

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017



HUDSON WEEKLY LEARNING UPDATE - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

We came back to this new 8-week term with a bundle of fun and excitement - who would of thought Halloween, Autumn and Bonfire night in the first week would combine with Harry Potter and reading week? Children were keen to get back in to school on Monday carrying pumpkins and talking about discos - which was perfect and helped to ease those back to school anxieties just a little bit. A great big thank you to our staff team, PTFA and collection of dedicated families for helping make the Autumn celebrations so spectacular. Well done to Owen G, Jennifer G, Amelia D, Haripriya D, Thomas S, Evie S, Holly L and Libby G for their fantastic pumpkin decorating skills.

Monday brought about lots of fully deserved prize giving's. We launched our first end of term awards assembly, recognising 100% attendance of 83 children and celebrated behaviour champions and triple E excellence in learning for each class. Teachers spoke beautifully about our children, and I know the families of all of the children from our 2-Year-Old nursery through to Year 6 were beaming with pride. This assembly will definitely be repeated in the New Year when we celebrate the end of December achievements I can't wait to see how many 100% attenders we have for this half of the term and the excellence of our children growing and being shared in style.

The Book Fair returned this week and today the children celebrated the anniversary and literacy genius of JK Rowling and Harry Potter themed learning. Again a thank you to Mrs Whitelaw for organising reading events this week and helping to raise money through the sale of books. I hope this has inspired the children to read and hopefully build on our school improvement target of making reading skills soar.

Lots more has been going on this week with a special Learning Journey visit for our Maple class to Freshfield to visit the squirrels and for our Early year's children today with a surprise visit from Jocelyn's mum who is a veterinary assistant to care for a sick Hudson hedgehog ☺. Thursday also brought our wonderful footballers their first home match against Melling Primary. We knew this would be a tough match, but the boys performed spectacularly under the instructions of coaches Sully and John Scott and managed to bring us **our first home victory 3-1 to the mighty Hudson** - I am beaming! ☺

BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEK BACK!

Monday

- Snack/toast money in please - £1 per week including Nursery or £7 for the term
- Swimming for Chestnut, class at 2 - 3.40pm
- Assembly with Miss Marl 2.50pm

Tuesday

- **Silver birch class visit Staircase House**
- School Council meeting 12.20pm, Class Council meeting 2.45pm

Wednesday

- Singing Assembly with Mrs Macpherson 2.50pm
- 5pm Marketing meeting

Thursday

- Whole School Assembly with Mrs Craddock 2.50pm

Friday

- 2pm Treats and sharing work for all those Excellence winners this week
- 2.50pm Celebrations assembly with the school teaching team



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EVERYONE EXPERIENCES EXCELLENCE...

Friday brings us smiles, and celebrations. This week join our team in giving due praise and recognition to our shining stars of excellence and champions of behaviour:

This week the children who have stood out exceptionally well for demonstrating aspects from our behaviour charter, our very own **Behaviour Charter Champions** are:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Champan, Mrs Spafford and Team): Zack A and Jack B

Maple Class (Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Whole class

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Jackson R

Silver birch Class (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Grisedale): Logan T

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Archie M

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Luke D

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Nicole R

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Jessica B

We can also not forget to mention and give praise to those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning** - those who have truly excelled and impressed: **Jennifer G, Elle C, Seren S, Jack F, Malachi J, Lily D, Lewis BJ, Sophie UP**. Be sure to ask your child to tell you all about the work they have displayed proudly in school and shared today.

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week's ambassador of kindness is **Mrs Clayton** (Maple class), for going above and beyond with her volunteering this week, ensuring all of Maple class had an extra special time on Thursday. Hudson is very thankful.

Attendance Masters: This week unfortunately we have no masters of 100 percent attendance.

Professors of punctuality: Well done to Sycamore, Chestnut and Yew with no late marks.

Please be aware that the parking outside of school is limited, but we need to be considerate of the neighbours and not park over driveways or on grass verges. This can be extremely hazardous and you could be fined, it is also causing the residents great stress!
We are a community school that thrives on building respectful relationships with our community.

PTFA NEWS - Secretary: Vicki Garside

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It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves at the disco on Tuesday, there were some amazing costumes, fantastic make up and we raised £313 to go towards Christmas treats and putting on activities at our Christmas Fair (**Friday 24 November**). Huge thank you to Mr Nicholson and Michael for the lights and music.

On Wednesday we welcomed new volunteer Charlotte who is mum to Ella W in Nursery, and said hello again to Hayley, mum to Ben S in year 4 who had lots of new ideas to bring to the table and have already been working hard.

Next week we launch an exciting new fundraising initiative with our very own "Hudson Lottery". The idea is simple, pay £2 for a number from one of our representatives on the playground then at the end of the month, two winners will be drawn from those numbers and announced in the newsletter. The prize fund, and the amount added to our fundraising, will depend on the number of people who take part, the more people taking part, the higher the prize will be. Representatives from the PTFA will be on the playground selling numbers from Monday onwards starting with Charlotte on Monday by the Nursery door, then Gill on the main playground on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Mandy on Wednesday.

Tea with Santa Friday 8 December - tickets on sale. Tickets were released today and will be on sale after school to Nursery and Reception in the Nursery cloakroom. They will also be on sale for them on Tuesday after school in the same place. Sales will then be opened up to years 1 and 2 next Friday -



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same time, same place! The cost is **£6.50** for which each child will have a party tea, listen to story time with Santa and his helper, receive a gift and have chance to have their photo taken. Tickets sell fast and are strictly limited, so don't miss out!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe everyone

Reminders

Any outstanding Flu consent forms must be back by Monday either giving consent or not. Nasal Spray is on 21st November.

