



Hill Top News...

28th January 2010

House Points

W/e 15th Jan	W/e 22nd Jan
Whitby: 148	Whitby: 174
Bridlington: 120	Bridlington: 169
Scarborough: 152	Scarborough: 202
Filey: 176	Filey: 174



Y2 News...

Big Schools Birdwatch

Last Tuesday we took part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch. Some people brought in binoculars from home and Joe even brought in a monocular! In groups we took it in turns to go outside onto the playground to see how many birds we could spot. We saw blackbirds and house sparrows the most. We also saw a Collared Dove. Back in the classroom we made bird snappers and learned about other birds. When we had finished we put our results on the internet and made bar charts on the computer.

Community Cohesion

Last Friday we had a webchat with Hillcrest Primary in Leeds. We found out a lot about our friends there. We haven't met them in real life yet but we have seen their photos. We found out that there is an Evie in our class and one in theirs too! Very soon we are going to meet them on a school trip to Nell Bank. We can't wait! Come and have a look at the notice board in the corridor outside our classroom to find out more.

Attendance award

Last week's winners were Y3. Well done!



Training Days

Please remember that the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 1st April and Friday 28th May

FOHT News

Next Thursday, 4th February, we will be having a Valentines Disco. As usual there will be an earlier one for KS1 and Foundation followed by another for KS2. More details will follow in a separate letter.



Learning Logs

So far we have seen some FANTASTIC work from the children in their learning logs. There have been some really positive comments from both children and parents and the level of enjoyment is obvious to see. Thank you for your support in implementing them.

World Maths Day

This year World Maths Day is on 3rd March. As a school we will be participating again so start practising those mental maths skills now! You can find more information at <http://www.worldmathsday.com/> or at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/World-Maths-Day/26548580224>

Trips

We have a number of enhanced learning opportunities coming up for our children: Y2 to Skelton Grange and to Nell Bank, Y1 to Abbey House Museum, Y5 to Robinwood and Y6 to Thwaite Mills

Y5 ARE HAVING A FUND RAISING DAY ON THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY. THERE WILL BE A FRUIT AND BUN SALE (15P) AND A GUESS THE SWEETS IN THE JAR COMPETITION (20P)

Communication

During the recent spell of snow and cold weather we are aware that at times it was difficult for us to communicate effectively with you and for you to contact us, especially on the days when we had to close school or delay opening. To address this we are looking into some form of text communication along with all other schools in our cluster. This will initially be on a trial basis and we shall review its impact before making a decision on its purchase. Of course, we would welcome your feedback on this.

Extension News!

We now have a concrete base in place! The blocks have been delivered this morning so we should soon see the walls beginning to grow.



Certificates

Well done to those children who received merit certificates in assembly recently. They are:

- Reception: Sophie Graystock
Madison Wilson
Callum Midgeley
Kira Quick
- Year 1: Tianna Kerfoot
Harry Hobson
Ben Harrison-White
- Year 2: Joe Stocking
James Stevens
Rachel Duke
- Year 3: Whole class for their interest in WW2
- Year 4: Adam Colbeck
Joseph Lewis
Molly Harrison-White
- Year 5: Nicole Duffield
Oliver Thompson
- Year 6: James Sunderland
Charlie Carter



Website

The school website is now fully functioning again! Sorry for any inconvenience. Please have a look for up to date photos and news.

Important dates

Class Assemblies:

Thursday 4th February	Y5
Thursday 25th February	Y2
Thursday 4th March	Y3
Thursday 11th March	Y6
Thursday 18th March	R
Thursday 25th March	Y1
Wednesday 31st March - Easter	Y4

(at St. Mary's, Woodkirk)

Parents Evening:

Tuesday 2nd March

Training Days:

Thursday 1st April
Friday 28th May

DOGS

Dogs must not be brought onto any part of school property for Health and Safety reasons. Thank you for your understanding

Clubs

We are looking forward to starting these on Monday 1st February. Thank you for your response and our apologies if your child missed out. Please understand that we have to limit numbers and that we are trying to offer opportunities to all children across the school year.

At Hill Top we have a vibrant and supportive community that fully supports each other. As a school we are aware of our role within this and are always looking for ways to enhance this. Community Cohesion is something of a topical issue at present but exactly what the term means can often need some unpicking. Working as a cohesive cluster of schools, extended services and holiday offers etc. are aspects of this, but just as important is how we link with the wider community—locally, nationally and globally. These are things that we are working hard to explore. You will know that we have made a link with a school in Rwanda and it is something that we shall try to strengthen; our children have recently written letters to our friends there and Y5 are even thinking of them in their fundraising efforts with a view to helping provide a facility to collect rainwater for use in their school. We are also linking with another Leeds school in a very different community, Hillcrest Primary, through our Y2 class. The children at both schools will be getting to know each other better through a range of opportunities including a paired visit to Nell Bank. There is also the possibility of a link with a project in Fiji and ultimately the potential chance to twin with a school, its community and to even visit! This is still very much a working idea at the moment and still in its infancy but could be a fantastic opportunity for us. With technological advancement the world is now a much smaller place and so our community is therefore much bigger. We must use this to the advantage of all by helping others whilst educating ourselves. We have much to give and lots to learn. *D Grant*