

# HAWTHORN NEWS MARCH 2023



A big thank you to everyone for their support this term. Don't forget to look on our school website to see our stars of the term, we are very proud of their achievements.

Well done to our Year 6 children who have taken their ABRSM music exams this term.

We have lots of In Harmony events planned for the Summer term, including a visit for reception parents to Sage Gateshead and a summer festival in school.

*Jane Dule*

## Attendance



A big well done to all of our attendance winners last half term who received a special treat of a movie and popcorn. **We had 99 children with 100%.**

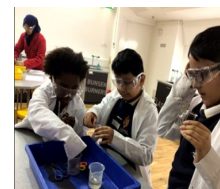
Our whole school attendance for the Spring term is **95.5%**

A huge well done to **Year 5** who had the best attendance for the Spring term with 97.5%



## Science club

Year 3 and 4 have really enjoyed Science club at The Centre for Life this term. The children were given access to the centre for life itself. They worked with a scientist in the investigation lab looking at different pollen types under microscopes and discovering how bees pollinate plants. It will be Year 1 and Year 2's turn in the summer term.



## Citizens advice and Welfare



We have teamed up with the Citizens Advice and Welfare Team to begin drop in sessions for parents. These sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45 p.m. beginning on April 20th. The drop in sessions are confidential. Parents can access FREE advice on benefits, housing and money management with a qualified advisor. Flyer with more information to follow.



We are working with the NHS and Healthier Together Team to help promote good attendance and advice for parents on childhood illnesses available on the Healthier Together App. Please see [www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk](http://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk).

Any queries please talk to Lorraine.



## Clubs

After school clubs will start on **Monday 24th April 2023**. Letters will be sent out in the first week back after the Easter holidays with new clubs to choose from.



## Good Luck

We would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that after 9 years of working at Hawthorn Primary School Angela Young, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us on Friday 5th May. She has secured a new job in Gateshead and we wish her all the very best in her new role.



### Big Battery Hunt

Just a reminder that we are taking part in the 'Big Battery Hunt'. This is a nationwide programme to help educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries. If you have any used batteries at home please send them into school and a member of staff will add them to our recycling bin. The more batteries we have the more chance we have to win prizes.



### Eid

This year we would like to hold an Eid celebration in school on Thursday 20th April. Children can come to school wearing non-uniform and we will be doing activities in the classes. It would be lovely to see children wearing their Eid clothes on the day.



**Friday 21st April will be a staff training day so school is closed to all children.** We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating.



### Eco News!

The eco-committee have been very busy this term!

During March, we have taken part in the 'big school clean up' event where we have organised litter picks at break times and after school club. We are continuing to work on improving our school environment and our after school club have been successful in their work on 'the green influencers' grant. We have been awarded a small grant to help us get some resources to improve our edible garden area.

We are also working on the Zero Carbon schools award, where we are trying to reduce laminating and the use of glitter in school. This project also includes our ongoing work on recycling batteries, paper and stationary in class.



### Red, White and Blue Day

To mark the coronation of King Charles III we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday **5th May**. Children can come to school wearing red, white or blue.

Classes will be doing activities in school linked to the coronation.

Every child will come home with a commemorative coin to celebrate this event.



### Dates for the Diary

17.04.2023—School re-opens for all children.

18.04.2023 - Year 1 parents invited into school for a maths workshop alongside their child.

20.04.2023 - Year 2 parents invited into school for a maths workshop alongside their child.

20.04.2023 - Eid celebration in school, children can wear non-uniform this day.

**21.04.2023—School is closed to all children for a staff training day.**

24.04.2023 - Reception parents invited into school for a maths workshop alongside their child.

**01.05.2023—Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed.**

05.05.2023—Non-uniform day, children can wear red, white or blue to celebrate the coronation.

**08.05.2023—Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed.**

09.05.2023—12.05.2023—Year 6 SATs week.

22.05.2023—24.05.2023—Year 6 Residential trip

**29.05.2023—02.06.2023—Half term holiday, school is closed.**

