

News from the Hill



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Quality, Creativity, Consistency, Collaboration

We encourage all members of the Sunnyhill Community **to respect one another**, to know **that everyone has an important part to play** in making the school as good as it can be, to **take responsibility** and be responsible, to **strive for excellence** and **to try one's best** in everything we do.

As always, there's important news and information in this letter- keep it somewhere safe until you get the next one in a few weeks' time!



Thank you all who have taken the time to share ideas for our new school improvement plan- there is still time to take part! Remember- all parent ideas will be entered into a prize draw on December 9th, whether that's one you share yourselves, or ones that you share with your children as part of their homework!

Any old iron, any old iron....



A plea from the Early Years- we told you in the last newsletter that we have a lovely new mud kitchen ... but we now need things for the children to use when they're playing in there!

We'd really appreciate it if you could please bring in to the Nursery any old pots, pans, large metal spoons (not anything sharp or smashable) for the children to use.



What's that cooking in the kitchen...

Whilst we are on a 'cooking' theme, last week Michaela Bowles, a food stylist from BBC's Saturday Kitchen came in to cook with 16 Year 6 children.

The children shared what they thought afterwards ... who knew that vegetables could be healthy and TASTY?

I really enjoyed preparing the salad and especially eating it. I am also glad that I learned a new recipe for the kitchen. I'm sure my family will enjoy it very much. This cooking experience was magnificent. Rochelle 6Ribble

I loved the pasta and I would like to make it again with my family. I learned how to hold a knife in 2 ways. Imran 6Ribble



All the food was healthy and it tasted good. It was really easy to make and it had bright colours, none of it was dull- Akeem 6Rother

The best dish was the spaghetti mixed with vegetables because it was easy to make, we got to mix it with our hands and it tasted great. We used the spaghetti that they used in the movie, Ratatouille- Jhene 6Rother



This experience might inspire the children to be the next Mary or even Paul ... let's hope not a Gordon though!

All the World's a stage

We told in you the last newsletter how we have all been learning about Shakespeare and his plays. Sunnyhill has really come over all theatrical this term.

The Polka Theatre, a nationally renowned children's theatre group, have worked with Early Years and Year 1 in the past few weeks.

Puck was teaching us the bird dance. It was really good. I liked it when he was pretending to be a horse - it was funny.' Kalaii (1 Esk)



The Young Shakespeare Company also worked with Year4, helping them to get to grips with one of Shakespeare's tragedies.

It was really nice because the lady explained the story of Hamlet with expression so it was easy to understand. It was fun.

Nesrim (4 Arrow)

We are all looking forward to the Shakespeare



Carnival on December 16th. Make sure that your doublet and hose are all washed and pressed if you are coming along!

Leaders of the future



Our Team London Young Leaders came together on Friday 25th November with children from three other schools for part two of the Team London Community Project. The young Leaders made plans for how our schools can help the community and then prepared to pitch their ideas to various corporate organisations at City Hall on 7th December, with a hope to win £1000 funding for the project. We wish them all the very best of luck!

London's burning... fetch the engine... Fire! Fire!

Year 2 recreated the Great Fire of London in the playground last week as part of their study of this momentous event that changed the way our city looked forever.

Thank goodness we were better equipped than the people of London in 1666 in keeping the flames under control!



We are stronger together!



Bullying is a serious issue- we can experience it at any point in our lives- we need to make sure that our children understand that it is always wrong and that they need to speak out if it happens to them. We marked Anti-bullying week earlier on this month with our pupil leaders organising events throughout the week, by wearing blue on Friday 18th and by the children signing anti-bullying pledges in the playground.

Strike a pose

Lots of children took part in our portrait competition- the quality of work produced throughout the school was STUNNING. Winners of the competition are to be announced on 9th December.





Our attendance is continuing to look very, very positive this term- **WELL DONE EVERYONE.**

Week Beginning	EYES/ KS1	KS2	School attendance
31 st October	2 Beck 98.3%	4 Aire 99.2%	96.9%
7 th November	2 Bailey 100%	4 Aire & 6 Ribble 99.2%	97.3%
14 th November	2 Bailey 98.4%	6 Rife 99.3%	97.5%
21 st November	2 Beam 97.3%	3 Severn 99.3%	96.4%

A special mention has to be made of 2Bailey who have had a week of perfect attendance in the past month. Our whole school attendance for the past 4 weeks didn't drop below our target of 96% once – this really is amazing! Our attendance for the Autumn term so far has been **96.6%-above our target!**

Dates for your diary

December	January
8- KS1 Winter Performance 9- close of School Improvement Plan competitions 16- End of Autumn term celebration of Learning (timings to be published in the next few weeks) 16- Friends of Sunnyhill Winter Fair – 3.15- 5.45 20- Class parties to celebrate the end of term 21- End of Autumn 2 (at 2pm) Christmas break: 22nd December – January 2nd	INSET days: 3rd and 4th January- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN Schools starts back for all pupils- Thursday, January 5th 2017



These are the main important dates that have already been diarised for next term- particularly noteworthy ones are highlighted in **blue**. This information is accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change- please cross reference it with newsletters you receive throughout the year. To help parents plan for events we have included timings wherever possible and will continue to do so on all newsletters sent out in the future.

Parent coffee mornings, keep fit and training take place at the school throughout the week. Come along if you haven't already. The themes for the next few weeks are:

Zumba continues every Wednesday afternoon 1.30 - 2.30 pm

Sewing Group – most Thursdays- 9.00 - 11.00am

Internet Safety session - Wednesday 7th December 9.00- 11.00AM



We are such stuff as dreams are made on;
And our little life is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest, William Shakespeare
Art work – entry from portrait competition