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Headteacher's Headlines

Wow! Where has the first half term gone...there are so many exciting things we want to tell you about...

Dates for the Diary

Halloween Disco and Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20 th October
October half term	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Friends of Hensingham Christmas Fayre	Friday 24 th November
Y3 Class Assembly	Wednesday 29th November
Y6 Class Assembly	Thursday 30 th November
Y4 Class Assembly	Wednesday 6th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 8 th December
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 12 th December
EYFS/KS1 Infant Nativity	Thursday 14 th and Friday 15 th December
School Carol Concert	Monday 18 th December 1.30pm
Term ends	Tuesday 19 th December

The Daily Mile



After half term every child in Year 1-6 will take part in The Daily Mile. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. The Daily Mile is a social physical activity, with children running or jogging – at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends.

<https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

The National Breakfast Programme



I am delighted to inform you that we are now part of the National Schools Breakfast Programme and this will start after half term. All children will be entitled to a free breakfast at 'The Bagel Bar'. The bagel bar will be open from 8.40am in the hall, if children want a bagel, they will make their way

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there when they come into school and collect a bagel. They will then make their way to the classroom. The bagel bar will close at 8.50am promptly when the school doors close.

Please note that this is separate to the paid breakfast club that we run every morning.

It is has been a very busy half term and here is a small glimpse of what has been happening in each class.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy few weeks. We have been exploring prime numbers, factors, multiples, square and cube numbers in preparation for multiplication and division. We have been using practical resources to help build our understanding and confidence in maths. We have been working our socks off identifying and using different features for diary entries – using a lot of prompts from videos to pictures to help discuss people’s emotions. Our emotions thesaurus has really helped us to up-level our vocabulary choices too! Performance, performance, performance. The 1-word ringing in all our ears as we practice and alter our street dances ready to perform to each other – these are looking amazing and they have all worked so hard, watch out for some pictures and videos of these on Class Dojo! We have also journeyed further into South America and begun to explore the Amazon Rainforest and why this is such an important rainforest – who knew it played such an important role for planet Earth! Year 6 can tell you all about it! We have had such an exciting half term and are really looking forward to learning more wild and wonderful things in Autumn 2!

Miss Taylor

Year 5

During the past half term, Year 5 has been busy exploring various subjects and engaging in exciting activities. In English, we delved into different writing techniques we have learned how to write about various settings and created explanation texts on how our own inventions may work. In Maths, we focused on place value. We spent our weeks learning to round numbers up to the nearest 100,000 and learning how to add and subtract whole numbers with 4 digits, the students have thoroughly enjoyed working through problems together.

Year 5 has also had an amazing exploration of space in Science! We learned about the vastness of the universe, the different planets in our solar system, and all about the moon. We even had a chance to create our sundial models and learn about the unique characteristics of each planet. It was a cosmic adventure filled with awe and wonder! We have also had opportunities over the half-term that have allowed us to meet other year 5 children across the trust at our sports day at the stadium. The children joined in made friends and had lots of fun with the various activities planned by the academy's year 10s.

We had an exhilarating day climbing and jumping from trees, learning how to row in our canoes and the children's favourite part being able to run free and jump in the lake. It was truly an amazing day enjoyed by all. Overall, it was a fantastic half-term filled with learning and growth!

Miss Bell

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Year 4

Year 4 have had a whale of a time over the last couple of weeks. The highlight definitely would be all of our science experiments that we have been doing on a Friday morning- who knew science could be so much fun? We have continued our learning about sound, last week we even explored lots of different materials with regards to which would be the best to use as ear defenders. In maths, we have aced the first topic of place value, most of us even cracked rounding! We can't wait to finish our piece of writing we are currently working on. We are writing a story about ourselves set at school.

But, with a twist - we all have a super power!

Miss Smith

Year 3

Just wanted to give you an update on the incredible adventures your children have been having at school. They recently went on an epic school trip to the water park, where they had an absolute blast! They made memories, on the canoes, jumping in the water and showing off their adventurous side in the forest.

In addition to all the fun, they've been working hard in their studies. They've been diving into the world of writing, crafting amazing recounts and stories that showcase their creativity and imagination. It's been wonderful to see their writing skills flourish.

In maths, they've been exploring the fascinating concept of place value. They've been learning how to understand and manipulate numbers, strengthening their mathematical foundation. It's truly impressive to see their progress.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! They've also been engaged in some hands-on science experiments. From making solar ovens to testing different methods of cleaning coins, their curiosity and scientific thinking have been shining through. And let's not forget about the delicious cakes they've been baking in science this week! I'm sure they've been enjoying the tasty results of their culinary adventures.

Overall, your children have been having an amazing time at school, filled with fun, learning, and exploration. They continue to impress us with their enthusiasm and dedication. Keep up the fantastic work, kids!

Mr Varty

Year 1/2

The past few weeks we have really been enjoying our science topic. We have been exploring what we can do to keep ourselves fit and healthy. We have looked at a range of foods and their packaging and sorted them into different food groups. Many of us were also able to sort them into processed and fresh foods and enjoyed planning our dream balanced meals!



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We have also done some fantastic drawing work. Each lesson we have been using our observational skills to look very carefully at what we are drawing and use a range of marks to add texture to our pieces. This week we have used these skills to make a fantastic book with pouches to help us retell and create our own adaptation of the Jolly Postman story! We all did a fantastic job sharing our stories with us and using our artist eyes to help our friends to improve their work moving forward!

It has been a busy half term so far full of lots of laughs and learning. We can't wait to see you all again after half-term ready to explore even more wonderful topics!

Miss Murphy

EYFS

In EYFS, for the past couple of weeks we have been very busy! We have been having so much fun in our classroom, we love the new areas!

We have been doing some work based on our 5 senses. We have been for an autumn walk to collect apples to make our own apple crumble - we got to taste this and it was very yummy! We have also been doing lots of work based on autumn. We have been making autumn crafts such as leaf wreaths and leaf printing.

We have been working very hard in phonics and we have learnt a lot of new sounds. We have been developing our number skills in maths, counting beyond 10. We have played lots of fun maths games and completed lots of maths activities.

We can't wait to see what next half term brings!

Miss Hurley

We wish you all a restful and safe half term and we can't wait to see you all again on Monday 30th October at 8.40am.

**Mrs Brotherhood
Headteacher**

A reminder to look on our Facebook page and Website to see what is going on in school. Tapestry and Class Dojo are also used by teachers to keep you up to date.

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