PGL - interim payment of £35 is due now please.

SCHOOL NEWS

New Learning Journeys have begun...

Little Acorns - Where does snow go?

Outdoors we go hunting for snow and winter creatures. Our youngest children in school will be thinking about the wintery season that lies ahead, they will explore what snow is, why icicles form and hang down and how things can freeze and melt. Our young minds will be filled with questions about the world around us and we will find the answers through, stories, song and exploration.

Maple class - Why do squirrels hide their nuts?

With an exciting start to our Learning Journey as we venture to Freshfield woods in search of squirrels we will explore the natural world around us and appreciate the locality and the living things within it on our doorstep. The children will question why Squirrels may hide their nuts, why hedgehogs hibernate and other such questions about the natural world during the season of autumn and winter.

Yew class - Moon zoom

CRASH! What's that in the playground? Let's go outside and take a look. Stand back everyone - it looks like a UFO has crash-landed! We will find out who might have landed by exploring the spacecraft and investigating scattered scientific specimens. We will then create a 'Welcome to Earth' box for an alien explorer. What can we put inside it to help explain what life is like on our planet?

Would you like to be an astronaut? You'll need a pretty sturdy spacecraft if you do. Starting off small we will make an air-propelled rocket... WHOOSH! How far can you make it travel? We will then find out the names of the planets and try to remember them in their order. Oh Yes, we have found an alien ...can we help it to get back home?

Sycamore class - Memory Box

Can you remember being small, being a baby and even learning to crawl? We will be taking a journey back in time through our theme of **'Memory box'** we will be looking at old photographs and maybe even a snapshot of a holiday or birthday! We will be learning how to write diaries of days gone by and find out about the day before we were even born - life history. Our plan is to make a special memory box, full of treasures that tell tales about us things that mean a lot. This special box can then be brought out in years to come so that the children can look back and see how much they have grown and developed. Memories are special...let's make some more!

Silver birch class - Towels, tunnels and turrets

See the castle ahead? Get ready to invade its mighty walls! What a journey we can plan. Have you met Rapunzel? She lives in a tall, tall tower - can you build a taller one? Let's build it together - how do we measure it? Next we are going to dig down deep making burrows and tunnels just like the animals that live under ground - who does live under ground?

Who is that trip trap trapping over my bridge? Look out for the ugly troll who lives under the bridge. I

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do hope the bridge we make can take the weight of the children crossing it - is it sturdy enough to get us across and keep us safe? And finally we will meet the three little pigs - I do hope they have made their walls strong enough not to be blown down by the big bad wolf! No huffing and puffing will blow our fortress down!

Elder class - Scrumdiddlyumptious

Tuck in and enjoy a yummy journey of discovery, tasting fantastic fruits, venerable vegetables and tantalizing treats! Work up an appetite with delicious stories about food, have fun with a vegetable orchestra or become a fruity sculptor.

We will find exciting recipes to read and we will write our own too. Next we will get busy in the kitchen making tasty dishes from across the world and discover just how good food helps us to grow fit and strong.

We will become a whizz at creating our own scrumdiddlyumptious smoothies for Squeazy Joe and his team of fruity friends. And here is food for thought - if you are what you eat...what does that make you?

Oak class - Alchemy Island

It is time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind; we are going on a magical journey to 'Alchemy Island.' Can you find the gold hidden deep in the Island's mysterious landscape? The only way is to study the map, unravel the riddle and begin your adventure. On your way you must learn about gold and master the ancient art of Alchemy, be creative and try to impress the team of Ace Alchemists - they will praise your scientific expertise. If there was a video game of Alchemy Island do you think you could design the soundtrack to bring this mysterious land to life? Right you have your map, your co-ordinates and everything else you need to get to Alchemy Island. Don't forget to pack your imagination...Got your suitcase ready? Then let the journey begin...

Larch class - burps, bottoms and bile

Open wide- let's take a look inside! We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside your body!

Do you have a toothy grin or a winning smile? Take dental impressions and test the effects of sugary substances on your pearly whites! Follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through your digestive system, helped by some mouth-watering saliva! Mmmmm! And don't forget the importance of good hygiene - at both ends! And whilst we're talking business...could you recognise an animal just by its poo? Are you brave enough to take the challenge?

Do beans really have wind power? Let's work scientifically and bottom this one out, once and for all!

We will be working together to make a model of the digestive system and use it to persuade others to eat healthily. We will also be learning how to look after this marvellous belching, squelching, mixture-making machine we call our body.

Chestnut class - A child's war

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover! It is 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory.

Read the diary of Ann Frank, written whilst hiding from the terrifying Stormtroopers in a secret annexe and try to empathise with her hopes and fears.

Make do and mend - cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when lose lips sank ships. And as peace is declared let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender.'

Have a fantastic weekend, have fun but stay safe, Niki Craddock and Team



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THE HUDSON LOTTERY IS COMING..



...it could be you!

- Do you want to win money whilst helping to raise vital funds for your own child's school?
- Purchase a number for just £2 from one of our playground family representatives at the end of the school day.
- The lottery is drawn at the end of the month by one of our children and 1st and 2nd place winners will be announced in the newsletter.
- Cash prizes will be based on the amount of numbers sold - the more people play the more you could win!

Pass on the word...be in it to win it!



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