

Friday Flyer

Friday 4th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

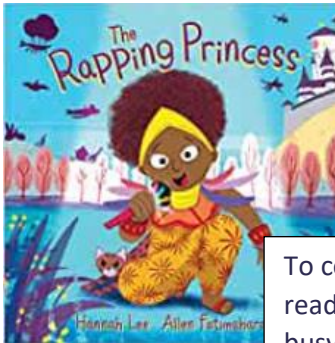
A massive well done to the whole school who took part in the Hexham High Street Heritage Competition. All the children in school created their own amazing representations of Hexham high street from either a historical 1922 or a futuristic 2122. The children produced some incredible drawings, paintings, and Lego models. The final judging took place and we can now announce that **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 WON THE COMPETITION!!!!** Winning a total of £200 in Cogito book tokens for the school. We are very excited to welcome County Councillors into school next week to award the prizes and can't wait to take a group of children down to Cogitos to choose some new books for school.



Have you noticed that the skies have been behaving strangely? A blaze of shooting stars, the Northern Lights more visible than before, comets flying and constellations burning brightly? Something or someone is stirring in the night sky.... Our Year 4 children had an amazing opportunity in school this week when they were visited by the Story Weaver who collected their imaginative ideas that will be retold in events around Northumberland. You can hear our children's stories being retold in **Hexham on Friday 4th & Saturday 5th March, 6pm – 9pm in the Abbey Grounds.**

World Book Day

Early Years absolutely loved having Parents and Grandparents on Thursday for World book day! The children loved 'books for breakfast', sharing their favourite stories with their special people. We are planning lots more events in school where parents will be invited in.



To celebrate World Book Day, the whole school have read 'The Rapping Princess.' and each class has been busy producing their own raps for a 'rapping celebration' event on Friday.

Advanced Notice – Friday March 25th at 2:30 pm– to celebrate Mother's Day, the children will be inviting a special lady in their life into school to share a story and biscuit with them. More details to follow.



Well done to the following Dojo Certificates holders

Reception: Logan C - Ambitious

Year 1: Rocco - Confidence

Year 2: Timothy - Respect

Year 3: Evie - Unique

Year 4: Fin - Confidence

Handwriting certificates go to

Alfie, Grace, James L, Kai and Tyler

ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

With the lighter evenings, more children are playing out now which is wonderful to see. We have reminded children about crossing roads safely, please could you share the following advice with them too.

1. Find a safe place to cross.
2. Stop at the kerb.
3. Look right.
4. Look left.
5. Look right again.
6. If the road is clear, cross – don't run!
7. Keep looking and listening for traffic as you cross.

We have invited the Road Safety team to come to school to talk to the children later in the term.



Kind Respectful Resilient Ambitious Curious Confident Unique Safe



Help for Ukrainian Children

The fate of Ukraine and its citizens are constantly in all of our thoughts and hearts, particularly the families that are having to flee from their homes, - hastily packing their entire lives into a single piece of luggage and leave not knowing if they can ever return. The children and staff at Hexham First School would like to raise money to directly support Ukrainian children. We are holding a fundraising day next Friday 11th March. All proceeds will be donated to Save the Children – we are hoping to raise £215 that would fund 20 school-in-a-bag kits. We asked the children how they would like to raise money and chose the following ideas.

- Cake stall (staff baking cakes) – 3:15 onwards
- Non-uniform day – pay £1 - wear something in the Ukrainian flag colours (blue / yellow)
- Year 4 children will make blue and yellow loom bands and sell them for 50p



Save the Children



Weekly attendance is really high in school (96 %). Well done and thank you everyone. Please remember that in May and June children in Year 1 and 2 will complete their phonics screening tests, Year 2 SATs and Year 4 children will complete their multiplication tests – These are all statutory assessments - please don't book term time holidays, we can not authorise them unless there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your support with this.

Peace

1. freedom from disturbance; tranquillity.
2. a state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended.

Peace is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence.



Wednesday March 2nd

Year 4 Under the Stars Story project

Thursday March 3rd

Dance sessions begin

Monday March 7th

Kielder Observatory workshops all day

Friday March 11th

Help for Ukrainian Children Day

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River Tyne Trust visit to Year 4

Monday March 14th

Science Week

Friday March 25th

Year 4 geography trip to River Tyne

Friday March 25th

Mother's Day - Bring the lady in your life to school

Monday 4th April

Story teller in school all day

Wednesday 6th April

PTA chocolate Bingo night

Thursday 7th April

Year 4 skipping festival

Friday 8th April

Additional Bank holiday

Monday 11th April

Easter Holidays

Wednesday 27th April

Year 4 trip to Robinwood

Monday 9th May

'Story of Earth' - whole school science show