

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 3

Head Pupils

I am delighted to announce that this year's Head Pupils have been appointed this morning. Huge congratulations to Rosie, Sam, Emily and Ben who will all be at the forefront of our Pupil Leadership Team for the year ahead. I couldn't be prouder of them all - they will be outstanding ambassadors for our school for the year ahead.

As always, it was a very tough decision and every single applicant would've been superb in the role. All pupils involved submitted excellent letters of application and attended an interview with senior leaders. This takes real courage and bravery and we are exceptionally proud of them all. We know that those who weren't appointed today will go on to represent the school brilliantly throughout the year. Congratulations again to Rosie, Sam, Emily and Ben - so proud of you!



The HMS Way 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. Well done – we are very proud of you!



Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Jacob B	Leo H	George L	Tobias S
Alfie M	Rory M	James L	Joey S
Max N	Marcus M	Charlie H	Archie D
Lillie S	Archie H	Arthur C	Tilly C
Heidi W	Harrison S-W	Andrei P	Harry G

Macmillan Coffee Morning

What a great time we had at our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. KS2 classes prepared a wide range of fun stalls for everyone to enjoy. We also had a cake sale which is always very popular! Thank you to Mrs Ballantyne, Mrs Herrmann and all of our staff and pupil helpers! Huge thanks to those who were able to send in cakes and tasty treats! Thank you for supporting our fundraising for Macmillan. Donations can still be made via MCAS if you feel able to support.



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War Horse – Theatre Royal

Wow - what a fantastic afternoon we had seeing War Horse at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle. The production was outstanding - breathtaking, moving and totally captivating! Everyone loved the show - we heard lots of 5* reviews as we left! The pupils were an absolute joy to take to the theatre and represented school brilliantly. The two people sat next to our large group said 'they have done you proud!... a great afternoon! Look out for a special review from Sadie B in next week's update.



Zones of Regulation

As part of our whole school approach to supporting emotional regulation, all of our new Year 5 pupils have now enjoyed workshops to learn more about the 'Zones of Regulation' and how they can self-regulate throughout the school day. All of the workshops had a great buzz as pupils discussed their emotions and feelings, as well as a wide range of strategies they could use day-to-day. Well done, Year 5!

House Point Totals

Each week, we celebrate our P Point (positive point) total across the school. We include the 'Top 4' pupils in each year group, as well as the overall house totals for AIn, Coquet, Wansbeck and Tweed. Well done everyone!

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
AIn	5,765	1	Reggie H	1	Bella B	1	Zain B	1	Etta L
Coquet	5,921	2	Vini W	2	Kaylin F	2	Arthur D	2	Betty F
Tweed	5,573	3	Demi R	3	Alba B	3	Dylan W	3	Harry B
Wansbeck	5,559	4	Olivia W	4	Alfie S	4	Kai B	4	Joanna R

Attendance – top 3!

Attendance this week was 97% and it's been a very positive start. It's so important that pupils and parents have a positive attitude towards school attendance – pupils should be in school every day, ready to learn and to make the most of their school opportunities. We encourage pupils to be resilient to ensure that they don't miss out on great learning each day. Please support us by encouraging your child into school every day.

1st form class 99.5%	2nd form class 99%	3rd form class 98.5%
5-JNI	7-PGA, 5-YA	6-MBE

Year 6 Discovery Museum

Year 6 had a great day at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle this week as part of their history curriculum launch. As well as exploring the museum, everyone enjoyed an exciting range of workshops to launch our learning on World War II. This learning links to our current novel, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. Huge thanks to Mr Johnson for planning another great day of learning!



Sports News

A Strong Start to the Flag Football Season for Our KS3 Team!

Earlier this week, our KS3 Flag Football Team kicked off their season at Bullocksteads Sports Ground — just a stone’s throw from Kingston Park Stadium. It was the first time this group had played together competitively, with very little prior training, and they showed real promise from the first whistle.

In our opening match, the team put in a strong performance but narrowly lost 6–0. However, the second game gave us the perfect opportunity to put that experience into practice. The team rose to the challenge, demonstrating excellent teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship, resulting in a well-earned 6–6 draw.



As expected, the KS3 pupils conducted themselves brilliantly, representing Hexham Middle School with pride and maturity. We’re incredibly proud of their efforts and are excited to continue our NFL journey in the weeks ahead. Well done, team! Huge thanks to John-Paul from Full of Beans Fitness!

Clubs News

After School Clubs

After-school clubs start on Monday 22nd September (unless otherwise stated). We are looking forward to seeing the clubs in action!

Club Payments

For any clubs that have fees, there will be an order generated on MCAS in the ‘outstanding payments’ section. You will have received a separate email about this if this applies. This term, this applies to Mandarin Club, Tai Chi sessions and Lego League. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Developing a Green Oasis

We are looking to expand our collection of donated plants at school to build on the wonderful contributions we received last year. If you have any large plants or trailing varieties, we would love to

give them a new home! Our goal is to transform our communal spaces into a calming 'green oasis', a place that not only looks beautiful but also helps purify the air and brings a touch of nature indoors. Thank you in advance for any donations! Plants can be dropped off at our Hydro Reception.

Personal Development
<p>Network Rail - Safety Workshops</p> <p>This week, we were pleased to invite Chloe Creffield (Community Safety Manager) from Network Rail to lead workshops with all year groups. She has been in school talking to all pupils about the importance of staying safe around rail corridors. Given that Hexham has a railway track in close proximity with pedestrian crossings, we feel it is essential that our pupils learn more about staying safe, the laws around railways, the role of the British Transport Police, trespassing on railway land, criminality, and some of the consequences of not following important safety messages. We trust that our pupils have taken the key messages seriously.</p>

Free School Meals
<p>If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the Northumberland County Council website. To apply, please complete this form via Northumberland County Council.</p>

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 22 September	House Hustings – whole school vote!	All year groups
Monday 22 September	Meet the Tutor Evening, 3.45-6.45pm	All year groups
Tuesday 23 September	Sports Leader Training	Sports Leaders
Tuesday 23 September	Girls' Rugby County Cup and NFL Flag Football Fixtures	Teams
Tuesday 23 September	Meet the Tutor Evening, 3.45-6.45pm	8IBO and 5MDO only
Wednesday 24 September	Boys' rugby vs Mowden Hall	Y7 and Y8 Teams
Thursday 25 September	Sir Robert McAlpine - Work Experience Workshops and Talk - Maggie Centre Design Challenge Launch	Year 7
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Thursday 25 and Friday 26 September	Co Crew Bonanza Workshops – PSHE Safety	Year 5

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Friday 26 September	European Day of Languages (includes a Bake Off Competition)	All year groups
Monday 29th September	Meet the Tutor Evening, 7PHA	7PHA (book now via MCAS)
Thursday 2 October	HMS Open Evening, 6-8pm	All welcome
Friday 3 and Monday 6 October	HMS Open Days	Prospective parents/carers

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Watters

Head of School

Pupil Support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Ms Karn

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Scott, Mr Rutherford-Orrock, Miss Lamont and Miss Bell

Heads of Key Stage: Mr Scott and Mr Rutherford-Orrock

SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo: Mr Morgan and Mrs Ballantyne

Academic Support Coordinator: Mrs Toor

Pupil Support Workers: Mrs Dodds and Mrs Richards

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).