

What's Been Happening This Week?

The Trust Song- 'Dream big, aim high!'

We have had two very exciting afternoons in school recently where we have worked with our other trust schools and a song writer called Dave Camlin to develop a 'Trust Song'.

First, we had a look at all the trust values and how to explain them to a friend. We then wrote a motivational statement linked to that value. For example, for responsibility we had: 'Take care of yourself and great things will happen'.

We had to then choose our top three for each value.

After that, we had to pick our favourite three and as a whole group we started to piece them together to make a chorus. We worked together to choose a drum beat for the song and then started to chant the lines. Eventually a melody started to appear and we all started to sing out. The chorus was completely chosen and written by the children and was a real collaborative effort.

The chorus sounded fantastic and was incredibly uplifting. We added a harmony and Dave, the song writer, recorded it. Dave then took away all our ideas and after Christmas he came back with two verses to add.

As a group we learned them and made some adjustments. We also played along with instruments; violins, recorders, boom whackers, chime bars, djembes, ukuleles and recorders. It sounded amazing! The song will be introduced to all the teachers at the Trust inset day. They will take it back to their schools to learn, then in the summer we will all sing this together at the Trust award evening. We can't wait!

Written by Amelie & James

Parent Parking – Respecting Our Neighbours

Recently, we have had several complaints from residents about where and how parents are parking. Derwent Crescent becomes extremely congested at the beginning and end of every day due to the number of children at both schools. Please do not park in-front of resident's driveways as this can cause great frustration and could cause a hazard within an emergency.

We would like to remind you that it is helpful if parents park in the Arrow Pub car park as this greatly reduces congestion on Derwent Crescent. Parents should not park in the parking bays for the flats on Derwent Crescent as these are private parking spaces. We would ask all parents to be very mindful of this and consider parking elsewhere and then walking a short distance to school.

Squid Trips & Events

Year 3 – Stone Age trip to Cresswell Craggs

We are pleased to announce that the Year 3 trip is now available to purchase via your child's Squid account. The total cost of the trip is £12.40, the payment deadline is the 25/02/2020. As always, we will be looking for parent helpers. If you are available to help on the day, please speak directly with your child's teacher.

Year 5 – Bike-ability Offer

Thank you to those who have registered for this years course of Bike-ability via Squid. As per previous communications this offer has now closed. This is a very popular offer, we have managed to obtain 36 spaces rather than the usual 24. As a level of fairness, names have been drawn from a hat and parents have been made aware. Please look out for more registration paperwork, this will be coming home with your child over the next few days.

Key Dates for This Term (new dates shown in purple):

All Dates Are Subject to Change

- 22/01 – FHT Recruitment Event, Hillside Primary School 17.30pm-19.30pm
- 23/01 – Class 3&4 Open Lesson 9.00am-10.00am
- 05/02 – Year 5 Bike-ability Group 1, Day 1
- 06/02 – Year 5 Bike-ability Group 1, Day 2
- 10/02 – Year 5 Bike-ability Group 2, Day 1
- 11/02 – Year 5 Bike-ability Group 2, Day 2
- 12/02 – Year 5 Bike-ability Group 3, Day 1
- 12/02 – Parents Meeting (after school, times TBC)

In case you missed it this week

- Year 5 Bike-ability application (Squid email only)
- Year 3 Cresswell Craggs Trip (Squid email only)
- Year 6 Maths reasoning club – Selected pupils only (Email only)
- Parent Governor Nomination (Paper Copies Only sent Friday Afternoon)

Events for next week

- 22nd Jan – FHT Recruitment Event, Hillside Primary School 17.30pm-19.30pm.
- 23rd Jan – Class 3&4 Open Lesson 9.00am-10.00am.

Ernehale Achievers

Returns next week due to last week being the Head Teacher & Take Care Awards.

Ernehale Achievers Extra

Do you have an extra curriculum achievement to share? Email your story, including any photos to the school office: office@ernehalejuniorschool.co.uk

Take Care Including Online Safety

As part of our Take Care agenda we are often asked by parents for advice on how to support children to be digitally resilient. Whatever their age, we can help you find out more about what your child might be doing online and give you advice to help keep them safe. Internet matters.org is a great website that can offer parents extra hints and tips to help support you and your child access the internet safely, feel free to take a look!

As a school we are having a huge push on our Take Care Values - Taking Care of Ourselves and Each Other, Taking Care of our Learning, Taking Care of our Environment. Please talk to your children and ask them about why we believe they are important in school and beyond.

As part of our five Ways to Well-being we are keen to support our children in looking after their mental health. Over the next few months we will really focus on these five areas and concentrate on how they help us individually to feel better. Including why these five areas are good for our mental health and how to include them within our life.

Afterschool Sports Clubs

Afterschool sports clubs have now begun. We are pleased to offer:

Dodgeball & Football

There are still space available within both clubs. Feel free to pop to the office should you wish to register your child. We have also attached a copy of the afterschool club letter to this weeks newsletter.

Don't forget, PE Kits must be in school every day!

Flying High Trust Recruitment Event

Would you like to be part of an ambitious and supportive partnership of schools? Are you an aspirant trainee, apprentice, teacher, leader, business manager or governor? Would you like to work in a primary school that is part of a supportive partnership, champions your career development and puts children first? Attending the FHT primary school recruitment event could be the decision that shapes the rest of your career! For more information, please join us at our recruitment event on:

**Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 5:30-7:30pm
Hillside Primary & Nursery School, NG15 6LW**

Key Dates for This Term (new dates shown in purple):

All Dates Are Subject to Change

- 13/02 – Year 5 Bike-ability Group 3, Day 2
- 13/02 – Parents Meeting (after school, times TBC)
- 17/02-21/02 – School Closed, Half Term
- 24/02 – School Closed, Inset Day
- 25/02 – School Opens, First Day Back
- 26/02 – Class 1&2 Open Lesson 9.00am-10.00am

To view school holidays and inset days please click the following link:

<http://www.ernehale-jun.notts.sch.uk/calendar/>