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Hugh's News

Newsletter - 30/09/2025

Headteacher: Mrs K McNulty
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Message from Mrs McNulty

Welcome back everyone! I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer. A special welcome to all the new pupils and families joining our HGPS community. It's been particularly inspiring to see how well our new Nursery and Reception children have settled in to school life.

Our children deserve the very best! With climbing wall trips, British Library workshops, author visits, free trombone lessons, the launch of two new football teams, Leeds United coaching and an exciting collaboration with the talented musicians from Leeds Conservatoire, school is a busy and buzzing hive of activity this half-term… Just the way we like it!

Mrs McNulty, Headteacher

Attendance - EVERY DAY counts!

We are sure you are already aware that good attendance in school leads to your child's best chance of success. We are here to help you and your children achieve their full potential. Please ensure your child attends school on time every day. If you need any support, do not hesitate to contact the school office via email or telephone.

Our attendance target is at least 96%. Children who achieve this target or higher have good attendance and receive regular certificates and rewards.

If your child's attendance is below 95%, they have missed over 50 lessons in a year! This is extremely concerning and could have a serious impact on their education.

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

Year 6 go Climbing!

Last week, we had a fantastic visit to The Big Depot Climbing Wall with our Year 6 students! It was amazing to see the children challenge themselves, cheer each other on, and grow in confidence with each attempt. Some even made it to the top on their first try! The challenges also helped develop our teamwork, communication, and resilience - all while having fun! We left with tired arms, big smiles, and a great sense of achievement.



Reading Events



This term, we have an action-packed reading event calendar lined up! Four highly esteemed authors (Jeffrey Boakye, Matt Goodfellow and Jordan Collver & Rik Worth) will be visiting our school, offering students a unique opportunity to engage with professional writers and gain insights into their creative processes. In addition, we'll be taking part in exciting book-based workshops run by the British Library, designed to inspire a love of reading and storytelling.



Events

Monday 6th October
British Library Workshop- Refugee's Journey **Y4 Kestrel**
Tuesday 7th October
British Library Workshop - Write Like a Poet
Tuesday 7th October
Y6 Peacock Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Tuesday 7th October
Author Visit Jordan Collver and Rik Worth-Pet Tell Tales of ancient Egypt - Year 2,3 and 4
Wednesday 8th October
Y6 Falcon
Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Wednesday 8th October
Once upon a fairy tale workshop
Thursday 9th October
British Library Workshop- Music Storytellers **Y3 Skylark**
Thursday 9th October
Author visit Jeffrey Boakye- Kofi and the secret radio station **Y5+6**
Wednesday 15th October
Y5 Goldfinch Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Thursday 16th October
Bonfire night safety talk
Friday 17th October
Y5 Woodpecker Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Monday 20th October
Y5 Hummingbird Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Tuesday 11th November
Y4 Nightingale- Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Wednesday 12th November
Y4 Kestrel- Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Friday 14th November
4 Magpie - Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Tuesday 25th November
Y3 Sandpiper-Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Tuesday 25th November
Y6 - Matt Goodfellow Author Visit
Wednesday 26th November
Y3 Skylark- Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Friday 28th November
Y3 Wren Big Depot Climbing Wall trip
Friday 24th October
School Closes at 3:15pm for Half term holidays
Monday 3rd November
School reopens after Half term holiday

Hugh Gaitskell PRIMARY SCHOOL — One World, One School

6 Falcon Class and Leeds Conservatoire Collaboration

We are thrilled to announce that students and musicians from Leeds Conservatoire will be visiting Hugh Gaitskell to work with our Year 6 Falcon class on an exciting music project! Together, they'll be composing their very own song, using a mix of drums, flutes, and ukuleles, and even writing their own original lyrics. To celebrate their hard work, there will be a special concert performance where both the talented Conservatoire students and our Year 6 pupils will take to the stage. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to be inspired by real musicians and to shine with their own amazing talents. This promises to be a fantastic event showcasing creativity, teamwork, and a lot of musical fun!



⚽🏆 Rising Stars on the Move! 🧗 💪

Our U11 and U10 football teams are kicking off the season in style, with special training sessions led by a Leeds United coach coming up soon! ⚽🔥 We can't wait to see them represent our school in the tournaments ahead and show off their teamwork and talent.

Meanwhile, all KS2 classes will be taking on the challenge of free climbing activities throughout the autumn term 🧗 🏅 —let's see who can reach new heights, conquer the wall, and bring out their competitive spirit! 💪🎉



BIG DEPOT CLIMBING

Physical Education (PE) Kit Reminder



Please remind your child to wear the correct PE kit on PE days. It is very important that pupils have the correct PE kit in order to keep them comfortable and safe.

Our bottle green PE t-shirts are to be worn with plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black shorts and are required for all PE and Games lessons. Games lessons take place outdoors - Black hoodies with the school logo are also available.

If you are unsure how to purchase our new PE kit, please contact the school office on info@hg-ps.org or 01132716963.

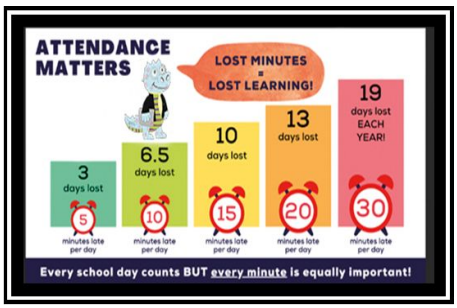


Attendance

Attendance : Our target is **96%** Please ensure your child arrives at school on time every day.

Class	Last Week's Attendance %	Lates
R Robins	91.6	1
R Penguins	90.0	5
R Parrots	94.0	2
1 Flamingo	97.1	3
1 Toucan	94.1	4
1 Owl	96.5	3
2 Swan	99.0	6
2 Bluebird	95.7	4
2 Kingfisher	87.8	0
3 Skylark	93.2	2

Class	Last Week's Attendance %	Lates
3 Sandpiper	95.7	9
3 Wren	92.3	6
4 Nightingale	95.4	1
4 Magpie	92.0	6
4 Kestrel	93.3	8
5 Hummingbird	94.8	4
5 Goldfinch	96.6	4
5 Woodpecker	93.8	9
6 Eagle	97.0	3
6 Falcon	96.4	0
6 Peacock	100	3



Place2Be News

We would like to wish Sharon Apperley, our new Place2Be Project Manager a warm HGPS welcome!

If you would like to learn more about Place2Be - our free, on-site counselling service and mental health support team, please visit our school website for more information: https://www.hughgaitskell.leeds.sch.uk/pupils/place2be

Place 2Be — Improving children's mental health

If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm, please contact the Children's Social Work Services on 01132224403.
Our Child Protection Officers are Mrs McNulty, Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Belton.