



Northowram Primary School Newsletter

Inspiring Success Beyond Expectation



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Spotlight on.....Classroom Learning Environments

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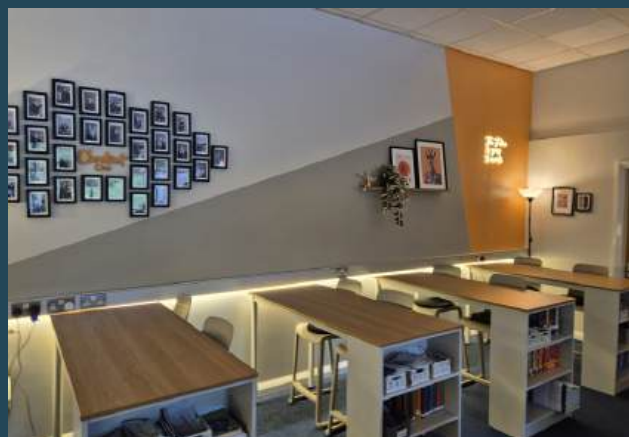
Classrooms

Over Summer, we have made a significant investment to transform our Year 6 classrooms. The new spaces are designed to be welcoming, safe and inspiring, cultivating learning through their thoughtful design. They are designed to reduce stress and increase feelings of emotional safety, while meeting the emotional and mental health needs of pupils. Our new classrooms take into consideration colour, soft lighting, plants, artwork and the celebration of classroom community. The result is a nurturing environment where children feel comfortable, valued and inspired to learn. Each space has been created to be trauma-informed, attachment-aware and inclusive, with wellbeing embedded into the very fabric of the classroom. This project redefines the traditional classroom model, often cluttered and outdated and instead creates an environment designed around the needs of today's children. We are delighted that the children love their new classrooms! and we hope to invest in classroom makeovers on a rolling programme of investment over the next three years.

Coming soon - library

We are hoping that grand opening of our new whole-school library will take place this half term and we just can't wait. Our new library furniture is now installed and we are awaiting our first delivery of book-stock. We still have to catalogue our new library stock and make sure our online library system is up and ready but it's getting closer. Our grateful thanks go to our PTFA, The Scarecrow Committee and Northowram Education Charity whose generous donations have helped us to bring this long-held dream alive!

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Welcome to the team!

As well as welcoming all our new children into Nursery and Reception, we welcome two new teachers into the Northowram family: Miss Dyson (year 2) and Miss Morris (year 1) - we hope that you will be very happy working here!



Miss Dyson (year 2)



Miss Morris (year 1)

Congratulations!

Our warmest congratulations go to Miss Durn and Mrs Kelly who have both welcomed baby girls into their families!



Uniform

Our uniform requirements are detailed on the school website - thank you for ensuring that your children look so smart!

Please remember that children need to wear black school shoes - no trainers.

Thank you.

Look out for an updated uniform policy later this term (don't worry - no changes to uniform requirements but greater clarity about aspects such as jewellery and where to source and purchase second-hand uniform).



Harvest

Our Harvest assemblies take place the first week of October. At this time of year we focus on gratitude in school and think about what we can do to help others.

This year, we will be asking for donations of food items (dried food, tinned produce) from children and families for our local homeless charity Happy Days based in Halifax town centre.

We will have tables set out in front of school throughout the week beginning 06 October or children can bring donations to their classrooms.



Our Forest School takes place within the school grounds in our dedicated Forest School Area.

Forest school is open every day and is a key part of the curriculum for all children in year 1, year 2, year 4 and year 6. Children attend forest school with our trained forest school instructors (Mr. Wood and Mrs. Duke) for extended periods allowing them to work and learn in all seasons.

It is very rare that the weather gets in the way of Forest School but last week's impressive thunder and lightning storm meant we were kept inside! Mr Wood took the opportunity to teach the children about lightning and the lightning protection that school has in place



Children have been very busy down at forest school during the first weeks of term. Our Forest Guardians group who meet each Monday afternoon worked hard to create their own dream-catchers and in KS2, children made and used their own charcoal to create artistic masterpieces!



We value Art very highly here at Northowram and the Art curriculum is in full swing across school.

All classes have an Art lesson each week and we have a carefully planned Art curriculum which means that children's Artistic skills and knowledge progress year on year.

In year 4, children are studying 'light' and were challenged to create a still-life drawing using charcoal to create tone to show the lightest and darkest parts of their fruit. These careful drawings show real success with this technique - well done our year 4 artists:



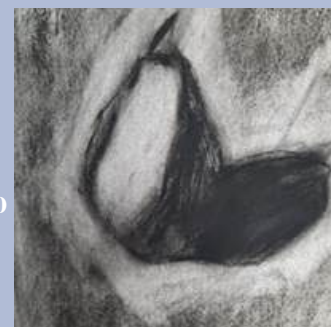
'STILL LIFE PEAR' BY HEIDI M

'PEAR CELEBRATION' BY BILLY K



'DARK AND LIGHT' BY ELLIE C

'THE SHADING PEAR' BY CHARLES D





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As it is the first newsletter of the school year, it is a good time to remind you all (especially our new families) that if you ever have any concerns around the safety of your children or other children who attend our school, you can phone or make an appointment with any of our three designated safeguarding leads at school:



MRS ALLISON DEIGHTON
PASTORAL LEADER
SENIOR DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL)



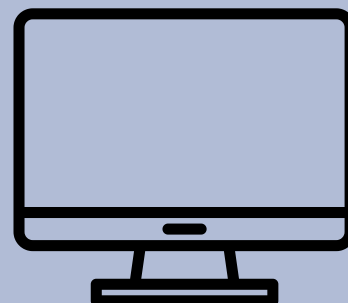
Mrs Jane Scardifield
Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs Alison Wild
Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

You can also send a text message to the following number (school safeguarding mobile phone) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible:
07494 691167

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As children head back to school, it's important to give them the tools they need to make positive choices online.

See the link below for how you can help your child make the most of their school year

[Back to school online safety guides | Internet Matters](#)



This is a useful guide for children using the internet which may be helpful for parents

