



'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'
Husthwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Monthly Newsletter

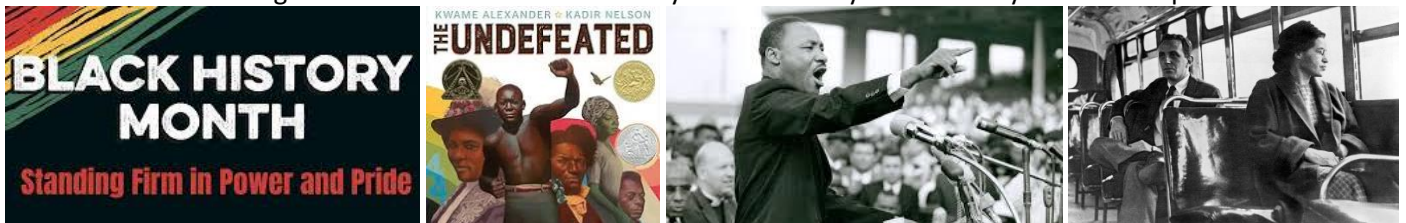
OCTOBER 2025...

What a busy first half term of the academic year and month of October.

All our children in Class 1 and Year 2 had great fun at this year's Easingwold Cluster Fun Run. Hosted by ourselves we had six local schools in total who joined us for an afternoon of friendly competition. The children also enjoyed Mr Shimwell's welcome warm up with lots of dancing and movement activities! A huge thankyou to our Year 6 leaders Rufus, Niamh, Phoebe and Eliza M for helping lead such a success full event.



During October - Black History Month, Years 5 and 6 have been exploring the powerful themes within the text *The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander. Through thoughtful discussion and creative activities, pupils have reflected on the resilience, achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. The book has inspired the children to celebrate identity, courage and hope, while deepening our understanding of the past and its impact on the present. Years 3 and 4 have been singing a song about Martin Luther King during their music lessons. They looked at who Martin Luther King was and what he stood for. They discussed why Black History Month is important.



Our Year 2 children looked at important achievements of prominent black individuals through history such as Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela and Mary Seacole and also discussed why it is important to celebrate Black History Month each year. Year 1 and EYFS looked at Black History Month by looking at Walter Tull and his importance to modern football by being one of England's first black professional football players. They discussed how he gave up his love of football to become one of the first black officers in the British Army, where he served and, unfortunately, died in France. The children also learnt about people who came to England HMT Empire Windrush from the Caribbean and celebrated their culture by doing some Caribbean dancing.

Following on from September's NSPCC special assembly, our Year 2, 5 and 6 children have had a special Speak Out Stay Safe workshop and enjoyed some time with Buddy. Everyone was really good at remembering the Childline number and who we could talk to if we didn't feel safe.



Thank you to everyone for supporting our Harvest festival and for your Harvest generosity. The children loved bringing in their food donations which Easingwold Foodbank will make very good use of in the coming weeks and months.

The whole school enjoyed celebrating Hello Yellow Mental Health Awareness Day. Class 1 and Year 2 had a lovely educational visit to Harlow Carr on this day and the school took part in the Lord's Prayer Collective Moment.



Years 5 and 6 were given the challenge of translating the prayer into words they thought the young people of today would understand. This proved quite challenging for some parts, but the children did an amazing job and produced some beautiful modern-day prayers.



Years 3 and 4 watched a video with people discussing the Lord's prayer and which line meant the most to them and why. The children then wrote the line that they felt meant the most and read these out creating their video about the Lord's Prayer.



Class 1 and Year 2 loved their trip to Harlow Carr, the children learnt all about the seasons and how some animals prepare for winter by collecting and storing food, whilst others eat lots and then sleep through the winter and some even fly away to warmer climates. The introduction of the words hibernates and migrate in a real-life context really helped the children to understand how seasonal change effects the animals in our environment.

It has been a very sporty and competitive month.

Years 5 and 6 participated in a Mixed Cluster Football Tournament at Easingwold Primary school. The team were an exceptional example of true sportsmanship, cheering each other on and handling tricky situations with dignity and respect. We are SO PROUD of you all!



The Years 5 and 6 Girls Football Team had another successful outcome in the Easingwold Cluster Tournament winning for the second consecutive year, which enabled them to compete in the Hambleton Schools final at Thirsk. They all played amazingly well against some tough competition and finished 6th overall out of the 66 schools available to compete in the area competition. Well done girls!



Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a wonderful morning with Hustwaite's very own Prime Timers at Hustwaite Village Hall. Warm smiles, engaging conversation, fun games and chocolate biscuits all round. A magnificent morning! A huge thankyou to FOHS for organising our much loved Creative Pumpkin Carving Competition.





