

# NEWSLETTER

DATE: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## UP COMING DATES

**27<sup>th</sup> October:** Break up for half-term break

**6<sup>th</sup> November:** Back to school

**6<sup>th</sup> November:** Applications for parent governor

**13 – 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti-bullying week

**13<sup>th</sup> November:** Odd socks day – *All children and adults are invited to wear odd socks to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.*

**18<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need

**20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Road Safety Week

**25<sup>th</sup> November:** White Ribbon Day

### Weekly Read with Me Sessions:

Year 1: Monday

Year 2: Tuesday

Year 3: Friday

## Mental Wellbeing

Mental Wellbeing describes your mental state, how you are feeling and how well you can cope with day-to-day life. It is vital that we look after our mental health as well as our physical health. In school, weekly Time To sessions address issues such as: emotions, being healthy, being me and many more. These, coupled with our RSE curriculum, assemblies and diploma, form our PSHCE curriculum. These lessons teach the children the skills needed to make healthy and safe choices in all aspects of their lives. For more information and resources regarding mental wellbeing, please visit our [website:](https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/home)

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## Curriculum focus



*Year 5 used contouring, hatching and watercolours to create these fabulous mountainous sceneries.*

This half term has been filled with many inspirational learning opportunities. From a wide variety of challenges using different media in Nursery; charcoal portraits in Reception; traffic surveys and map work in our local area in Year 1; Andy Goldsworthy inspired 3D sculptures in Year 2; David Hockney's artistic pieces in Year 3; rivers and pop-up DT skills in Year 4; tectonic plates and mountains in Year 5; to local artist, Barbara Hepworth, inspired 3D sculpting in Year 6.



*Year 6 started their learning journey at The Hepworth Wakefield then applied their research and studies of Barbara Hepworth's sculptures to create their own using clay.*

Did you know that admission to The Hepworth Wakefield is free if you live in Wakefield?

## Learner model

Our learner model focuses on the skills and qualities that the children need to be successful learners. Our focus on confidence saw children reaching outside of their comfort zones to take on new learning without fear.



## Clever Never Goes

This week we have introduced the updated version of 'Stranger Danger' to the children. The new child safety initiative 'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The Clever Never Goes rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian. For more information and resources to support conversations with your child, please visit [clevernevergoes.org](http://clevernevergoes.org)

## Social Media Guides

From keeping in touch to watching; social media platforms are extremely useful. However, do you know how to set parental supervision on Instagram; report content on Facebook or Snapchat; or family pair on TikTok? Visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides> for lots of useful information and guides.

## Hello Yellow

Thank you to everyone who very kindly donated and wore a yellow accessory to show their support for young people's mental health in support of the #YoungMinds charity. We raised a fantastic £75.50 for the charity.

## Harvest

Our Year 2 children shared a fantastic Harvest celebration assembly with their families and presented your extremely generous donations to Wrenthorpe and Kirkhamgate Assist. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the wider local community.

## Stop Press \*\*\* Halloween Disco

Thank you so much to all volunteers, parents (for the donations, make-up and costumes) and children (for the fun and fear!) whooo 😊 attended! We raised £952.75! Every penny of this goes to enrichment activities, school visits etc!