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Message from the Executive Headteacher

As autumn settles in and the leaves begin to fall, we have certainly enjoyed a wonderfully busy and exciting end to the first half of the autumn term!

We rounded off the term in spooky style with our **'Break Out the Ghouls'** dress-up day, organised by our fantastic PTA. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and helped make it such a memorable day for the children.

It has also been a wonderful week for our first school trips of the year! Our Year 6 pupils travelled back in time at the Lincolnsfields Children Centre for a World War II experience, looking absolutely the part in their costumes and wartime outfits. As well as this, yesterday, our Year 3 children had an amazing time exploring Butser Ancient Farm, bringing their learning to life through this fantastic hands-on experience.

As we head into the half-term break, we would like to wish you all a restful and happy half term, with plenty of opportunities to relax and recharge.

A gentle reminder for our return: after half term, children will return wearing their winter school uniform, including shirts and ties, with grey skirts or trousers. Thank you for helping us ensure everyone returns looking *School Smart* and ready for the new half term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another busy and rewarding few weeks of learning at New Haw.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Cahill and Mrs Linnegar

Executive Headteacher and Head of School

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School Value of the Week

What Great Looks Like at New Haw... Best Efforts!

This week, we have continued to focus on Best Efforts - always trying our best, staying positive and persevering when things get challenging. It's about pushing ourselves, learning from mistakes and keeping going, remembering that doing our best isn't about being perfect, but about trying, learning and moving forward!

Please check your emails for full information about our refreshed vision, values and behaviour approach, shared yesterday.



House Points Update

There's been a huge shake-up on the house points scoreboard this week! Blue Hippogriffs have soared into the lead, while Green Dragons and Yellow Phoenixes are neck and neck, with just one point separating them.

Green Dragons	Yellow Phoenixes	Red Griffins	Blue Hippogriffs
947	946	999	1103

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The Week in Pictures



Y3 visit to Butser Farm



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Y6 visit to Lincolnfields Children Centre



Important Messages

Supporting the Poppy Appeal

As we return to school on Monday 2nd November, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A selection of poppies and other commemorative items will be available to purchase in the playground at lunchtime during the week.

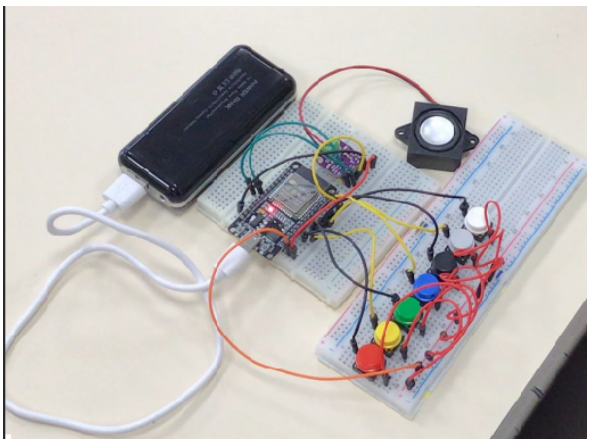
Children are welcome to bring in a little pocket money if they would like to buy an item and show their support for this important cause. Thank you for helping us remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for others.

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Wow Moments!

Xander, in 3V, was inspired by Year 3's computing unit on connections and networks. He made his in-school design idea and invention come to life with this exceptional home-project- a device which makes different animals noises!



Click here to see his invention in action: Scanned Page

Summer Photography Competition Winners

We are delighted to announce the winners of our **Summer Photography Competition!** We received so many fantastic entries, bursting with creativity, imagination and wonderful summer moments. Our School Council had the very difficult task of choosing the winners, as there were so many brilliant photographs to admire!

A huge well done to everyone who took part and got those creative juices flowing. We have been so impressed by the talent on display and loved seeing summer through your eyes. Thank you to everyone who entered, and a big congratulations to our lucky winners!

If you visit the school, you will see some of the works of art displayed along the corridors!

Yeva in 3GM

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Guy in 4A



Robyn in 5L

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Luca in 6R



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Exciting Opportunities

Reinvention Art Competition from Octopus Energy

In assembly last week, the children were informed about an exciting art competition called Reinvention. More information including how to enter can be found here: Reinvention Art Competition | Octopus Energy

Spread the Story Competition – BookTrust

BookTrust, the children's reading charity, is running a fantastic competition for pupils in Years 3–8, and we would love to encourage our budding writers and illustrators to get involved!

The **Spread the Story competition**, run in partnership with BookTrust Represents, celebrates diversity in children's books and aims to improve the representation of people of colour in stories, helping all children to see themselves, their families and their wider communities reflected in the books they read.

Children are invited to share their ideas in **350 words or fewer**, answering the question: *Who would you most like to share a story with, and how would you share it?* Entries can be written stories, annotated drawings or even graphic novel-style creations, so there are plenty of ways to get creative!

🏆 **What could you win?** The first prize includes £3,000 worth of inclusive books for your school and an in-person visit from an author of colour – an amazing opportunity to inspire a love of reading and storytelling!

📅 **Closing date:** Friday 23 October

For full details and information on how to enter, visit the BookTrust website.

Happy writing!

Looking for Half-Term Camps and Activities?

Looking for ways to keep the children entertained this half term? We've gathered a range of special offers, holiday camps and exciting opportunities on our Parent Noticeboard!

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Message from the Parent-Teacher Association



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Tickets are selling fast! Secure your Early-Bird discount here.

After making a purchase, your wrist bands for the event will be sent home with your children the week commencing 2nd November.

Uniform

In need of some pre-loved items? Simply email newhawuniform@gmail.com with the items you need and the required sizes. The mailbox is monitored each week, and the PTA will get back to you with available options.

Reminders

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Planning Ahead

2nd November - Back to school
3rd & 4th November - Diwali Dance Workshop
6th November - Class 6G Assembly @ 3pm

Don't Miss a Date!

Access the parent school calendar here:
New Haw Community School - Calendar

If you hit the 'Subscribe' button on the page, it will sync the dates to your device's calendar!