



HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

January has been a good month in school with lots of super learning from the children. Some highlights this month include:

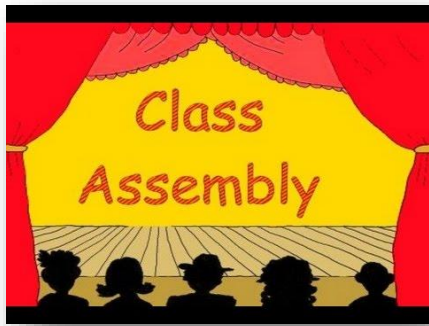


Reception class going on local area walks. The children have enjoyed talking about the things they could see and hear.

Kay, Kenny and Lancaster classes learning all about owls when Horus Birds came to visit. This new learning is supporting their science and English work in class.



Year 6 have taken part in Crucial Crew. This 'hands-on' safety workshop gives the children the opportunity to learn about all types of safety (personal/ anti-social behaviour/ road) by experiencing risk in controlled conditions with real safety professionals.



SHOWCASE CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We would like to invite you all in for our 'Showcase' class assemblies this term. These assemblies are an opportunity for you to find out what your children have been learning about in their class since September and then have time to sit with your child whilst they share their books with you.

Class	Showcase assembly date and time
Kay Class	6 th March – 9.00am
Kenny Class	5 th March – 9.00am
Lancaster Class	8 th March – 9.00am
Devey Class	14 th February – 9.00am
Heathcote Class	13 th February – 9.10am
Leverhulme Class	15 th February – 9.10am
Lofthouse Class	8 th February – 9.00am
Hamilton Class	7 th February – 9.00am
Rostron Class	6 th February – 9.00am

UNIFORM

Shoes - A quick reminder that school shoes must be black. If for any reason your child needs to come to school in anything other than black school shoes, please send a letter explaining the circumstances to the class teacher.

Active Wear Uniform - Please make sure that your child has the correct active wear uniform on for PE days. This uniform must be **plain black** and **not branded** sportswear. A list of the uniform can be found on the school website: [School Uniform | Hardy Mill](#)





MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES

Only Year 6 pupils who are walking home are permitted to bring a **mobile phone or smart watch** to school. Upon entering school site, phones/ smart watches must be switched off. Phones/ smart watches must be handed in once the child enters the school building each day and then stored in the school office until the end of the day. Once collected, phones/ smart watches must not be switched on until the child has left school site.

Fitbit/ Fitness Tracker devices that have no mobile phone functions (photographs, ability to link to phone for texts, recording etc.) can be worn as a watch by pupils in school. A code of conduct and acceptable user agreement must be completed by the parent and child for any pupil wearing one. This can be found as Appendix 2 in the school Mobile Phone and Smart Watch Policy. A copy can be downloaded from the school website [Policies | Hardy Mill](#) or a paper copy can be requested from the school office.

EMERGENCY SNOW CLOSURE PROCEDURE

There is the possibility of heavy snow over the coming weeks so I am taking this opportunity to remind everyone of the procedure for any such events.

Whilst we always try to avoid closing school, in the event of particularly heavy snowfall this may be unavoidable. On such occasions, you will be sent a text message via ParentApp. We will also inform

Bolton Council, and school closure information will be available on their website. Bolton's website address is: [School closures – Bolton Council](#)

Please do not try to phone school – a decision to close school will be made **by 7.45am** and all parents/carers currently attending will be informed via ParentApp. In the event of a school closure due to snow, home learning will still be available on Tapestry/Showbie so do please make sure that you and your child can access the learning platform. If you have lost your login details, please contact your child's class teacher and they will assist you in getting set up.



ATTENDANCE

Almost all classes have shown improvement in attendance this month. Let's keep this up to give our children the best chance of success. Well done!

Guide to Attendance	Class	January attendance %
97% - 100% Best chance of academic success!	Crompton	93.7
	Dibnah 1	98.3
95% - 96.9% Risk of underachievement.	Dibnah 2	97.0
	Kay	98.0
93% -94.9% Serious risk of underachievement.	Kenny	96.8
	Lancaster	97.0
90% - 92.9% Severe risk of underachievement Hardy Mill	Devey	96.5
	Heathcote	95.6
0% - 89.9% Extreme risk – Persistent absenteeism	Leverhulme	96.9
	Lofthouse	97.7
	Hamilton	94.6
	Rostron	93.8

Leave of absence (appointments etc.) during school time should be requested by email to office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk or via Absence or Medical Notification tabs on ParentApp. Please refer to our school Attendance Policy for how these absences will be coded. Holidays will not be authorised except under exceptional circumstances and may result in a fine from the local authority.



OUR NEW LOOK FACEBOOK PAGE

Our school Twitter page will be closing down shortly and is being replaced by a Facebook page instead. Please follow us at **Hardy Mill Primary School**. We will be posting weekly to share more of what the children are learning about in school and to celebrate their many achievements. No pictures of your child/ren will be included in any posts without your consent.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a current list of dates for events in autumn term.
Please note that this diary of events is subject to change and further details for many of the events listed will follow.

SPRING TERM 2024

Please note that this diary of events is subject to change. You will be informed of any changes.

	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
FEBRUARY			
6 th	All day	Safer Internet Day <i>More information to follow</i>	In class
6 th	9.00am	Rostron Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
7 th	9.00am	Hamilton Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
8 th	9.00am	Lofthouse Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
13 th	8.50am	Year 4 Multiplication Check Heathcote Parent Meeting	Hall
13 th	9.10am	Heathcote Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
14 th	9.00am	Devey Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
15 th	8.50am	Year 4 Multiplication Check Leverhulme Parent Meeting	Hall
15 th	9.10am	Leverhulme Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
15 th	6.00pm	PTA Key Stage 2 Valentine Disco	Hall
HALF TERM – 19 th – 23 rd			
26 th	School reopens - 8.50am		
MARCH			
26 th Feb – 1 st March	Throughout the week	Science Week – ‘Our World – Our Future’ <i>More information to follow</i>	In classes
5 th	9.00am		Hall
5 th	9.00am	Kenny Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
6 th	9.00am	Kay Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
7 th	All day	World Book Day – Character Day <i>More information to follow</i>	In classes
8 th	9.00am	Lancaster Class Showcase Assembly	Hall
11 th – 15 th	Throughout the week	End of term assessment week in Year 1 to Year 6	In classes
15 th	All day	School Council - Red Nose Day	In classes
28 th	All day	PTA – Mad March Hair Day	
28 th	2.15pm	School closes for Easter break	
APRIL			
15 th	8.50am	School reopens for Summer Term	