



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



5 Stars Outstanding for Health and Safety at Northowram Primary School!

Last week, we welcomed Calderdale's Health and Safety Team into school to conduct our 3-yearly inspection of Health and Safety at school.

Keeping our pupils, staff and visitors safe is our first priority at school and I am delighted to share with you that, after a robust review of all our practices, policies, risk assessments and safety documentation, we have been awarded a 5 star - Outstanding grading!

The inspection covers everything from our playground risk assessments, first-aid arrangements, site security, evacuation and fire safety procedures, health and safety training and kitchen safety to a detailed site visit checking our boundaries and general safety of pupils, staff and visitors. Our inspector noted the following: 'I would like to highlight that the documentary evidence provided was of high quality with good practices seen within the school environment during the day of the audit, highlighting the school's positive culture to Health and Safety. The discussions had during the audit further evidenced the thought put into the health and safety within the school and the high standards which you aim to achieve, and how health and safety is prominently featured and discussed amongst the whole school staff. This is something the whole school should be extremely proud of.'

We will continue to be proactive around Health and Safety.

If you ever have a health and safety concern, please do report this by telephoning the school office or emailing admin@northowram.calderdale.sch.uk.

Special thanks and congratulations to our amazing Kitchen Manager (Helen Cornwell), school business manager (Sarah Ogilvie), first aid leader (Allison Deighton), buildings manager (Ian Wood) and Health and Safety governor (Steven Amos) for ensuring high standards of are maintained.

Jane Gardfield



DREAM

Dream Big - Exploring the World of work and future Careers

As our Dream Big focus draws to a close, we are reflecting on the success of our focus on helping children to consider the options available for them in the future world of work. We are so grateful to all parents and community members who visited assemblies and classes to share their journeys in the world of work - children have been inspired and full of questions and ideas for the future and our 'Dress as your future dream job' day was fabulous! In addition, year 2 and year 6 enjoyed workshops on the world of work delivered by a careers consultant who specialises in working with young children.

Huge thanks to all of these visitors who gave their time to share their experiences, life-lesson and wisdom with our pupils: Dr Iqbal (GP), Alex O'Keefe (Entrepreneur), Sohail Rashid (entrepreneur), Kate Dearden (MP), Holly Lynch (former MP), Cannon James Allison (vicar), Jamie Ashton (Apprenticeships and Engineering), Helen Mitchell (solicitor), Steven Amos (Chef and Emergency Planner), Michelle Sykes (Occupational therapist), Louise Sprawling (head of people and culture), and Damian Clayton (RAF/Rugby League)



YEAR 5 WILLOW WITH KATE DEARDEN (MP FOR HALIFAX) WHO VISITED SCHOOL TO DISCUSS HER WORK AND CAREER DURING DREAM BIG WEEK.



JOSHUA, FRANKIE AND AUTUMN DRESSED UP AS THEIR DREAM JOB



MISS DURN AND MISS GREEN DRESSED AS THEIR ALTERNATIVE CAREERS IF THEY HAD NOT BECOME TEACHERS!



CROSS COUNTRY



The school recently participated in the West Yorkshire cross-country event, and it was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for the race.

All the children gave their best effort, pushing themselves on a really tough course. They represented the school with pride and determination throughout the event.

We had some great supporters in the parents that came to the event and we would like to say a big thankyou for getting your children there! It was a really enjoyable day for all involved and the children were a real credit to the school!





Excellent, careful work was undertaken by year 4 pupils to fashion their own tent-peg in advance of next week's challenge speed-challenge to erect a tent in the quickest time possible! Well done Forest Schoolers!



There was great excitement last week as, having introduced frogspawn into our wet area last year, children discovered some return visitors – a beautiful, large pair of frogs and a huge amount of fresh frogspawn! In the lovely early Spring weather children in year 3 also marked Shrove Tuesday by making, cooking and then enjoying pancakes in the open air!





ATTENDANCE

Weekly Attendance

Weekly, monthly and termly monitoring takes place with regards to attendance. We aim for children to reach 96% over the course of the year. Current weekly attendance winners are as follows:

February 3 rd -7 th
Whole School: 92.5%
1 st Place: 4 Holly 100%
2 nd Place: R Poplar & 3 Pine 98.52%
3 rd Place: R Hazel 97.67%
7 classes had attendance above 96%

February 10 th - 15 th
Whole School: 95.09%
1 st Place: 1 Hawthorn 99.58%
2 nd Place: 3 Oak 98.33%
3 rd Place: R Hazel 97.08%
6 classes had attendance above 96%

February 24 th -28 th
Whole School: 95.99%
1 st Place: 3 Pine 99.63%
2 nd Place: R Poplar 98.89%
3 rd Place: R Hazel 98.33%
9 classes had attendance above 96%

March 3 rd -7 th
Whole School: 97.93%
1 st Place: R Poplar 100%
2 nd Place: 1 Hawthorn 99.5%
3 rd Place: 4 Sycamore 99.19%
12 classes had attendance above 96%

March 10 th -14 th
Whole School: 95.83
1 st Place: 3 Oak 99.17%
2 nd Place: Nursery 98.53
3 rd Place: 3 Pine 97.69%
classes had attendance 9 above 96%

ATTENDANCE BEAR

This is Angus, our new attendance bear. He will be awarded to the class with the best attendance each week. All the classes have been introduced to Angus and are keen for him to spend time in their class.