Thanks to all for the amazing pumpkin creations that came into school on Tuesday. There was a lot of creativity on show. A special congratulations our winners, George, Robert and Sare and our runners-up Atticus, Ana and Evie.

Friday 3rd October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Atticus for his super listening in our write dance sessions.

Headteachers sticker - Iris for her kind and helpful nature in class.

Writer of the week - Ivor for his amazing story about Cotton wool Colin's next adventure.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Dotty for her beautiful Roman vase double page spread.

Headteacher's sticker – Jack for his growing confidence at swimming.

Writer of the week –Rhodie-May for a fabulous start to her story.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Alfie, for his incredible coding skills and patiently helping others.

Headteacher's sticker – Beatrix and Wilf B. for their community spirit bringing in many, many conkers for Bonkers for Conkers.

Writer of the week – Evie Mee for extremely detailed plans for her story based on our class text, the Blue House.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Sharday.

Friday 10th October Awards

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Evie-Mae for her love of learning and trying her best to improve.

Headteacher's sticker – Ana for her artefact deductions in history.

Writer of the week – Angus, for his carefully thought-out sentences and neat handwriting.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Charlie. He gave thoughtful answers and made profound contributions to the discussion during our NSPCC afternoon.

Headteacher's sticker – Daisy for always being such an amazing role-model. She is kind and caring and will do anything to help others.

Writer of the week – Rufus and Eliza White. They have worked brilliantly together to research, plan and draft an informative biography.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Hope.

Friday 17th October Awards

Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Apple Award- Essie for being super positive in everything she does.

Headteachers sticker – Henry and Charlotte for settling so well into class 1.

Writer of the week - Alfie for his consistent effort to write his own name.

Class 2, Miss Goodchild.

Apple Award – Minnie for trying hard with all her learning but especially her reading.

Headteacher's sticker – Leonard for his amazing swimming efforts getting braver and more confident by the week.

Writer of the week – Isla for her poetry character writing of her Isobble character based on the Pobble with no toes.

Class 3, Mr Chapman and Miss Wilkie.

Apple Award – Sare. She was an amazing team player, bravely preventing numerous goals and tackling the opposition. All with a smile, even when things got tough. You should be proud of yourself.

Headteacher's sticker – Phoebe Lee. There is no job too big or small that Phoebe cannot do. She is an invaluable member of Year 6, Class 3 and Husthwaite school and can be relied upon to help anyone, with anything.

Writer of the week – Wilf Kirk, for his drafting ideas, based on the Poem, 'I used to be...'. His ideas were original and thoughtful, linking to the poem beautifully.

Harry the HOOSC Hippo: Phoebe.

Please remember tomorrow and Monday 3rd November are training days and school is closed. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school after half term on Tuesday 4th November.

Have a lovely half term.

NOTICES:

- As part of our **safeguarding** duties, we would like to remind parents that supervision of non-school children and toddlers are the responsibility of parents and not school whilst on school site and at the school gates outside of school hours.
- Head Lice**

We have had multiple parents reporting that there have been some problems with nits/ head lice. As a school we would like to raise families' attention about the issue and to encourage everybody to check hair regularly and carefully (all family members) so that we can become a 'Nit Free' school! The following is some good practice that we have received, and you may wish to follow in helping us tackle this problem. It is important that you treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should always try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. Further information on helping to eradicate head lice can be found at www.nits.net and <https://www.chc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/DOD-leaflet-1.pdf> where you can even order a 'bug busting' kit should you so wish.

Thank you for your help with this matter and for supporting us in becoming a 'Nit Free' school!

We know that some children are more prone to picking up head lice than others. It is really important that we all take a collective responsibility in checking our children's hair regularly and ideally once a week. If we all work together, we should be able to reduce the number of cases in school. This will reduce the embarrassment and discomfort caused to our children and staff.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES:

23 October	School breaks up for half term.
24 October	Training Day
3 November	Training Day
4 November	School open for Autumn term 2.
10 November	Explore Remembering 3.20pm-4.30pm
10-14 November	Anti Bullying week 'Power For Good'
11 November	Remembrance Day. Whole school open afternoon 1.15-2.30pm.
12 November	FOHS School Disco 4.30-6pm.
13 November	Curriculum Enrichment Day – PSHE.
14 November	MoneyMakers – Children In Need.
17-21 November	Road Safety week
17 November	Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew.
19 November	Y6 Bikeability
21 November	Non uniform day.
24 November (Amended date)	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents, 5pm on Teams.
Sunday 30 November	Husthwaite Christmas Market at the village hall.
5 December	Husthwaite Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Fair 3-4pm.
11 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity.
12 December	Autumn term Mini Report Cards.
19 December	Christingle Service at St Nicholas' Church 9.30am.

	2.30pm School breaks up for Christmas holiday.
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