

HEYHOUSES NEWS

Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 September



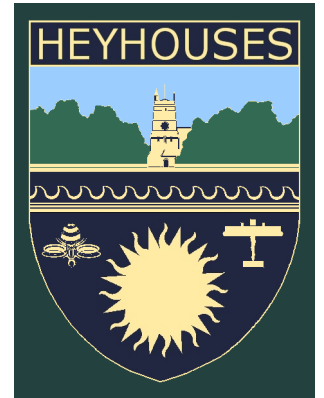
M6 Theatre visit Heyhouses with a production of NEST.

Reception and Year 1 loved the production. It is described as:
A tree in a city. Two birds decide to make it their home and soon their cosy nest contains two very precious eggs. The world below is full of stuff but, very quickly, so too is the nest.

Filled with clowning, original song and beautiful shadow play, this highly physical show uses minimal language to tell a tale about taking care, discovering what's important and learning how to fly.

The children were transfixed by the actors and there were several moments of awe and wonder.

Many thanks to the wonderful actors of M6 theatre for a truly memorable performance.



"..Many Hands make a House

But many Hearts make our School."

- Heyhouses School Hymn



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On Tuesday 3rd October Artyfact theatre are visiting Heyhouses with a new play to support our work on Mental Health and well being while also entertaining and developing children's understanding of History.

Pack Up Your Troubles

ANTI-BULLYING & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PLAY



"Pack Up Your Troubles" has been specially created for Primary schools looking at bullying & emotional wellbeing issues. The production is a light-hearted look at a serious subject.

With Amazing Scenery, costumes, Puppets and music. A Real WOW factor production for the whole school to enjoy.

Brief Story Line:

Pack Up Your Troubles has been devised by our successful writing team at ARTY-FACT Theatre to explore the issues of bullying in schools.

Ben has arrived at a new school and has found it difficult to settle in and make friends, he takes comfort in reading old diaries about the war and he discovers a valuable lesson.

Artyfact Theatre are an excellent company and I know that the children will love the performance. Heyhouses always ensure the children have a varied and creative curriculum, however, it is increasingly hard to fund. We have asked parents, if possible, to make a small donation, via Parent Pay for the cost of this production. We do hope you will be able to support.



M6 Theatre have been visiting Heyhouses for nearly two decades. Their shows are always stunning. Ask your child about 'Nest'- all the children in Reception and Year 1 saw the show. They loved the songs and the special effects!



NEST song

We've made a little nest

Done our very, very best

To make it cosy, safe and warm

High up in our tree

We've made a home for you and me

We've got everything we need

Costs for Parents

We are very conscious of the cost of things associated with school and want to support families whilst also ensuring we continue to provide some of the 'special' events and educational visits associated with Heyhouses.

With this in mind we are preparing information sheets for every year group with 'expected' costs this year and the term they might happen.

We hope in this way it will help families budget. As ever there will be ways to pay on Parent Pay whereby costs can be spread over a period of time.

At Heyhouses we have invested in a new English Curriculum which we spent over a year choosing to ensure it best suited our needs. Mrs Wynne, as English lead, has been busy establishing the new curriculum. We would like to take this opportunity to explain it in more detail so parents can follow it. The Website also provides further details.

Parents' Evenings will be in the last week before the half term holiday and you will be able to see the work in the children's English books.



At the beginning of term, we launched our new English Curriculum from CUSP, providing us with a whole school approach to Reading, Writing and Spelling. The curriculum is based on vast educational research, and it follows a clear pathway of progression throughout school, ensuring all children have the opportunity to develop strong Literacy skills.

CUSP curriculum places language front and centre, with a clearly defined approach to the teaching of new vocabulary. It includes a systematic approach to how knowledge is introduced, and learning is continually revisited to ensure pupils know more and remember more over time. Each lesson follows strong learning routines, freeing up precious mental capacity for understanding more demanding concepts.

CUSP Writing lessons use a broad range of supporting texts which contain examples of how the concepts that are being taught can be used effectively. Through discussion, modelling and oral rehearsing, the children will be taught the components they need to confidently create their own writing pieces. Each lesson has the following learning routine...



