



Newsletter

Marvellous March 2021



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Celebrations



Throughout the last few weeks, we have had much to celebrate at Mackie Hill School. World Book Day was such a fun filled day and it was wonderful to see the children dressed up both at school and at home. A big thank you to Mrs Pearson for organising the Masked Reader! We had a great time identifying the mystery story readers.



We have also been fund raising for a Memorial Garden for Ethan Hargreaves and the response from our children, families, wider community and staff has been overwhelming. Our school community has risen to the fund raising challenge and have had loads of fun taking on new challenges. We have also had many donations of equipment, resources and planters to compliment our garden. All the staff in school send a heartfelt thankyou to you all for taking part. Our PTA are currently collecting the money raised so I shall share the total with you as soon as possible. Our next step is establish a working party to plan and create our new memorial garden. I shall continue to share the progress and development on upcoming newsletters.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 17th March—
Individual School Photographs

Friday 19th March —Comic Relief

Monday 22nd March— Mindful Minis. Whole school event

Wednesday 24th March— Year 3 Stone Age Day

Thursday 25th March— 10am deadline for final entries to the Easter Egg Competition

Friday 26th March— School Closes at 3:15pm for the Easter Break.

Monday 12th April—School opens for the start of the Summer Term

Please note a change in INSET Day arrangements on the 6th May for Polling. The remaining 3 INSET Days this year are:

*6th May—Polling Day
28th May
26th July*

Covid-19 Updates

Staff in school will continue to be vigilant in adhering to the safety measures we have in place. Any symptomatic pupils will be isolated with an adult and parents contacted immediately.

We ask parents to adhere to the staggered start and drop off times to reduce the amount of people on site at one time. These are available on the school website.

A big thank you to those parents who continue to maintain a distance of 2m from other households and wear face coverings whilst on school site. Can parents please note that we do have parents who are exempt from wearing face coverings and families that establish support bubbles.

You can now access Rapid Covid-19 Tests for households of school age children. See the school website for more information or collect a leaflet from the office.

Easter Competition

To celebrate Easter this year, we challenge the children to decorate a hard boiled egg in the theme of their lockdown hero. Design suggestions are anyone who has been a hero for your child or your family during lockdown. It could be a family member or friend, pet, neighbour, Joe Wicks or your postman.

You can be as adventurous and creative as you like. Entries cannot be brought into school this year so we will be judging them remotely via photographs on either twitter [@MackieHill](https://twitter.com/MackieHill) or homework@mackiehill.wakefield.sch.uk The closing date for entries is Thursday 25th March at 10am.

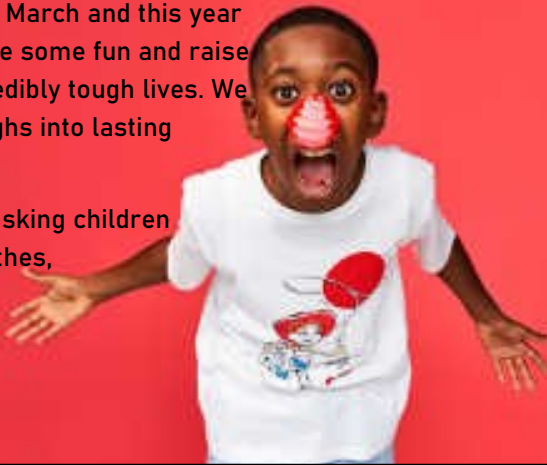
Prizes will be awarded for the best design and a runner-up per class. I'm sure you will have a cracking time making your designs.

I wonder if Mrs Catterick will remain staff champion this year?

RED NOSE DAY IS BACK

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change.

We are supporting Comic Relief by asking children to come into school in their own clothes, anything suitable for the weather is acceptable, and make a small cash donation to support the charity. Suggested donation is £1.



Parent Pay

If you have not already registered for ParentPay, please contact the school office and they can guide you through the registration.

ParentPay is now the main payment method used at Mackie Hill.



A big thank you to all our PTA members for supporting school. Thanks to your partnership work with school, we have received a grant from Persimmon Homes to fund new laptops, designed new safer parking posters for the school gates and have recently purchased new digital photoframes to display your photographs and videos from lockdown.

We are hoping that the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions will mean we can resume larger events in the Summer Term.
Thank you again for all your support and dedication!



Individual Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 17th March to take individual photographs of all children.

Due to covid restrictions, we are not able to take any sibling photographs this year as this would involve increased movement of children across bubbles throughout school.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs. J Elliott & Mackie Hill Staff