

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

27th March 2026

Spring 2



Pictures: 4H at Upbeat, 4H Hot Choc



What's happened ...

... IN YEAR 2

It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding half term for Year 2. The children have shown great enthusiasm for their learning and consistently demonstrate the academy values in everything they do.

At our academy, learning is not the only priority, regular attendance and punctuality are equally important for all pupils, across every year group. Being present and ready to learn each day makes a real difference.

A few weeks ago, Class 2H was recognised for having the most improved attendance. While high attendance is always celebrated, it is just as important to acknowledge those who make positive changes, and Class 2H certainly did just that. Their achievement was announced with a special 'bing bong' message, and they were rewarded with a well-deserved treat: hot chocolate for the whole class.

The 'Hawes Side Hot Choc' trolley paid them a visit, filled with delicious hot chocolate, which was served in the special 'Hawes Side Hot Choc' mugs. It was a wonderful and memorable way to end a Friday afternoon.

'It is good to win awards, but the most important thing is to win together.' N'Goto Kante

It was a lovely way to recognise their effort and encourage them to maintain their excellent commitment.

Of course, it hasn't all been about hot chocolate in Year 2. The children have also been working hard across the curriculum. In maths, they have been learning about mass and capacity, practising how to measure in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres. They have used these skills to make comparisons and solve a range of practical problems.

In geography, the children have been on an exciting journey to Kenya - albeit from the classroom! They have been exploring how people in Kenya buy and sell goods, and comparing this with how things are done in our own country. Through these discussions, they have developed an understanding of trade, including what different countries produce, how they exchange goods, and the ways in which these goods are transported around the world.

The children were thoroughly engaged in the topic, and through investigation and discussion, they deepened and expanded their knowledge.

Wow, what a fantastic term for Year 2! We cannot wait to see what exciting learning awaits when we return after Easter!

... IN CLASS 4H

Talking of 'Hot, Hot, Hot, Hot Chocolate Friday', Class 4H were the latest recipients of this special treat, in recognition of their most improved attendance. Last Friday, they were visited by the 'Hawes Side Hot Choc' trolley and enjoyed their well-earned reward.

Who will it be today? Check out 'Celebrating Punctuality and Attendance' to find out who has the most improved attendance!

... IN MANDARIN

This week, some of our pupils took part in the national Chinese Calligraphy Competition, showcasing their calligraphy skills to be judged at a national level. Their entries looked incredibly impressive, and we are exceptionally proud of the hard work and dedication they have shown.

Last week, some pupils also sat the YCT Level 1 and 2 exams, completing them under test conditions and putting 'pen to paper' to demonstrate the knowledge they have gained during their Mandarin lessons. The YCT (Youth Chinese Test) is designed for non-native Chinese-speaking children and young learners, with a focus on both listening and reading skills.

We look forward to receiving the results for both the competition and the YCT exams in the summer term, and we will be delighted to share their successes with you.

'Celebrate what you've accomplished but raise the bar a little higher each time you are successful.' Mia Hamm

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Eli-Jay and Sean

KS2: Jake, Kianna, Miley, Eleanor, Maia, Phoebe and Elsa

'Eli-Jay has worked so hard to focus and listen during carpet and lesson times.'

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

Most improved attendance is class 3H.

The class with the best punctuality was 6H again (who can 'topple' 6H). The most improved class punctuality was 2S.

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Back after Easter holidays on Monday 13th April 2026



Year 5 WBD and Fun on Comic Relief

Special Feature

FOCUS ON OUR OPAL AMBASSADORS

Each week, we feature one of our Hawes Side team members. This week, we are again doing it slightly differently and have asked some of our Opal Ambassadors.

Here is what we asked Poppy and Leo.

If you could meet anyone from history, who would it be and why?

Poppy said it would have to be the ancient Egyptians because it would be amazing to find out more about them. What their lives were like all those 5,000 years ago. As a people, Poppy recognises they knew so much. *They had imagination*, the appetite to discover and develop but how did they have the technology to build those pyramids?

Leo would like to step back to the 1800's and meet Charles Darwin. He is fascinated to know where Charles Darwin got his ideas of evolution from, what was the spark to ignite his investigations.

Charles Darwin was also an explorer and, as part of his extensive research, travelled to what were, at the time, distant and little-known parts of the world. Leo would like to have been on one of his adventures, on the HMS Beagle, journeying to South America, New Zealand and Australia.

'It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most adaptable to change.'
Charles Darwin

COMIC RELIEF

Last Friday we certainly did *wear something funny* for Comic Relief. There were some very quirky twists on non-uniform, from crazy wigs, odd socks, funny hats. We even had an inflatable dinosaur and giant banana!

To help raise funds for Comic Relief, we held a cake sale, selling suitably 'red nosed' cakes which Mrs Burrell in the kitchen baked. From the sale of this very yummy cakes we raised **£251.55**.

In addition to the cake sale, we also sold red noses on ParentPay and we managed to sell out! We **sold 90 red noses** in total.

'Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.' Jim Rohn

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Celebrating Success

MEGAN, YEAR 3

We are very proud of Megan who got to the final of 'The Oscar's' at Scream Theatre School.

Megan was the youngest performer out of over 40 children, and



she stood by herself on the Arc Cinema stage, in front of a BIG audience. The piece she performed was dedicated to her dog, Diego.

What an incredible achievement, Megan! You stepped outside of your comfort zone, embraced a new challenge, and through your dedication, commitment and determination, you succeeded - well done!

'The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.'
Oprah Winfrey

POPPY, YEAR 5

Another fantastic achievement for Poppy in Year 5! Poppy has earned her 'second KUP red belt' in Taekwondo. She has worked exceptionally hard to achieve this and shows incredible dedication to her sport. Her commitment is clearly paying off as she continues to progress in Taekwondo.



Well done, Poppy!

If you would like to celebrate your child's success, email admin@hawes-side.co.uk

Uniform BRIGADE

We wanted to share the information from Brigade about ordering uniform, which can be delivered direct to your door. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Information about our Academy Uniform can be found by [clicking here](#)

A message from our Principal

Our values: Resilience, Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Relationships



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

It has been a short, yet full and exciting half term. The children continue to amaze us in all they do, and it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements with you during Parents' Evening this week.

Thank you for your support, working in partnership is what truly enables our children to succeed.

If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the office after the Easter break. Our staff will be more than happy to arrange a suitable time to meet.

On that positive note, I would like to wish you all well over the next two weeks, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back into the academy on **Monday 13th April**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.