

NEWSLETTER



Friday 16th February 2023

We have reached the end of spring one half term and I cannot believe how quickly it has fled by... Once again the children have excelled with their behaviour demonstrating the Hurst Hill values at every opportunity.

This week our Year 4 class had a superb time at Think Tank in Birmingham. They were overwhelmed by the challenging activities and interactive learning. I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers who supported Teachers on the trip -without your help we would not be able to provide exciting educational experiences.

TimeZone have returned this week and have been working with Year 3 pupils - they have consolidated their learning about the stone age. They have enjoyed dressing up and spending the day as a stone age person as well as exploring of artefacts and some stone age style games.

The Animal man has recently visited Reception—he is always a favourite with children across Hurst Hill. They were able to hold a variety of creatures and even stroked a skunk!!

Thank you to the PTA who held our valentine's disco. It is so lovely to see the children enjoying themselves.

There are plenty of exciting things coming after half term. We reopen on Tuesday 28th February.

Wishing you an amazing and restful break
Mrs Johnson
Head of School



Attendance

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

The 100% winner this week is Lyla in year 1 The winning class is Mrs Weaver'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.

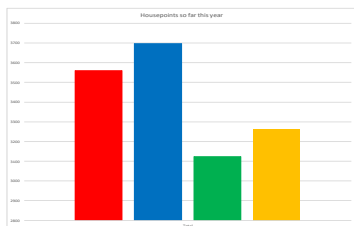
If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.

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

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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– 107
Diamond–86
Emerald – 94
Sapphire– 130

Well done to this week's winners– Sapphires

DIARY DATES

Monday 27th February—INSET day— school closed .

We return to school Tuesday 28th February

Tuesday 28th February– 3SW INSPIRE session and Reception Ophthalmology visit

Wednesday 1st March– Secondary admissions decision day

Thursday 2nd March– World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March– Year 1 INSPIRE session

Tuesday 14th March– Reception INSPIRE session

CARING for your well being over half term.

If you are stuck at a loose end this half term, please follow this link for ideas that do not impact on your pocket.

Half term: Five fun FREE things to do when you're off school

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/64638325>

Blue Peter Competitions

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-competition?collection=blue-peter-book-awards&collection=cbbc-top-picks-today>

Why not enter a Blue Peter competition this half term? You could be designing an iconic Blue Peter badge, creating a character for a top video game, flying with the Red Arrows, meeting the Royal Family, designing a supercar of the future, AND earning an Orange Blue Peter badge in the process. An application form for the amazing authors competition is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Be inspired by the incredible winners of the past competitions and be the first to find out about more exciting Blue Peter competitions here.

<https://childrens-binary.files.bbci.co.uk/childrens-binarystore/>

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Grayson, Tyler, Kian, Lily-Mae, Olivia, Caitlyn, Olivia & Mia



Word of the week

Integrity

The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change.

A person with integrity always demonstrates fairness and does the right thing, even behind closed doors.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below is the word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 8,643
Year 3– 33,983
Year 4– 28,683
Year 5– 12,567
Year 6JG– 23,891
Year 6MJ– 9,940

This week's winning class is 3SW for the most words read this week. They win a new book for their classroom!

RESPECT

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

Reception– Arpan

Year 1– Jax

Year 2– Destiny

Year 3– Arjun

Year 4– Mia

Year 5– Skye

Year 6MJ– Ethan

Year 6JG– Evie D

They will have a special reward with Mrs Johnson

Become an Amazing Author with our exciting new competition! For your chance to win our fantastic prize, we'd like you to write a short story or poem in no more than 400 words. Think about the theme of adventure, an exciting plot and who your characters could be. Make sure your short story or poem has a beginning, middle and end.

Please read Blue Peter's Amazing Authors Competition Rules before entering, which you can find here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/bp-blue-peter-amazing-authors-competition-rules>.

To understand how the BBC will process your personal data during the competition, you can find a privacy notice for parents/guardians and a privacy notice for young people here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/bp-blue-peter-amazing-authors-competition-privacy-notice>.

BLUE PETER'S AMAZING AUTHORS COMPETITION CLOSSES AT 5PM ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2023, SO MAKE SURE YOUR ENTRY REACHES US IN TIME WITH THE CORRECT POSTAGE.

CHILD'S FIRST NAME	<input type="text"/>	CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>
CHILD'S LAST NAME	<input type="text"/>	CHILD'S AGE	<input type="text"/>
HOMETOWN	<input type="text"/>	YOUR CHILD MUST BE AGED BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS OLD ON THE 8TH MARCH 2023.	
PARENT/GUARDIAN FULL NAME	<input type="text"/>		
PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL	<input type="text"/>		
PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE	<input type="text"/>		

We need the consent of a parent or main carer for you to take part. Please get them to complete this section of the form.

I, _____ (parent/guardian name) certify that _____ (child's name) will be aged between 5 - 15 years old on 8th March 2023. I give permission for the above named young person to enter this competition. I am over 18. I have read and agree to the Competition Rules and the BBC Terms of Use. I confirm that the above named young person is a UK resident (including residents of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man). I confirm that this is my child's only entry to this competition and no other submission from the above named child on this form has been entered via post or online (we will only count and process the first entry received).

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

TICK TO CONFIRM ☐

(Optional) At Blue Peter we welcome entries from children of all abilities. If the child entering identifies as deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent and you'd like to tell us, please let us know. (Maximum 100 words)

The Blue Peter team will contact the parent/guardian of shortlisted entrants and standbys between Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April 2023 to check eligibility, and your details will be used to send out prizes after that date, if applicable.