

NEWSLETTER



30th September 2022

Another week full of praise for Hurst Hill.

This week certainly has been a busy one for all pupils. On Monday, the whole school listened to presentations from our year six pupils. Using persuasive language, the pupils explained why they felt they would make excellent House Captains. We were overwhelmed with their amazing oracy skills. I feel we could have some politicians in the making! The successful candidates were revealed this morning in our celebration assembly... I know they will be fantastic role models and house leaders for the rest of the school to follow.

We had a visit from 'iRock' on Tuesday - our pupils were enthralled listening to the musician perform during a special assembly. Pupils were able to join in and before we knew it we had our very own guitarist, drummer and vocalist in action... Once again we were impressed by behaviour and the confidence shown by pupils who participated. iRock have offered to facilitate music lessons for a fee during the school day. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

The Hales Valley director of education paid a visit on Tuesday to look at pupil's books and the wider curriculum. She was pleased with what she saw and the curriculum we provide for all pupils. Our EYFS staff were also involved in Hales Valley quality assurance. This involved rigorous checks on the assessments made for EYFS pupils across the academy trust. Again compliments were expressed by the lead moderator who stated 'I absolutely love working with Hurst Hill staff, they know their children and all judgements are accurate'.

Thank you to the PTA for hosting the Macmillan coffee afternoon and selling cakes after school. We will let you know the total raised next week. Don't forget they are also hosting a quiz night on Monday 17th October. Please contact the office if you wish to enter a team.

For the past four weeks, staff have been in discussions as to who should be our new Head and Deputy Head Pupils. It has been extremely hard to choose from so many hard working, caring and resilient individuals. However, we finally reached a decision this week and I would like to offer my congratulations to our four new leaders, who were announced in assembly today. Their roles come with lots of responsibility and they even have their own job descriptions! They will be working alongside myself and Mrs Weaver through out the year, leading by example and promoting our school values at all times. I just know we shall go from strength to strength.

Thank you to all parents who refrain from using their mobile phones on school premises. However, can I please ask for all adults to remember that we do not allow mobile phone usage on the school site due to safeguarding. Also, we have had several complaints from residents due to inconsiderate parking at drop off and collection. Please can you ensure that you do not block drives when parking.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Johnson
Head of School

Attendance

Attendance at school is **mandatory**. Whole school attendance should be **at least 96%**.

The 100% winner this week was Aaliyah in year 3 . The winning class was Mrs Weaver's class

Guidance has changed regarding COVID as free testing has now ended in England. The current advice is children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. 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

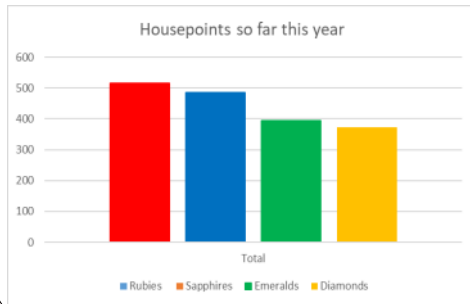
We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads within school.

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

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—192,
Diamond—102,
Emerald—93,
Sapphire—196**

Well done to this week's winners— Sapphires

DIARY DATES

30th September— PTA Macmillan coffee afternoon 2pm

3rd October— Reflexions parent meeting 9am

4th October— Book fair arrives in school

4th & 5th October— Parents' evenings

11th October— INSPIRE session 6JG

13th October— Flu vaccinations

18th October— INSPIRE session Year 5

18th October— School Photographs

19th October— Harvest Festival

21st October— Break up for half term at 3pm

31st October— INSET Day

CARING

At Hurst Hill we care about the wellbeing of the whole child. This includes ensuring they have a healthy balanced diet in school too.

Nutrition: Why it matters

When children get the right food at the right time, their brains and bodies develop the way they should. When this doesn't happen, there is a negative impact on the child's ability to learn. In cases, where there is a lack of suitable nutrition and too much sugary/fatty foods, children show signs of damaged teeth and gums. It also leads to obesity. We therefore ask you to support us in caring about the diet of children by only sending healthy food and snacks into school for break and lunch. Chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted at snack time.
Thank you for your continued support.

RESPECT

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

Nursery— Kamilla for positive attitude to writing

Reception— Bella for positive attitude to school life

Year 1— Mason-Junior for caring for others

Year 2— Jude for respect towards others

Year 3— Georgina for resilience to new learning

Year 4— Sofia for respect towards everyone

Year 5— Skye for positive attitude to work

Year 6MJ— Esmiee for respect towards others

Year 6JG— Autumn-Lea for positive attitude to Spanish

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Noah, Lilly, Rennie, Isabelle, Thomas, Aminta & Charlotte



POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2— 4,415
Year 3— 27,537
Year 4— 33,724
Year 5— 26,955
Year 6JG— 5,842
Year 6MJ— 56,717

This week's **Century** stars are:
Arjun, Rosie, Tilly, Sky & Isabella
Well done!

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our junior leadership team have been chosen.



Head Student
Alfie G & Evie D
Deputy Head Student
Esmiee & Jacob



House Captains
Diamond— Crystal, **Emerald—** Abigail, **Ruby—** Alfie G, **Sapphire—** Charlotte.
Vice Captains
Diamond— Lloyd, **Emerald—** Taylor, **Ruby—** Mia, **Sapphire—** Courtney.