



10th November 2023

Withernsea Primary School Newsletter

Key Dates



Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th November - 6RL at Karate

Tuesday 14th November - NHS Mental Health Team visiting Year 6

Wednesday 15th November - 6EK at Karate

Wednesday 15th November - Parent Session on Attendance (South Hall 3.30pm)

Friday 17th November - 6KC at Karate

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November - School Open Evening 3.20 to 5.50 pm

Tuesday 18th November - Year 6 height and weight check

Monday 27th November - Year 6 Christmas Panto at the Hilton (details to follow)

Tuesday 5th December - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 6th December - Key Stage 2 Festival of St Nicholas

Thursday 7th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 11th December - Year 1 and 2 Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Monday 11th December - Year 4 Christingle at St Matthew's Church (children only)

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Wednesday 13th December - Mrs Moore's Performing Art's Performance to the school

Wednesday 13th December - Year 5 and 6 Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Wednesday 13th December - School Discos (more details to follow)

- EYFS During the school day
- Year 1 and 2 3.15pm - 4pm
- Year 3 and 4 4.00pm - 4.45pm
- Year 5 and 6 4.45pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 14th December - School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December - Year 3 and 4 Craft Afternoon 2pm-3pm (parents invited)

Thursday 14th December - Mrs Moore's Performing Arts Club performance (details to follow)

Friday 15th December - EYFS dress rehearsal to the school

Friday 15th December - Provision Parent Afternoon (details to follow)

Monday 18th December - Year 1 and 2 performance to parents (9.45am and 1.45pm. Details to follow)

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS performance to parents (9.30am and 1.45pm. Details to follow)

Wednesday 20th December - Class Christmas Parties (details to follow)

Thursday 21st December - 100% Attendance Reward

Thursday 21st December - Last day

Remembrance Events



On Monday, P.O Hampel (petty officer) from the Royal Navy visited the school and spoke to both KS1 and KS2 assemblies about 'remembrance day' (taking place on Sunday). P.O Hampel has served in the Royal Navy for 11 years, is responsible for training new recruits, firing the missiles on the ships and for training 500 people in the Navy each year to parade and participate in the London remembrance service. The children all were very respectful and had some fantastic questions for our visitor.



On Monday afternoon, the school council went to the Memorial Gardens and planted the poppies made in school. This moving tribute is there until Sunday for all Withernsea residents to enjoy. The school council children have represented the school beautifully. Following the Withernsea way Throughout. Many thanks to Mr Cundy and Darren the Withernsea Royal British legion representative for organising this.

Please go down to the Memorial Gardens to have a look at the Poppies made by our school for the community.



Key Stage 2 Girl's Football Finals



On Wednesday night, the Withernsea A team competed at School in the final round of the Key Stage 2 girls football. The girls played multiple games against different East Riding schools. There were 14 teams from across East Riding. Our division included Beverley St. Nicholas, Kirk Ella St. Andrew's and Parkside. Although the girls did not win the competition, they were exemplary in representing our school.

Maisie said, "The finals were really fun. Mr Bishop kept us in high hopes. We tried our best and I am proud to have been there".

Isabelle said, "It was very fun, although we lost. Mr Bishop told us not to give up and we tried our best. I am proud that we made it to the final and of what we achieved."

We are so proud of the team and the resilience they demonstrated. Well done girls!

Road safety for pedestrians



It can be hard knowing how best to teach your child to stay safe. Here we help you to break it down and keep it simple.

Pedestrians

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you're out to help them understand simple ideas like 'fast' and 'slow'
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won't always remember safety rules, especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits

- Children find it difficult judging the speed and distance of traffic until they're at least eight. Accidents peak around 12, as children start making independent journeys
- Children learn by doing and practising. If they're moving to a new school, help them practise the route over the holidays. Where are the safe places to cross? What should they do if they see their bus and they're on the other side of the road?
- They can be mesmerised by their mobiles, so remind them not to talk or text on their phones or listen to music while crossing the road.

Before the half term, we had a competition in school to create posters to promote Road Safety. Look out in the community for the winning posters that will be displayed.



Why is attendance important?

Working together

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.

Punctuality It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

Weekly Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 92.5%

RCE - 91.5%

RJH - 96.2%

1LA - 90.5%

1DT - 92.9%

2SH - 95.6%
2CH - 90.9%
2OD - 90.5%
3AF - 92.1%
3CB - 94.6%
3LF - 95.9%
4CM - 94.1%
4KB - 91.9%
4ML - 90%
5CC - 93.3%
5LW - 96.7%
5RT - 97.7%
6EK - 89.2%
6KC - 88.4%
6RL - 94.4%
Provision - 73.1%

Pizza Pockets



Ingredients

1 tbsp [olive oil](#)

1 large [garlic](#) clove, crushed

1 tsp dried [oregano](#)

400g tin [chopped tomatoes](#)

2 x 400g packs pre-rolled pizza dough, or 2 x 375g packs ready-rolled [puff pastry](#)

150g/5½oz mix of grated [mozzarella](#) and cheddar

1 free-range [egg](#), beaten

Fillings of your choice

Method

- Heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat, add the garlic and oregano and cook for 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add the tomatoes and simmer for 10–15 minutes until thickened, stirring from time to time and breaking up the lumps of tomato. Leave to cool.
- Unroll the pizza dough (or pastry) and divide each piece into four. Put a spoonful of the tomato sauce on one half of each of the eight pieces of dough. Add your chosen filling, then the cheese. Brush the edges of the dough with beaten egg, then fold the uncovered side over the filling. Press the edges together and crimp with a fork to seal.
- Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
- Bake the pizza pockets for 20 minutes, until golden and puffed. Leave to cool for 5 minutes before tucking in.

