

NEWSLETTER



Out of this world!

'Today has been the best day of my life!'

That was one of the comments from a year 5 pupil during the planetarium visit this week. It was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.

We would like to express our thanks to 'Design Engine' for funding this exciting educational experience.

The Junior Leadership team met with the Hales Valley Director of Education this week to talk about reading at Hurst Hill. They were super role models and were able to talk confidently about the reading process, their favourite authors and how they use technology to support their learning.

We have been sending out letters to gauge the interest around the school trips we have planned across the school. The cost of transportation has greatly increased and therefore your responses will determine whether or not the trips can go ahead. I would be grateful if you could add your response at your earliest convenience so we can arrange booking and deposits. Payment by instalments is accepted providing the final deadline is met. Please speak to the office team if you have any questions.

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from 14th to 18th November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where we are asking children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We will also be supporting Children In Need on Friday 18th November.

Nursery children who were born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are now able to apply for their Reception 2023 space. Children who attend nursery do not automatically get a space in school so it is really important that you apply for their place before the closing date of 15th January. Wolverhampton residents apply via <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>
Dudley residents apply via <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>

The PTA have been busy selling Breakfast with Santa tickets for 3rd December. We have sent a form to all parents to update the opt-in permission for PTA events. Only parents who have opted in will get sent information from the PTA, so please ensure that you complete the form if you want to be kept up to date with all of the fabulous events the PTA are organising.

Thank you to those who returned the Xmas 4 Schools artwork; you should have received a link to view and order online. The online ordering will close on 13th November. Photographs have also been sent home this week; orders need to be placed by 21st November and will be delivered to school.

I have had a few questions about Christmas cards and I can confirm we will be exchanging them again this year.

Have a fantastic 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 Millie in year 4. The winning class was Miss Floyd's class

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. Do not use our social media pages to report absences. Please remember that school can administer medication in certain circumstances.

Safeguarding

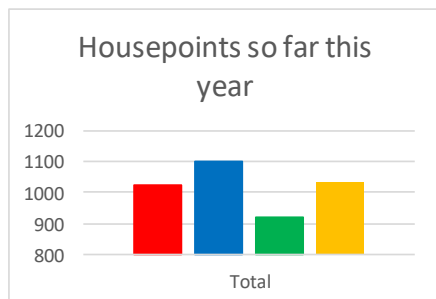
We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads within school.

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– 127
Diamond– 113
Emerald – 103
Sapphire–124

Well done to this week's winners– Rubies!

CARING



We care about those who are facing adversity across the world. Today, we remember those who have lost their lives or their families during times of war.

We have supported the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. At 11am this morning, school held a minute's silence. The children in 3SW paused their swimming lesson to show their respect.

Children who are part of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows or Guides came into school in their uniforms to show their support for the men and women of our armed forces.



*"They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning
We will remember them."*

RESPECT

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

Nursery– George for resilience to new activities

Reception– Delilah for positive attitude in class

Year 1– Aiyarna for resilience in English

Year 2– Kian for caring for others

Year 3– Maisie for resilience in class

Year 4– Daisy-May for positive attitude to work

Year 5– Josh for resilience in learning

Year 6MJ–Holly for positive attitude to work

Year 6JG– Evie for respect to all

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 6,446
Year 3– 24,769
Year 4– 37,196
Year 5– 55,267
Year 6JG– 20,014
Year 6MJ–11,079

This week's winners are year 4, with the person who read the most words this week. They win a new book for their classroom.

This week's **Century** stars are:
Harriet, Melissa, Thomas, Sky & Aminta

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Neino, Max, Chelsea, Georgina,
Mia, Roman and Sebastian





EXPERIENCE

At Hurst Hill we encourage children to have as many different experiences as possible.

This week year 5 had a visit from Wonderdome, a mobile planetarium. They got to see a superb presentation on space.

They also tasted lots of different Christmas cookies, including shortbread, lebkuche, leibniz and chocolate chip cookies as part of their DT topic.

Nursery children had a visit from Lee at RhymeTime, who led a guitar sing-a-long using rhymes and phonics to build confidence and self esteem.



WELL
DONE
TO
OUR BRONZE STAR READERS.

They have obtained their bronze badge for reading and quizzing 10 books.



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