Safeguarding- Mental Health Support

As you may be aware, there are a rising number of young people and adults who are struggling with their mental health.

If you see a change in your child's behaviour, it may be that they are struggling with their feelings and don't know why.

We have talked to the children about different feelings which they may encounter and linked these to the characters in 'Inside Out.'

There are a number of different services who can offer help and support.

Please do reach out if you or your child are struggling, or do contact us at school so that we can point you in the right direction.

The following links may be of some help:
Calderdale Open Minds (CAMHS): Calderdale Open Minds (CAMHS) | Calderdale Council
Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk>
Open Minds
<http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/>



POETRY COMPETITION



Thank you to everyone who entered the Poetry Competition.

The competition was arranged by some of our year 4 girls, Evie, Eliza and Ellia as a fundraiser for our school library.

We are delighted to share with you our winning entries:

Misunderstood

I am not from a different universe
I am just neurodiverse

I am not easy to understand
People often misunderstand
The little things that I say and do
And how I communicate with you

Let me tell you a bit about me
As there is a lot you don't know, you see
I appear quiet and very shy
But there is more to me than meets the eye

At school, I often disguise how I feel
Which sometimes makes the day appear surreal
When I get overwhelmed, it can be a struggle
If I have too much on, I can get in a muddle

When I am sat quietly in my seat
I am secretly counting and tapping my feet
Sometimes I count instead of paying attention
But this is never my intention

I am sensitive to what I can hear, see and feel
But I keep it to myself so it's not a big deal
However, I'm fierce, I'm strong and I'll stand for what's right
With a passion so strong like a courageous knight

I cover my ears when noise gets too much
I don't do hugs because I don't do touch
My eyes often hurt when the light is too bright
I don't like to wear clothes that are too tight

I like to play with my outside
We go on adventures all the time
But when too many kids want to play
It gets too much... so I step away

I'm funny, I'm friendly, my belongings I'll share
But hurt my friends... I'll be the first one there
I express my love language by giving them gifts
And I get very sad when we have tiffs

I enjoy swimming and long walks in the hills
And when I play guitar, it gives people chills
I enjoy kicking butt at taekwondo
And putting on a good drama show

I hope my poem will help you to see
All the special things that make me, me
We're all unique and that's ok
I have autism and I'm proud to say

I am the same as you, you see
I just express myself differently

1ST PLACE

"MISUNDERSTOOD" BY MARNIE, YEAR 4

ALL ABOUT ME

Hi my name is Ernie and I'm 8 years old
I've got a rabbit and a parrot the best or
So in hell

Rugby is my game
And whatland is my name
Wind, rain and snow
Bootham Terrors here we go!

I also love to play football
And here they call us "the wall"
I'm strong in defence supporting the team
Playing for Nottingham Forest would be a dream

Going for a swim or my bike while running
has a fun
Are more things that I love and find
then so much fun

I love my friends and family
I love to talk about anything
But the ~~so~~ thing I love the most is that
my dad gave me my rabbit. By Ernie

2ND PLACE

"ALL ABOUT ME" BY ERNIE, YEAR 3

I'm a YouTuber watch me go,
Making videos, stealing the show!

I draw comics, Page by page,
Super-heroes, action, and villains in Page.

with my dog algie by my side,
Running - Playing - full of pride.

Blond hair shining - blue eyes bright,
Gaming late into the night!

Pressing buttons, scoring high,
Pixel worlds where I can fly
Creating, drawing, having fun -
Every day's a brand-new run!

That's my story - that my way,
Living my life my kind of way!

3RD PLACE

"THAT'S MY STORY" BY LUCAS, YEAR 6

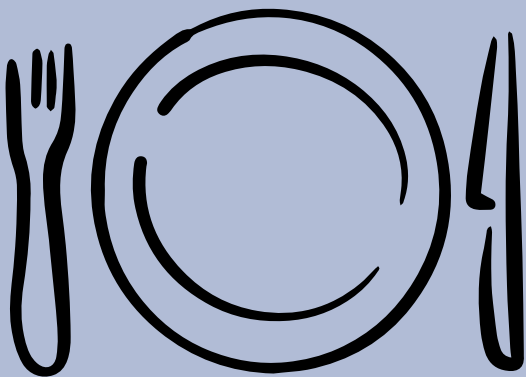


DINNER MONIES POLITE REMINDER

All dinner money should be paid in advance, either termly, weekly or daily.

A payment item is put on Parentmail for the term but this can be reduced to the payment amount required.

The cost of a school meal is £2.30



EASTER PARADE



Further to the recent Parentmail that was sent out earlier this week, we would like to take this opportunity to give a little more information about the Easter parade.

This event is one of our school traditions and you are welcome to come along and join in the event.

Children are invited to make Easter hats/bonnets or wear Easter accessories. These should be made at home and brought into school on the morning of the event.

The parade will take place on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 2.30pm in the front playground.

We do hope that you are able to come along and join in the fun!

