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Educating For 'Life In All Its Fullness'

8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in our usual celebration assembly, we said a very well done to the following children for making the extra effort to impress with their work or their behaviour and attitude.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Arthur W L'Nayah B
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Laara H Brilliant Behaviour: Sam J
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Francesca W Brilliant Behaviour: Summer H
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Millie M Brilliant Behaviour: Gracie C

Congratulations Harewood C of E Primary School.

We are in the top 1% of schools in England.

Earlier this week school received a letter from the Department for Education congratulating Harewood on being in the top 1% of all schools in England for Key Stage 2 attainment. Although official league tables have not been published for a few years, school has consistently achieved excellent results and it has been good that this has been recognised. Year on year we rank highly in the Leeds and national comparisons in Phonics attainment, KS1, and KS2 attainment and last year we narrowly lost out on being the top attaining school in Leeds, missing out by just 1%.

I would like to congratulate the children for their work but also say a very big thank you to all the staff in school who have worked tirelessly with the children to enable this to happen. **Well done Harewood. Be proud of who you are and what you can achieve.**

Parents Questionnaire

Thank you to those families who have already completed the questionnaire. This is a last call for families to take part in our survey. It should only take a few minutes to complete by following the link below. Thank you.



Mr Alister Ratcliffe MP

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5 February 2024

D. M. Ratcliffe

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessment last year.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 93 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for achievement in reading, writing and mathematics, Harewood Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country.

The government wants to ensure that every child has the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, which is why I was delighted to see your results.

Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards, and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

D. M. Ratcliffe
Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools



Link to the parent questionnaire - <https://forms.office.com/e/WqPZ27SrnV>

World Book Day

Yesterday was World Book Day. This was a great opportunity to celebrate all things book related, share our favourite books and story characters.

The children looked great in their costumes and PJs yesterday. Thank you to families for helping the children with this and to those who took photos of the children reading in unusual places. You found some amazing places.

In the coming days I will upload a selection of photos onto the website if you would like a look.

READ YOUR WAY

You are
AMAZING.
You are
IMPORTANT.
You are
SPECIAL.
You are
UNIQUE.
You are
KIND.
You are
PRECIOUS.
You are
LOVED.

'Wellbeing Statement of the Month'

March 2024

Everyone is a unique individual, with the power to make a difference for themselves and for others.

Collective Worship Music - This Is Amazing Grace – Phil Wickham

This week's song is called 'This is Amazing Grace' by Phil Wickham. 'This is Amazing Grace' is a powerful Christian anthem. A musical anthem is a song of celebration. The focus of this song is the Gospel message. It tells us about the amazing thing that Jesus has done for us on the cross so that we can be forgiven. It proves that God loves us and is worthy of our attention and praise.

'This is Amazing Grace' can be sung at any time of the year but many people sing this song at Easter because the lyrics talk about God's unfailing love for us and how important the sacrifice of the cross is so that we can be forgiven. It tells the story that God has written himself.

YouTube link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFRjr_x-yxU

Events and Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 13 th March	Class 4 Leeds Lieder Workshop
Thursday 14 th March	PTA Bun Sale (Class 2)
Tuesday 19 th March	Class 1 Harewood Estate Visit
Thursday 21 st March	Class 2 Harewood Estate Visit
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Easter Bingo Evening
Thursday 28 th March	School closes today for the Easter break.

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