Connect

Revisiting prior learning and making connections with current lesson



Explain

Introduction to new vocabulary and explanation of core concept using model text



Example

Teacher models key concept



Attempt

Pupils practise together with support of the teacher



Apply

Pupils practise independently



Challenge

Opportunities given to deepen understanding and sophisticate thinking.

CUSP Reading exposes pupils to a range of high-quality literature that is both broad and rich. It gives every child a mirror in which to see themselves and offers a window for children to see a world beyond their own. The content centres on key themes relevant to modern life and aims to promote discussion and provoke response. These themes include, for example, environmental sustainability, diversity, British and global heritage and exploration of important social, moral, ethical and cultural debates.

Reading lessons immerse the children in core texts from the Literature Spine, focussing on reading fluency, expanding vocabulary and thinking deeply about the texts.

Please see the school website to view all the wonderful new texts included in our Literature Spine.



CUSP Spelling builds consistency across the school and ensures that pupils acquire deep knowledge about the English spelling system. The curriculum is written cumulatively and is a balanced approach, drawing together knowledge about phonics and vocabulary and pairing this with pattern seeking and reasoning. Spelling knowledge is practiced and applied regularly during lessons. Rather than formal weekly tests which focus purely on recall, our Home Learning Tasks will now focus on applying key spelling concepts taught in lessons.

We are enthusiastically embarking on our journey with the CUSP Curriculum and look forward to nurturing skilled, confident readers and writers!

Anne Wynne

English Lead.

We would love to hear any feedback from the children about their new English scheme.



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Harvest 5th October

The children will all be attending St Annes Parish church on Thursday 5th October to celebrate Harvest.

9:15 a.m. Junior classes

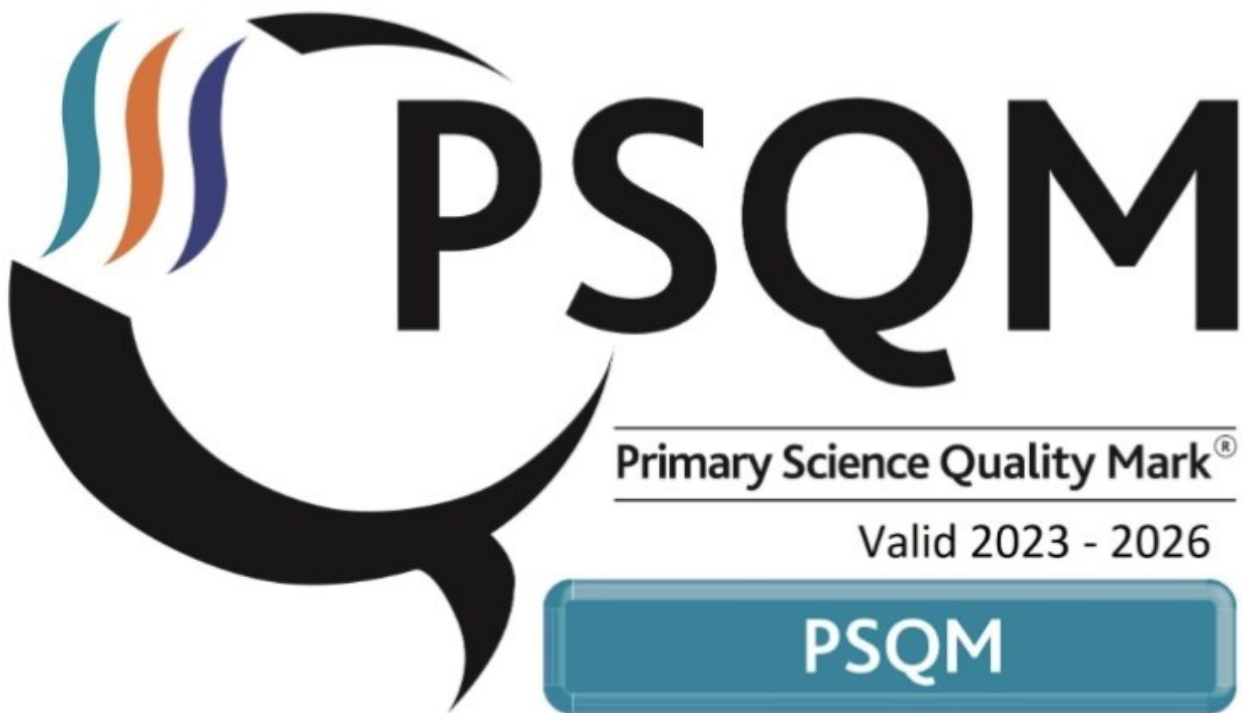
10:30 a.m. Year 1, 2 and Reception classes

