



Harestanes Primary Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

February has been 'jam packed' with activity here at Harestanes with the children taking part in many activities to **challenge** and **extend** their learning!

It has been so good to see almost all of our children **wearing school uniform** which helps promote us as a school family **within our community** and helps the children develop pride in their school. Recently a number of children have been wearing **sports hoodies** to school. This is **not part of our school uniform**. Please encourage your child to **wear their uniform to school** and where you may have difficulty providing this – please let me know and we may be able to help as we have a bank of uniform stock and always **gratefully receive good condition pre loved uniform**.

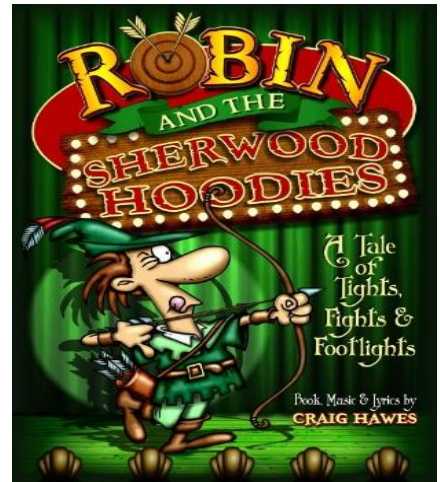


We have welcomed parents, friends and carers to two 'Sharing the Learning' assemblies this month with **P4 presenting on The Weather** contrasting our weather with that of Australia and **P3 presenting on what they have learned about Romans**. Thank you all for your support at these events.



We have been fortunate enough to be working with **SUSTRANS** in enhancing our **outdoor learning experiences** this month. Many of our classes have visited the **Merkland Nature Reserve** and enjoyed workshops on den building, the water cycle, Children's Rights and community walks. We also have an orienteering trail around our school which is a great way to learn. Miss Reid, our school **Outdoor Learning Champion** provided refresher training for staff on our In Service day.

The **auditions** have taken place, the scripts have been given out and rehearsals are in full swing for our first (in a very long time) P4-7 School Show – **Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies**. Everyone is involved – acting, singing and making scenery – everyone is so busy! **Please support us if you can....** Ticket information has been sent out to the classes involved.



Everyone continues to work hard on our **School Improvement Plan for 2023/24**. The **Rights Respecting Ambassadors** met recently to talk about the ongoing work related to the UNCRC and discuss our **poster competition** to create posters related to the rights of the child. We look forward to displaying the winning poster around our school. Each class has **their own class charter** that they have created



SCHOOL VALUES ; RESPECT KINDNESS PERSEVERANCE HONESTY

based on the rights that they consider most important in their class. There are some of the class charters below.

The children are also learning about their rights. Be sure to ask them about the '**Article of the Week**'. Some of the rights we have explored include **the right to the best possible health and health care (Article 24)**, **the right to express your thoughts and feelings (Article 14)** and **the right to relax and play (Article 31)**.



This term there has been **a lot of planting taking place in the ELR** and pupils have been learning about how to look after plants. Look out for some of these at the **Summer Fayre!** Classes have also been helping to keep the school grounds tidy by taking part in litter picks. It's great to see everyone caring for our local area. The **Valentines Disco** was a great success! Thank you very much to all those who helped to organise this – the children had a brilliant time.

Staff and pupils across the school are working towards supporting the ongoing development of a **Language and Friendly Establishment**. **Ciara McKenzie, Speech and Language, will be delivering Parent/ Carer workshops on the 12th, 21st and 26th of March, 3.15 – 4.15pm.** These workshops will focus on supporting children's communication and are open to **all parents and carers across the school**. We would love to see you so please come along.

On a final note, please extend a big welcome to **Mrs Robertson** who has recently started as the **class teacher, Monday to Wednesday, in ELR 4.**

Kind Regards, Ms Jackie Gillespie, Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th March: Parents Night 3.30-5.30 / 6.30-8.30

7th March: WORLD BOOK DAY

14th March: Day with a Difference: Nutrition (Health Committee)

15th March: Health Committee/Rights Respecting Ambassadors Assembly

22nd March: Celebration Assembly (including Golden Bench)

26th March: 1.30pm ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES BY P4-7

27th March: 7.00pm ROBIN AND THE SHERWOOD HOODIES BY P4-7

28th March: 9.30am Easter Service – Parents/Carers welcome

29th March – 12th April: Easter Break

SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL at 9am