

Newsletter 18 - 1st February 2019

Dear Families,

I'm not quite sure where January has gone. I can't believe that we're already in February with only 2 more weeks until half term! We have achieved so much this term. The children's learning continues to go from strength to strength. I was in class on Tuesday afternoon observing a Maths lesson and I was yet again impressed at how independent the children are. They all get on so well and help each other in lessons. They were creating their own subtraction problems while wearing Giraffe head bands. If you want to know more, make sure you come to our assembly next **THURSDAY at 2:30pm**. We will be showcasing some of the work that the children have been doing over the past few weeks so it would be great to see you there.

Parents' Evening: Our Parents' Evenings for this term will be held on **TUESDAY 12th 2:30-4:30pm & THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 4-6pm**. This time we are going to put the appointment sheets outside the front office from **Monday 4th February**. Appointment slots are ten minutes long. Please pop in to sign up for your preferred time slot. If you can't come into the office, please phone the school number and Mrs Dennis will be more than happy to let you know which slots are available. Your children's work will be available for you to look at before or after your appointment slot.

Harrier Hub: You may have noticed the outside area in front of the classroom is really taking shape now. Mr Parker has added some artificial grass to make it more comfortable for the children to play in the sand area and he has added a gardening area so that the children can begin to plant seeds as soon as the weather improves. They are doing to be very busy growing things for you to eat! Many thanks to Mr Parker for all his hard work on making such a wonderful area for our children to play and learn in. Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Wagstaffe for contributing the tyres and a compost bin as well as other recycled goodies that we can use. If anyone has any tyres they have finished with, please do let us know as we can use them as planters for the children to grow things in. Thank you.

Eco Status: Our Eco Harriers delivered their assembly on our 3 key areas to work on to the rest of the class/school on Monday (with a little bit of help from me). They did a great job and because of this, we did it! We are officially a Bronze school and already well on our way to gaining Silver. Please see photograph below. Well done children!

Catering: Our Kitchen officially opens on Tuesday which we are very excited about! Look out on Twitter for lots of photographs! See our Twitter name in the footer below.

Weather: Please ensure that your child has a hat, scarf and gloves with their name on in school with them over the next few weeks while we have this cold weather. We try to get outside as much as possible. If it is very cold, we try to get out for a short while just to give the children a chance to burn off some energy and get some fresh air so it is important they are wrapped up nice and warm. Thank you for your help with this.

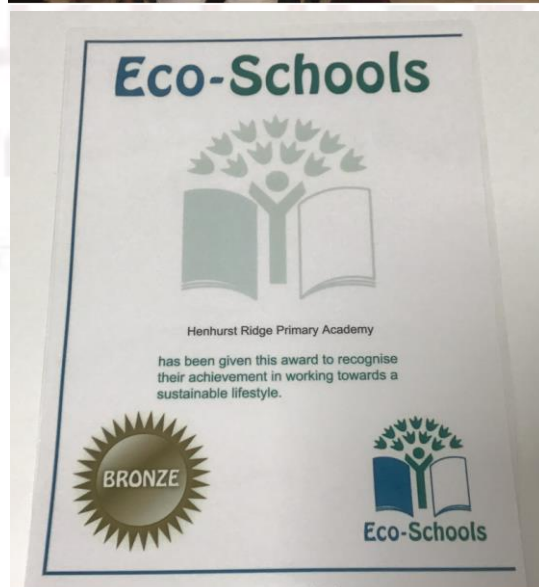
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Opening Ceremony - 14th March: Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our opening ceremony due to the unfinished work at the entrance of the school. Although the work is expected to be completed in March, a decision was taken with the Academy Trust and the Local Authority to move it to later in the academic year to ensure the school has time to be looking its very best as we welcome lots of people to mark this special occasion. It is likely to take place in June but I will share the date with you once it is confirmed.

Harrier Award: This week's Harrier Award goes to Hayyan for trying out lots of new ideas in the Construction area this week. He has made lots of vehicles using different methods and using different tools. Well done Hayyan, perhaps we have discovered a budding designer for the future!

Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm!
Very best wishes,

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