

Children's Mental Health Week

Last week, as part of children's mental health week, all the classes took part in various activities focussing on children's wellbeing and mental health. Every day had a different 'theme' and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all of the activities the staff had planned.



Reception: We focused on meditation and acts of kindness during wellbeing week, using our Zones of Regulation to express our feelings.

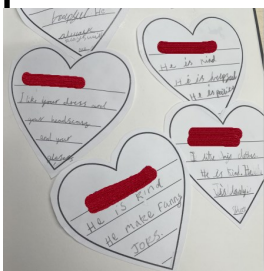


Year 1: We did some mindful and calming breathing techniques to help us relax, be focussed and think positively!



Year 2: In Year 2 we made banana bread and plain white loafs of bread as part of our 'try something new afternoon!'

Year 3: The children explored different breathing techniques to help them focus on their learning and how to manage their emotions in different scenarios.



Year 4: The children wrote kind notes to other children in the class without telling anyone who they were from.

Year 5: The children enjoyed choosing books from our school library and reading them outside.

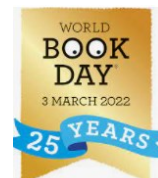


Year 6: These are the kindness cards we left around school for other classes to find to spread happiness and help others feel positive.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Thursday 3rd March** and we would love your child to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

It is brilliant to be able to spend the day in school after we did online activities last year—we will be doing lots of fun activities in class around books and reading that we can't wait to share with you all at home! You child will also come home with a World Book Day token to spend on a book - find out more at <https://www.worldbookday.com/>



Friends of Hawthorn

All parents are welcome and this is our chance to meet up and encourage parents to join in with school events and fundraising. We also share news about the local community and further education and training for parents. A meeting has been arranged in school for **Friday 9th March 2022 at 9:00am**. The meetings generally last about 45 minutes and are really informal, giving parents and carers a chance to chat and share ideas. If you would like to be part of the group and can attend the meeting please let us know at the school office. We look forward to seeing you all on the day!



Internet Safety

This year's theme for internet safety had two elements to it. 'All fun and games' and 'Exploring respect and relationships online'. The children in every KS2 class completed work around this after taking part in an interactive assembly, which was led by Mrs Kennedy. KS1 held their assembly in the classroom. This enlightened the children's awareness for all the work we have

already covered so far in school.

Please check out our school website for information about how you can keep your child safe online.

http://www.hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk/website/keeping_children_safe_online/556856



Big Battery Hunt

The Big Battery Hunt is starting again in school. We would really appreciate it if you could please bring in any old batteries to recycle. If you pass these onto a member of staff we will add them to our recycling bin in school.

The more batteries we have the more chance we have to win prizes.



Family Partner

Our Family Partner from the local authority is called **Tracey Johnson** and she can help families with issues that affect them and their children, can offer support outside of school and in the community. If you would like to contact Tracey please contact the school office and ask to speak to Lorraine for more details.



Attendance

A huge well done to everyone who has attended school everyday and on time. Our overall attendance has improved from the Autumn Term and is currently at 96.1%. Our school target is 97% and Year 6 (98.1%) and Year 4 (97.5%) are currently meeting this target. A big well done to both these classes. Punctuality has been a concern this term. Since the start of the Spring Term there have been **360 late marks recorded** totalling a massive **79 hours of missed learning**.

Our school day starts at 08:50am and it is vitally important that your child arrives on time. Gates open at 8.45am, giving your child time to get into class ready for the start of learning at 8.50am.



School is closed for a training day on Monday 28th February.
Schools opens for children on Tuesday 1st March at 8.50am.