

NEWSLETTER



10th December, 2021

At the end of another week, I hope you are all making lovely plans for Christmas. We are looking forward to Christmas dinner day and raffle draw on Tuesday and Christmas jumper and party day on Friday. You can still buy raffle tickets on ParentMail. Friday is non-uniform day so your child can come in any sensible clothes; a Christmas jumper will be great to see!



Today two of our pupils, Emma in Reception and Melissa in Y3, went to the Mayor's Office in Wolverhampton as they were both runners up in our local MPs **Christmas card competition**. They met our MP, Pat McFadden there and the mayor, and were treated to lots of snacks and presents. Well done girls and thank you for representing Hurst



Our local **PCSOs** joined us in assembly this week to present certificates and prizes to our fully trained Junior PCSOs. Well done to all of them! The next ten Y4 pupils will start their training in January.

Our **school council** have been working so hard to make a difference to all pupils in school. So far they have found out about behaviour in school and suggested ways of us identifying our school values in class more often. We are also looking at the way golden time works and playtime equipment. They also asked their classes about what after school clubs pupils wanted after Christmas. A letter will be coming out to parents next week, showing the clubs on offer, suggested by pupils. Well done school councillors!

Our Y5 pupils have today been making **Brazilian bread as part of their DT work**. They designed, made and then tasted. I am told it was very nice!



We welcome **Miss Small** back to Hurst Hill on Monday, following her maternity leave. She will return as the Y1 class teacher. Mrs Jones will still be in school next week to handover to her so you will see them both next week :)

We thank Mrs Jones for all her hard work at Hurst Hill and hope to welcome you back in the future.

Have a great weekend—Mrs Keen

Attendance

This week's attendance is 94%. Attendance at school is **mandatory**. Whole school attendance should be **at least 96%**.

The winning class is Mrs Weaver's class

Please let us know straightaway if your child has coronavirus symptoms. You should not send them to school and should book a PCR test for them. A lateral flow test must not be used for children with symptoms. Children no longer have to isolate if in contact with a positive case (unless OMICRON case), but do have to isolate if they have a positive test result. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

If your child is too ill to come to school then you should **contact the school office before 9.30am**, either by telephoning 01384 818845 (option 1) or using the absence reporting feature on ParentMail. Please do not use our social media pages to report absences.

Safeguarding

We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the School's

Designated Safeguarding Leads within school. If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.

Alternatively you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting www.childline.org.uk

HONESTY-POSITIVE ATTITUDE-RESPECT-RESILIENCE-CARING

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

We have been trying really hard with our reading on MyOn.

Below is the word count for each class

Year 2– 11,542
Year 3–25,101
Year 4– 67,224
Year 4/5– 135,139
Year 5– 112,870
Year 6– 355,553

This week's **Century** stars are:
Abdullah, Vivaan, Alfie, Courtney
& Charlie
Well done!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th December– Christmas dinner and hamper draw

Friday 17th December–End of term. Class parties and Xmas jumper day.

INSET Dates: Tuesday 4th January, Monday 28th February and Friday 27th May

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Wednesday 5th January– Reception to year 6 return

Friday 7th January– New nursery children settling in session 8.45-11.30

Monday 10th January– Nursery children return

RESPECT

Star Pupils of the week show our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring.

Nursery– Maja for caring for others

Reception– Liam for a positive attitude to learning

Year 1– Kian for a positive attitude to reading and writing

Year 2–William-Lee for caring in class

Year 3– Tillie for resilience in learning

Year 4– Skye for caring for others

Year 4/5– Evie for a positive attitude to learning

Year 5–Lilymai for resilience in maths

Year 6– Luke for caring for others

CARING

On 10 December we observe **Human Rights Day** – the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Make a list of 5 things you like and 5 you don't, then compare it with someone in your family. Are your lists the same? It's okay, we're allowed to have different opinions! Talk about the importance of different views and beliefs.

November and December are important months for many religions. Can you think of some festivals and events that take place at this time? You could research safely online.

Imagine you are part of your **School Council**. What ideas do you have to make sure your school listens to the thoughts and respects the beliefs of all children? Could your school do more to celebrate different religions and beliefs? Tell your school councillor.

Article 14 is all about your beliefs and how they are shaped. Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Try giving a moment to one or more of these philosophical questions.

- What does it mean to live a good life?
- Should you forgive others?
- Is it better to do what you think is right or to follow the rules?
- Is a human life more valuable than a rat's?

RESILIENCE

We are running weekly class battles on Times Tables Rock Stars. The winning classes this week are:

3SW, 5MJ and 4/5JW

HONESTY

We use house-points at Hurst Hill to reward pupils for following our school rules and values. This week our house point totals are:

Ruby– 213
Diamond-248
Emerald – 241
Sapphire— 226

Well done to this week's winners– Diamonds!



This week's healthy eating recipe is Breakfast Burritos

Send us a picture of your creation to info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk or upload to our facebook page.

Wholewheat soft tortillas are topped with tomato and pepper omelettes, then rolled up. Perfect for a tasty breakfast or wrap up for a packed lunch.

4 soft wholewheat flour tortillas

6 eggs

4 tbsp 1% fat milk

2 tomatoes, finely chopped

2 spring onions, finely chopped

1 pepper, any colour, deseeded and finely chopped

2 tsp vegetable oil

40g reduced-fat hard cheese, grated

1 pinch ground black pepper

1

Lay out the tortillas on a work surface. Preheat the grill.

You could use plain tortillas, though the wholewheat ones have a higher fibre content.

2

Beat the eggs and milk together in a bowl. In another bowl, mix together the tomatoes, spring onions and pepper, seasoning with black pepper.

3

Heat ½ tsp of vegetable oil in a non-stick frying pan and pour in a quarter of the beaten egg mixture.

Cook on the hob over a medium heat for a few moments to set the base.

4

Layer 1 tortilla with the cooked egg, a quarter of the tomato mixture and 10g of cheese. Grill to further set the egg and melt the cheese.

5

Roll up the tortilla and slice in half, or wrap in foil to serve later. Repeat to make the other 3 tortillas.
To make the burritos more filling, try adding 100g drained mixed beans to the tomato mixture - you'll be adding extra fibre too.