

# News News News...



Horn's Mill  
Primary School

March 2024



## OFSTED...

There are limitations to the information I can share with you in terms of our recent inspection, but I wanted to share some thoughts with you. First of all, I wanted to express my gratitude for the responses we received on Parent View and the emails that were sent in support of our school. It was extremely humbling that 99% of you would recommend our school. I guess we must be doing something right! 😊 We are very pleased with the result which was better than I had predicted. My team and your children shone, I have never felt more proud to be the Headteacher of this school. The report is expected in around 30 days when you will see the full detail of the findings.



## Musical Extravaganza

What a wonderful evening we had on Friday last week after a rather stressful week. It was wonderful to see all the talent on show. Thank you so much to Stu, Jay and Jackie for helping and to all of you who came along to support, including some of our amazing past students. The children were amazing as was the audience participation! 😊

## Safeguarding Update – Allergies

It is coming to the time when hay fever will start to bother some of our children. There is no cure for hay fever, but the NHS offers the advice below. We are happy to administer anti-histamines in school if needed. Just let a member of staff know.

### Do

- ✓ put Vaseline around your nostrils to trap pollen
- ✓ wear wraparound sunglasses to stop pollen getting into your eyes
- ✓ shower and change your clothes after you have been outside to wash pollen off
- ✓ stay indoors whenever possible
- ✓ keep windows and doors shut as much as possible
- ✓ vacuum regularly and dust with a damp cloth
- ✓ buy a pollen filter for the air vents in your car and a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter
- ✓ try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you have a high temperature or you do not feel well enough to do your normal activities

### Don't

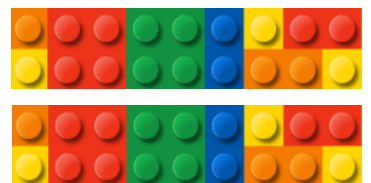
- ✗ do not cut grass or walk on grass
- ✗ do not spend too much time outside
- ✗ do not keep fresh flowers in the house
- ✗ do not smoke or be around smoke – it makes your symptoms worse
- ✗ do not dry clothes outside – they can catch pollen
- ✗ do not let pets into the house if possible – they can carry pollen indoors



## “BUILD your VOCABULARY”

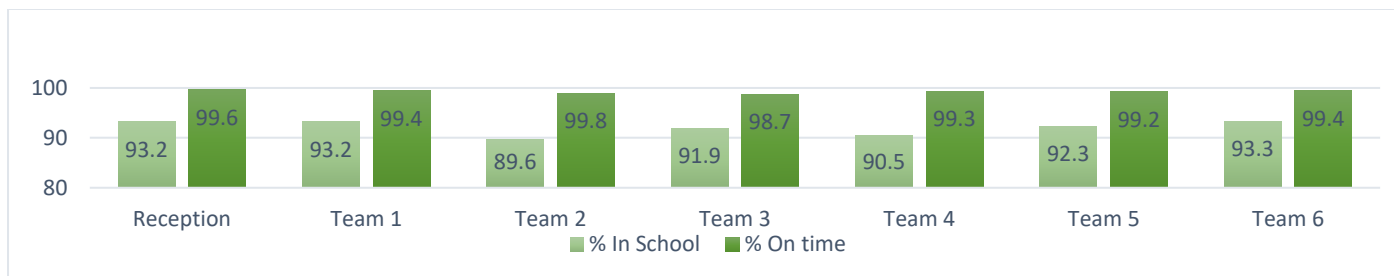
The junior children have learnt a new word recently...the word is  
“Cordial”

This means warm, welcoming and friendly, but formal and polite  
Children in Team 3-6 have been trying hard to use it.



## Attendance and Punctuality ...

Team 6 win this month for their attendance and early bird award goes to Reception for Punctuality!



## Easter Day at St Paul's...

St Paul's are organising a fun day during the Easter period. More information can be found on this poster.



