important that you contact your child's class teacher so that we can continue to work together in partnership to support your child. Mrs Twiss (5H) will be holding her meetings on 3rd and 10th December.

It was a privilege to watch our Dance Group perform at the Winter Gardens this week. We were incredibly proud of their performance, but we were equally proud of the way they watched and respected the performances of all the other schools. They celebrated the achievements of others and demonstrated our school values throughout the event.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all this evening at our very own Switch On event, which provides a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and celebrate the fantastic performances and achievements of our children.

With the festive season fast approaching, there is a real sense of excitement around the academy. The weeks ahead are full of special events and opportunities for our children to shine, and we look forward to sharing these memorable moments with you. Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community. We hope you enjoy this evening's celebrations and all that the festive season brings.