Parents are welcome to join us.



The children will lead the services. If you feel able to send your child with a small gift for Harvest the parish have asked for the following:

Toiletries, tins, pasta, rice, fruit and vegetables. Any gift will be gratefully received and will be taken out to members of the parish in need.



Huge Congratulations to Mrs Tate our school Science Lead for successfully gaining the Primary Science Quality Mark for Heyhouses.

Mrs Tate worked very hard last year to develop Science at our school and all the staff were involved in promoting different areas of the science curriculum in their classes. It has been a wonderful team effort but Mrs Tate's leadership of Science has been exceptional. Her commitment to school science is inspiring.

Thank you Mrs Tate.

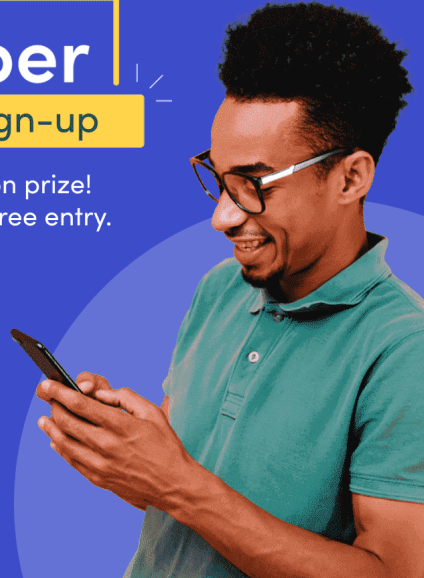
 easyfundraising

THE BIG September

Sign-up

Help us win a £500 donation prize!
Sign up today to give us a free entry.

Ends 30th September



Heyhouses C.E. Primary School has been registered with Easyfundraising for many years but we want to raise its profile with all our parents.

Easyfundraising means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heyhousesceps>

Or scan the QR code <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heyhousesceps>

Thank you so much!

School Admissions for 2024

Information posters about the 2024 school admissions cycle are displayed in both departments.

Primary and Secondary Applications must be submitted online.

If you wish to apply for Heyhouses Primary School for either a September 2024 or September 2025 start we will be holding an [Information Evening on Wednesday 27th September at 6:30p.m.](#) Staff will be able to advise about the process of applying online and there will be the chance to look round school.

Secondary applications must be made online by October 31st, 2023.

Primary applications must be made online by January 15th, 2024

[Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)



THE COASTAL COLLECTIVE

Working together to achieve more

We are delighted to announce that our school is now working with the newly formed charity, The Coastal Collective. We are joining with all the other local primary schools to use a £1.5 million grant to improve outcomes for our children and their families. The Coastal Collective will also work on supporting children as they move to Year 7 at our local Secondary Schools.

The new charity aims to provide the following: support for children and families with additional needs or vulnerabilities, promote health and well-being and provide specialist support for both children and their families. All these additional services will be focussed on the FY8 community, our local children and their families.

Starting school in 2024?



Book a Tour of School

Tours of school will be held for parents seeking admission to school for their child in September 2024. These will be taken by the Headteacher and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions.

School Tours at 9:30a.m. on

2nd October

9th October

12th October-new date added

16th October

6th November

13th November

20th November

27th November

Or ring 01253 722014 to book on a tour. More dates to be added!

