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Dear Parent/Carer

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Update on school life



This week, we have given the whole school the opportunity to have a first aid training session. Huge thanks to our PTA for supporting the funding for this very valuable learning experience and to First Aid North East for providing such engaging workshops. The children have loved learning new life-saving skills and we look forward to booking future sessions focused on both physical and mental health first aid.



Respect. Engage. Aspire Awards

Each week, teachers nominate pupils for awards to celebrate those who have demonstrated our school values and to recognise the brilliant achievements of our pupils. The awards celebrate children who have shown great respect, who have engaged well in all aspects of school life and who have shown high aspiration during lessons and around school.



Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Theo B Eric J Andre P George L Laila B	Joseph B Kirstie A India K Francesca S Lizzie L	James V Mary W Caitlin H Sonny S Clara H	Lilly S Dylan C Charlie T Sam Mc Oliver S

Road Safety Awareness



It was great to welcome Theatre Space North East to HMS once again to deliver an engaging road safety performance for our Year 8 pupils. Pupils enjoyed the performance and were able to give their feedback at the end to reflect their learning. This important theme is part of our 'staying safe and well' curriculum. Staying safe in the community is a vital part of our PSHE curriculum.

Please can you take the opportunity to remind your child about the importance of road safety when out in the community. We have had a report of some dangerous scooter riding. We give pupils very regular reminders about staying safe – it would be a shame to have to stop anyone bringing their scooter to school. If your child does bring a scooter or bike to school, please remind them that they must wear a helmet.

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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	
Aln	49,991	1	Philippa U	1	Joanna R	1	Henry W	1	Ferdi U
Coquet	50,052	2	Adina C	2	Matty M	2	Florence oB	2	Emily H
Tweed	48,961	3	Jacob B	3	Sinjin R	3	Cristina C	3	Amber L
Wansbeck	46,786	4	Aidan M	4	Leon B	4	Finn C	4	Lilly S

LBGT+ History Month

To celebrate LBGT+ History Month, the amazing members of our 'Ally Zone' prepared a superbly informative assembly which they have delivered to the whole school this week. It takes huge courage to stand up in front of large groups of peers and each of them spoke with such confidence and enthusiasm - we were all really proud of them!

The assembly included such important and valuable information which empowers pupils to bring our core value of 'Respect' to life. Thank you to Miss Taylor, Mrs Dodds and Mr Freeman-Myers for their support.



HMS Library Champions: Must Reads

Catelin D in Y5 has written the third in our new series of book reviews by our fantastic 'Library Champions'. A copy of the book is available in HMS Library for borrowing. Many thanks to Catelin for her recommendation! These reviews are now displayed on our screen in the HMS reception area for pupils to enjoy.

HMS Library Champion book review	
	<p>Title: There's A Boy <u>in</u> The Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar</p> <p>Author: Louis Sachar</p> <p>What inspired me to get this book was that it is by the author of 'Holes' and it has a funny name.</p> <p>'There's A Boy <u>in</u> The Girls' Bathroom' is a good book because it shows that it is OK to share your emotions with your trusted adults. In the book there is a boy who is thought to be a bully but he is actually quite nice, and it is all because of a girl called Carla Davis, the school counsellor...</p> <p>Review: <u>Catelin D, Y5</u></p>

Love is in the air...

Miss Gray is delighted to offer our parents and pupils the chance to order special Valentine's Cupcakes with all proceeds going to our two chosen charities. Orders can be placed now via School Gateway and [by completing the online order form](#) which has been sent home. You can order single cupcakes for pupils to enjoy at breaktime or to send to someone else. You can also order boxes of cakes for children to bring home! Love is in the air....



Attendance – top 3!

1	2	3
6-YTA (100%)	6-RAL, 6-FHI and 8-IBO	6JJO

Head of Key Stage Updates

KS2 Updates from Miss Liddle and Mrs Downes	KS3 Updates from Mr Scott and Miss Lamont
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Well done to all of KS2 for their fantastic engagement with the First Aid workshops this week.2. Thank you to all of our pupils for showing wonderful respect towards our new lunch time sports equipment - it's been great to see you enjoying the new footballs, rugby balls and netballs!3. Feeling creative? We have launched a new competition to design a game that could be played using the markings on the Games Yard - check the posters in your form rooms for more information and get those entries completed.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bon voyage! The wait is over... our KS3 pupils depart for Les Menuires on Saturday. Have an amazing week. Snow conditions are looking good - 10-24cm base depth and 31 of 31 ski lifts open! Please can I go next time, Mr Watters?2. Another very busy week in KS3. All pupils attended the First Aid workshops and learned vital life-saving skills - yet more fantastic experiences.3. Congratulations to Abbie Wood, Daisy Bradley, Lucy McIntyre & Martha Belshaw. The girls have been taking part in a Cyber First Competition. They have now been selected as one of the top 10 teams to represent at the North East CyberFirst Girls competition at the end of the month.

News from the community

- **Mark Your Mark - Your chance to have a say...**

Pupils in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) are now able to vote online for one campaign area in the UK Youth Parliament's Make Your Mark 2024 campaign. The deadline for online voting is 8th March. We will be

reminding pupils in assembly and form time about this chance to be an active citizen, exercising their right to vote in this youth election. <https://www.makeyourmark.youthimpact.app/register/me>

Online Safety Updates	
<p>Assessing Smartphone Readiness</p> <p>"Is my child old enough to have a phone?" It's a common, understandable question for many parents/carers. For younger children, it's often peer pressure, with older children social isolation is very common.</p> <p>The Institute for Digital Media and Child Development have put together some tip sheets for parents which we think are really useful. There are 3 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing readiness. • Preparing for healthy use. • What now? <p>You can view all the tip sheets HERE.</p>	
<p>You can contact us at any time with any questions or concerns. Please flag all issues to Mr Stephenson, Miss Liddle or Mr Scott.</p>	

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 5th February	Ski Trip (3 rd to 10 th February)	Group of KS3 pupils
Tuesday 6th February	Supporting Reading Workshops for Parents/Carers	Invited parents
Wednesday 7th February	Ford Castle Residential Information Evening, 5.00pm	Year 5
Thursday 8th February	Co Crew Workshop – 5MDO, 5JNI	Year 5
Thursday 8th February	Indoor Athletics Competition (rescheduled)	KS3
Friday 9th February	Co Crew Workshop – 5ZSC, 5FHA	Year 5
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th February	Year 6 Assessment Week	Year 6
Thursday 15th February	Co Crew Workshop – 5EKI	Year 5
Thursday 15th February	Non-Uniform Day (please try to bring a donation for our PTA Mothers and Others Pop Up Shop)	All pupils
Friday 16th February	INSET Day (half term starts at 3.20pm on Thursday 15 th February)	School closed

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Mr Watters

Head of School

<p>Pupil Support and Safeguarding</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mr Stephenson/ Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Scott and Miss Liddle</p> <p>Heads of Key Stage: Mr Scott and Miss Liddle</p> <p>SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo: Mr Morgan and Mrs Adams</p> <p>Academic Support Coordinator: Mrs Toor</p> <p>Pupil Support Workers: Mrs Dodds and Mrs Richards</p> <p>Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email (admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk).</p>
