

10 June 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE

Update on life in school

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome the Secretary of State for Education, Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP and Hexham MP, Guy Opperman, to officially open our two schools. As well as members of the school staff and new build team, we welcomed visitors from the local authority and Department for Education. Our tour guides Theo and Olive (HMS) and Daisy and Callum (QEHS, ex-HMS pupils) did a wonderful job in welcoming the visitors and showing them around our school site. We popped into our library to visit a reading lesson as well as into Miss Kwella's kitchen for a food technology lesson – they were busy making scones for the summer fair!



We are very much looking forward to tomorrow's summer fair – we hope you can all make it between 12pm and 3pm. The PTA (and many volunteers) have worked exceptionally hard, and we know it will be a great community event.

Congratulations!

Mrs Roff and her family are delighted to share this photograph of Baby Mabel who was born just before the half term break. Mabel is settling into life at home with her big sister, Penelope, and we are looking forward to seeing them at tomorrow's Summer Fair.



Year 5 Residential

This week, Year 5 enjoyed their residential visit to Whithaugh park in Scotland! There were many activities for the children to take part in, such as ziplining, canoeing, raft building and climbing. The children represented the school very well and a great time was had by all!

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Global Wind Day Poster Competition – Calling all budding artists!

Ahead of Global Wind Day 2022 TNEI is launching an exciting competition aiming to inspire the next generation to discover wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems.

TNEI challenges young people to find their inner creative-selves and draw, paint, build a wind farm or wind turbine. This could be a picture/painting or a model/sculpture and it can be abstract, realistic, bonkers, large, small – there are no limits to the creativity you can show off!

There are 2 age categories for entries and 2 prizes up for grabs:

- Under 11s - winner will receive a [LEGO Lunar research base](#)
- Under 16s winner will receive a [LEGO Hogwarts Express](#)



The winners will not only have the winning title of **TNEI Young Wind Champion 2022** but receive a fantastic Lego prize which will be posted to them!

All entries will also receive a TNEI jigsaw in the post as a thank you for taking part.

Please send photos of your creations to info@tneigroup.com including the creator's **name, age and address** if they would like to receive a jigsaw puzzle.

The **deadline** for entries is midday on **Tuesday 14 June**. Entries will be independently judged and they will feature the shortlist of entries on their LinkedIn page and announce the winners on **Global Wind Day, 15 June 2022**. Good luck to all entrants!

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House Point Totals

Below are this week's House Point totals as well as the **'Top 4' pupils in each year group this week**. P points are awarded for character value such as **resilience, respect, engagement and responsibility**. Well done to each and every one of them.

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
AIn	50,189	1	Sarah N	1	Madelyn C	1	Brooke C	1	Oscar F
Coquet	54,053	2	Genevieve TS	2	Thomas W	2	John M	2	Alani-Jo H
Tweed	50,370	3	Tom N	3	Christian T	3	Nathaniel O	3	Ruby C
Wansbeck	53,809	4	Bess D	4	Annabelle O	4	Abbi M	4	Caleb R S

Grow Hexham

Grow Hexham is the new garden sharing scheme from Hexham Town Council. The aim is to give everyone in Hexham access to space to grow their own food, whilst also reducing Hexham's carbon footprint by growing more food locally. We're matching up people who want to garden (but don't have the space!) with unused gardens, making it a win-win for everyone involved. Veggies and fruit that are grown are shared between the gardener and the garden owner, with any surplus being donated to Hexham Community Grocery. Grow Hexham is also setting up a tool share & repair scheme, as well as organising seed and plant swapping events. Get in touch if you would like a space to grow, or if you have space in your garden that you'd like to offer. We would also love to hear from you if you have any tools you'd like to donate (no matter what state they're in!) or if you have the skills to repair and maintain garden tools. Contact us at growhexham@hexhamtowncouncil.gov.uk or visit <https://www.facebook.com/GrowHexham>

Skills Builder Homezone - Support your child to develop essential skills

We would like to highlight a great resource that parents and carers can use to help their children develop the eight essential skills which we refer to in school as part of our strategy for pupils' personal development. This [weblink](#) gives you access to new skills challenge every week on Mondays. Do feel free to review some of the historical challenges too.

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Respect, Engage, Aspire: Pupil Awards

To capture our school's ethos more prominently, we are now focusing on three key words: **Respect, Engage, Aspire**. Each week, staff will make nominations in recognition of pupils showing these characteristics in and around school.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Respect	Charlie M	Liv M	Vanessa S	Katie H
Engage	Alex G	Rose C	Betsy B	Lexi G
Aspire	Henry W	Teddy A	Tyler B	Frazer K

Attendance – top form classes!

1	2	3
5FHA / 6FHI	7BLA	5HCO



Reminders/ Key Dates

Next week	Assessment week	All
Monday 13 June	'How to think like a scientist' workshop	Year 6
Monday 13 June	Coffee evening at QE for new Y9 parents of children with SEND, 4pm	Some Year 8 parents
Tuesday 14 June	'Be Safe: Child sexual exploitation and healthy relationships' workshop	Year 8
Wednesday 15 June	Whole year group photos	Year 5 and Year 8
Thursday 16 June	Reward Afternoon Tea	All years
Wednesday 15 June	Y8 Transition Afternoon (at HMS)	Year 8
Thursday 30 June	Summer Music Concert, 7pm	All years

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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