Class News



1 - Nursery

Nursery

In nursery this week, the children have been enjoying lots of Bonfire Night related activities, making handprint bonfire pictures, sparkler and chocolate breadstick sparklers.

In maths, the children have also been exploring shape and making pictures using lots of different 2D shapes.

The children have enjoyed watching and listening to firework videos, to discuss the colours and sounds they can hear.



2 - Reception

Reception

In maths this week, we have been exploring circles and triangles and the children did amazingly well searching for the shapes in our classroom environment.

We have been discussing Bonfire Night in our literacy, drawing our own fireworks and writing sounds that the fireworks make using our phonics knowledge.

On Thursday, we had our first PE session with the Hull FC coach Ryan, the children worked on their moving and balancing skills.

We have been talking about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies to remember brave soldiers.

Year 1



This week we have received a mysterious box in English and have been making predictions after reading clues as to what could be inside the box! We will be revealing what is in the box on Friday and seeing if our predictions were correct.

In Maths we are working really hard to subtract numbers and understanding that when we subtract our whole amount will get smaller.

In PSHE we have also loved designing our own Gingerbread men/ladies then adding drawings that represent themselves and a friend.

We still need lots of cardboard/boxes if possible to make our cars and bridges. Thank you to everyone who has already brought some in!

Year 1 Team



Year 2

We have had a wonderful first week back to year 2!

We have started a new writing focus this week and will be exploring setting descriptions. We had a super exciting delivery on Thursday... an old suitcase was found in our classroom! When we opened it, we found a letter along with some cheese and wine. We thought about the reasons why this case might have been buried but will explore this further, especially in our new History topic. Our History topic is focused on the Great Fire of London. We cannot wait to get started properly now that we know when it happened.

In Science we have been investigating materials and testing them for different purposes. This week, we found the best materials for new curtains thinking carefully about which materials were opaque so would block out the light.

In PE we have started our dance unit and will be focusing on sea creatures in our movements. This week was so much fun!



3 - Year 3

Week 1 tennis

Year 3 have hit the ground running this week and it has been a fantastic first week back. We are ready to write our Stone Age diaries in our best hand writing, the language the children have included has been outstanding. In maths, we have been working on exchanging in column addition and subtraction, this is a really difficult topic but the children have shown great resilience. We continue to read the Hodgeheg in guided reading and we hope Max makes it back to his home. Children enjoyed their first tennis lesson with our Hull FC coach and we look forward to them developing their skills.

We look forward to starting new topics in science, history and DT over the next week.

Year 3 Team

Year 4

What a fabulous first week back! The children have settled back into routine wonderfully and have thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming lessons this week. In English we are writing persuasive letters to Mr Hartman and the children have worked hard to include rhetorical questions, exaggeration, anecdotes and much more! We have begun our new topic of 'Area' in maths so we have been finding the area of different 2D shapes.

We have new topics in Geography and Science which the children seem to be very interested in! It has been lovely to see the poppies we made before half term and the children have been excited to spot them in the community!

Thank you for a wonderful first week back and have a great weekend 😊

Year 4 team



4 - Year 5

Year 5

A jam-packed first week back for Year 5! On Monday we enjoyed a visit from a member of the Royal Navy who spoke to us about Remembrance Day. On Tuesday we participated in a cross-country event kindly organised by Withernsea High School. In Guided Reading we have continued with the Nowhere Emporium and things have taken a dramatic turn! Lots of wonderful retrieval being shown during our non-fiction sessions also. In Maths we have been exploring squared and cubed numbers with lots of success and have progressed to multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. In Writing we have planned and written our persuasive letters to Mr Hartmann demonstrating the skills we have learnt throughout this topic. We also begun our new History topic all about the railways and are keen to find out more. Similarly, we began our DT topic focusing on making bread and looked at what ingredients are needed. We had our first PE session with Hull FC on Friday which was good fun!

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to more exciting learning next week.

The Year 5 Team

Year 6

It has been an exciting week back after our half term holiday.

Mrs Cosway's big brother joined us on Monday to tell us about Remembrance Day as he is a member of the Navy. It was interesting to learn about why we remember and what happens in the large service in London.

We enjoyed taking part in the cross-country activity that was held at the high school; we have some very talented runners in Y6 and everyone seemed to enjoy taking part.

In guided reading, we are still reading Holes, however, all of the different parts of the text are starting to link together and we are finding interesting connections. We are also using information that we have learned in our non-fiction guided reading to support our understanding of some of the difficult concepts in the book such as segregation.

In maths, we have started our work on decimals. We have ordered and rounded decimal numbers and we are starting to work on multiplying decimal numbers. We are also regularly working on our arithmetic skills during our morning maths.

In PE, we have started our dance unit of work which focuses on samba dancing. The children have been learning some of the basic dance moves this week.

Our geography unit continues to focus on South America but we are starting to look at human geography in the area now. This week, we have been looking at indigenous tribes and how they live in the Amazon Rainforest.

We are all looking forward to an interesting half term.

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5 - year 6



6 - In the Rainbow Room this week we have been learning all about bonfire night. We have used playdough to make flames, poured with glittery water, made chocolate sparklers and had lots of fun being creative with Miss Hanlon. We are also enjoying our new dressing up clothes. Next week we will be celebrating how we are all different.



7 - What a fun week we have had in The Reef! Miss Atwood has been getting us all in the Christmas spirit as we have been practicing our Christmas performance. We have been learning about Remembrance, forces as well as learning how to play and work well together. We have enjoyed cooking our cheese straws (they were delicious) and mini pizzas this morning.