The School Nurse Team have provided the following phone numbers and QR codes for young people and parents to use if they have any worries or need information.

Young People
Scan this QR
code to find
support

Text a school nurse directly to talk about
health or emotional wellbeing:
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:
07507330510
or scan the QR code

hcrq
Care Group

ChatHealth

Parents scan
this QR code to
find support

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:
07312263554
or scan the QR code

care.think.do.
WE CHANGE LIVES BY TRANSFORMING HEALTH AND CARE.

NHS

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY

BEFORE TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

We have been inundated with Leave of Absence Requests in the last ten days. Please think before you apply. Anyone with a request for 5 days or more must book an appointment with Mrs Hodgson.

In law you **must** ask for permission for your children to miss school.

Leave in term time **will only be agreed where the Headteacher feels there are exceptional circumstances**. Also, it is possible that leave **will not be agreed** when attendance already includes **unauthorised absence** and/or attendance is already causing concern.

You can request "leave in term time" for your child using a request form available at the School Office. Parents who take a child of compulsory school age on holiday without permission from the school may be issued with a **penalty notice**.

TO HELP YOUR CHILD DO WELL IN SCHOOL, YOU SHOULD:

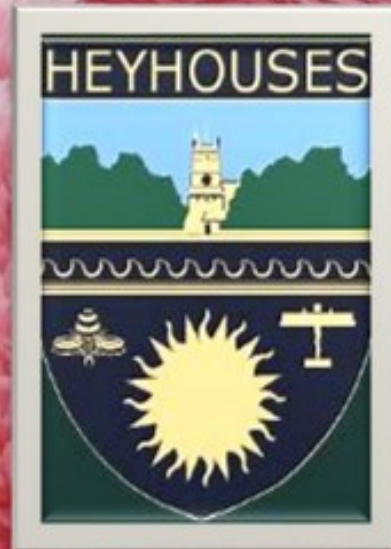
Arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays. Never take your child out of school when there are important examinations or tests. Be aware of the potential impact on your child's education

Avoid taking your child out of school when they are just starting. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new environment as quickly as possible.

WEAR IT
PINK

BREAST
CANCER
NOW The research
& care charity

YOU'RE
INVITED
TO WEAR IT PINK



On the 20th of October we invite you all to add some **PINK** to your school uniform in exchange for a donation to help raise money to fight breast cancer.



Be pink-tastic and support a great cause!

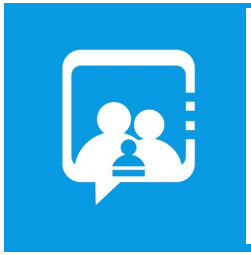
FOR EVERYONE AFFECTED
BY BREAST CANCER -
WE WILL WEAR IT PINK.

Find out more at: wearitpink.org



Financial Reporting
REGULATOR

Breast Cancer Now is a charity registered in England and Wales
(264496), Scotland (SC045544) and the Isle of Man (1081)



parentapps
Keeping you Connected

Following a lot of research we are changing our communication app provider. On Friday 20th October 2023 we will stop using MyED and transition over to Parentapps Connect.

Currently, we are in the process of designing the app. We have done a lot of research and feel that this communication app allows for a more modern, smooth and consistent messaging facility as well as incorporating all existing parental requirements, such as Parentpay, School Calendar and Events, School Uniform Shop, Parents Evenings and many more.

On **Friday 29th September** you will receive an SMS text message with a link to download the app and register to become an active user. To register, our database must have your correct email address and mobile number. We are currently in the process of identifying families where this information is missing and will be sending home letters to these families, however, please contact either school office if you need to update your records.

We will be sending out more information before the launch to ensure a successful transition so please take the time to read through and activate the invitation link when you receive it. We will be using this app for all home school communication so it is essential that you have access to ensure you do not miss important school news.



Contact Us

Phone 01253 722014

Option 1

Sir John Alcock Building Years 1 and 2 are in the Sir John Alcock Infant building

Option 3

Westall Building

Junior classes and Reception classes are in the Westall building

Option 5

Breakfast and After School Club