## Band Night at the Sports Club...

This event has been arranged to help raise funds for Ho Ho Helsby



## Horn's Mill's Got Talent...

A huge thank you to Mr Lawrie for heading up this annual event again this year. The auditions last week were incredible and extremely heart-warming. It is magical to see the confidence that the children have to get up on stage and do their 'thing.' Equally special is the appreciation and encouragement that the rest of the children show as the audience – all very accepting and celebratory. As I write, we await the final on Wednesday and I wish the best of luck to all of our superb finalists. Great work from Olivia from Reception, Logan, Nathan and Pudge from year 2, Amelia, Poppy, Isabelle, Sophia, Emilia, Luna, Corey and Cormack from Team 4, Evie from Team 5 and Maia from Team 6 who all showed incredible talent! Congratulations! 😊

I would like to offer thanks in advance to our judges, Mr Davies from Helsby High School and Father Noel from St Paul's.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to mention our resident boy band (Mr F, Mr Kershaw and Mr Lawrie), who gave a wonderful performance in the interval! #millersrock 😊😊

## Dates for your diaries...

Some dates for the Summer Term... (There seems to be a lot happening!!) 😊😊

<b>Break Up</b>	<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Team 6 Cricket Competition	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>Return to School</b>	<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Team 1 Class Assembly	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Team 6 start swimming	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Break up</b>	<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Chair of Governors to meet school council and Head Pupils	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Back to School</b>	<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
Reception Class Assembly	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Neuro Diversity Week	10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Team 1 Visit to Chester Zoo	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Poetry Recital at school	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Team 5 Bikeability	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Storyhouse Poetry comp (T5)	
School Council Visit St Paul's Welcome Wednesday	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Sports Day (Team 3,4,5,6 am) (R,1,2 pm)	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Team 3 Synagogue Visit	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Team 6 Pound for Profit	18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Open Afternoon for families - 2.30pm	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Team 5 Tri Golf Competition	Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Richard O'Neil Author Visit	Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	World Music Day	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Dancing in the May – Team 5	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	GB Athlete Visiting School	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Polling Day at school	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Team 6 to Windfarm (TBC)	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Team 3 and 5 visit to Alyn Waters	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Whole School Cricket Day	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2 Mini Kickers	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Team 4 Residential	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>Bank Holiday – School closed</b>	<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Team 6 Edge Hill Aspiration Day	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Team 3 Egyptian Workshop	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Helsby High Transition Days	8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Reception Mini Kickers	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Horn's Mill Visit New Class Day	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Team 6 SATS week	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Team 6 Performance and Party	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Team 1 Mini Kickers Finals	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Team 6 Camp out	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Team 3/4 Diamond Cricket Competition	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Annual Reports Home	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Whole School Sleepover	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Water Wonderland	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July
		Leavers Assembly – 9am	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
		<b>Break up</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>
		<b>Back to School</b>	<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>

## Cross Country...



There were some great efforts and resilience shown by the children at the Cross Country event at Delamere Forest last Friday. All of the adults who went along to the forest were extremely proud of the Millers who took part. The race is not easy, and it pushes children out of their comfort zones, so is a great way to build resilience and self-esteem. Special mentions for Oakley who came first in the Year 5 older boys race and Noah who achieved 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 5 younger boys race. Siena in Team 5 ran a great race to come in 2<sup>nd</sup>, whilst Nancy achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 4 girls race, closely followed by Sadie in 4<sup>th</sup> place. George and Toby in Team 3 ran an incredible race to achieve 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. There were also several children who gained a place in the top ten and **all children** completed the race – which was no mean feat! My second proud moment of the week! 😊 Well done Millers!



## And finally...

I wanted to finish with a big thanks to the Friends of Horn's Mill. In particular a mention for Paddy Nicklin who has undertaken the role of chair of the Friends since Sept 2018. Along with the rest of the team, Paddy has worked really hard to raise funds for our little Millers. He has resigned from the role now and Rosey Price (Team 1 parent) has taken over. Most recently the Friends hosted the Easter Bingo and Hamper Raffle and we continue to be very grateful for their efforts and to you for supporting the events. If you would like to join the friends, we would welcome new members. Just let me know.

I wish you all a very happy Easter and hope you enjoy a lovely break.

Thanks everyone,

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