

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT

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Issue 16

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils for the fantastic attitude and determination they showed during their SATs week. They approached each day with resilience, positivity and maturity, making everyone at school incredibly proud. Their hard work and effort shone through — well done, Year 6!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WB 25.5.26 - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED

1.6.26 - Pupils return to school for Summer Term 2

2.6.26 - KS1 Sports Day

3.6.26 - KS2 Sports Day

4.6.26 - EYFS Sports Day

19.6.26 - Non-Uniform for Summer Fair Donations*

**More Information to Follow*

Have Your Say

Our parents views and comments are extremely important to us. Please follow the link below to share your thoughts on our Curriculum and how this is communicated to parents.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vcn3Ue4WyT>



Designated Safeguarding Team



Miss Gibson
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Martin
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
(Maternity)



Miss Fletcher
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Miller
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Thompson
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss McEwen
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Jones
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Jones Mr Jefferson Miss Heppell
Mental health first aiders

Our Connect advisor Peter is available for discussions with parents on a fortnightly basis. He will be available on the yard or gates outside of school to speak to parents and answer any mental health related queries or concerns.



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The Den

Over the past two weeks, we have been very busy learning all about 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children worked together to come up with clever ways to catch the wolf. Some made magical potions in our mud kitchen, others designed and built strong houses that couldn't be blown down and some even prepared a giant pot of "boiling water" to stop him in his tracks! Alongside our story adventures, we have been testing different materials to discover which ones are the strongest, creating delicious pig pancakes during 'Tasty Tuesday' and proudly sharing our learning with parents and carers during our wonderful Stay and Play session.

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we began the week with a trip to the Rising Sun, the children were amazing with their walking and listening to all adults. We explored the nature area of the Rising Sun, climbing trees, building fires, building dens and exploring minibeasts. In school, we have read Oliver's Milkshake, exploring different fruits and vegetables, discussing what is healthy and unhealthy. Children have used different fruits to create observational drawings. For Tasty Tuesday this week, we changed the day to Thursday to align with our vocabulary word 'squash', we used potato mashers to squash blueberries before tasting them.



Reception

Recently Reception have been learning all about empathy in Commando Joe. We have tried to understand how others might be feeling and how we can help people when they are not feeling their best. We heard that Year 6 have been working extra hard recently on their SATS, so we wanted to make a card to say well done. We decorated them with shooting stars and wrote personal messages inside. We are so proud of our big friends in year 6! Reception have been working hard recently too, especially in maths where we are learning all about subtraction.

Y1

Year One have had a fantastic time in Literacy exploring a range of different narratives and bringing stories to life through their writing. They have been developing their skills by adding the -ing suffix, using exclamation marks for expression and including proper nouns to make their work more engaging and exciting. In Maths, the children have been working hard on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, as well as learning about sharing and grouping and are now beginning to explore fractions. In other subjects, they have enjoyed practising pointillism using computers in ICT, learning about trees and their features in Science and studying the work of Charles Jenks in Art to inspire their own creative sculptures.





Y2

This week, Year 2 have been busy starting our new text in literacy, "Paddington", and we are really enjoying getting to know the story and its characters. In maths, we have been learning how to find fractions of amounts, including halves, quarters and thirds and we have been practising this with different numbers. In science, we have been exploring microhabitats around our school, looking closely at the small environments where living things can be found. We have also really enjoyed taking part in our CoJo sessions, where we have been developing our teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Y3

Year 3 have had an amazing few weeks learning our Adventure Narrative text about Whiskers the time-travelling cat! We have enjoyed innovating and inventing this story using our imagination and produced some wonderful pieces of our own. In Maths, we have worked hard on learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks. In our Design Technology lessons, we have planned, created and taste-tested some delicious fruit smoothies. We hope that you all have a lovely half-term!



Y4

In Year 4, we have been continuing to write our Historical Fiction texts. We have been looking at how we can use show don't tell to enhance our writing and we are really impressed with the results. In History, we have been learning about the brave but fierce Boudicca - the leader of the Iceni tribe - who started a revolt against the Romans. We have also been learning all about the Emperor Hadrian and his impact on our local area. If you get a chance, it would be great to spend some time visiting Wallsend to see a part of the Roman wall where Emperor Hadrian started building it nearly 2000 years ago. While you are there, it would also be great to visit Segedunum where families living in an NE28 postcode can visit for free!

Y5

This week in year 5, we have began a new topic in literacy. Moving on from our much loved topic of treasure island, we are now investigating discussion texts with the question of "should daleks be allowed to live on earth?" The children have thoroughly enjoyed this creative question and came up with some great initial thoughts. In maths, we have began looking at coordinates, building on our knowledge from last year and have enjoyed plotting points. We have also enjoyed taking part in Commando Joe missions and building our teamwork and communication skills.





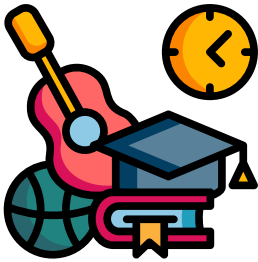
Y6

Well done to all of our Year 6 children for successfully getting through their SATs week. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and approached the tests with maturity, resilience and determination. As a reward for all of their efforts, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a water battle soak day, which was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the week. In English, we have now started a new unit focused on biographies, where the children will be exploring the features and structure of biographical writing. We are looking forward to seeing the children apply their writing skills creatively throughout this new topic.

WHAT ELSE DO WE OFFER?

Hedgehogs

Our Hedgehogs provision continues to offer before and after school childcare, supporting families and ensuring that children have a smooth start and end to the school day. Recently, at Hedgehogs, we have been using the atlas to explore the different places we have been on holiday. We enjoyed finding out rides and cities on the map and sharing our travel experiences with each other.



Clubs

We continue to offer a variety of after school opportunities for all children. This includes a range of outdoor activities, sports, crafts, computer and educational clubs. Please note that clubs will continue after the half term break. There will be no school led clubs during Week 1 of the half term. Clubs will commence WB 8th June.

GETTING INVOLVED



Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum is a valued way for parents and carers to have their voices heard and to help shape the future developments of our school. This group is specifically designed to support parents in contributing to whole-school improvements and changes, ensuring that parental perspectives help inform our ongoing development.

We are always welcoming of parental suggestions and strive to listen to and implement ideas wherever possible.

Our final Summer Term date for our Parent Forum is **Thursday 2nd July 5pm**, and we would love to welcome you into school to hear your feedback and work together in supporting our school community.





Year 4 Art Exhibition

Hadrian Park Primary School
at

LAING ART GALLERY
NEWCASTLE

Celebrating
creativity,
imagination
and
expression!

Our Theme:
Exploring Our Complex Emotions

Supporting Children's SEMH (Social, Emotional, Mental Health)



28th – 30th May

Thursday 28th May

11:30am – 4:30pm

Friday 29th May

10:30am – 4:30pm

Saturday 30th May

10:30am – 4:30pm

All welcome – come and support our young artists!

VENUE



Laing Art Gallery
Barrack Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6PE



GETTING THERE



By Bus: Regular services to
Barrack Road.
The 307 bus goes from
Hadrian Park to
Newcastle city centre.
(Stops on Barrack Road /
New Bridge Street)



By Metro: Closest stop
Monument – 5 minute walk



On Foot / Bike: Easy access
from the city centre and
surrounding areas



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MUSEUMS**

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy Milk

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX

The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday