



Silsden Primary School News: Hothfield Site Edition

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Silsden Year of Music 2018

We launched our year of music with a great concert by the Blackhill Barrow Boys...



Our Year of Music aims to promote music learning across the school for our children – this includes enjoying and appreciating listening to music, making music and learning about music in the classroom, in assemblies and through special events like our launch concert.

Wonderful Writers...

Our children develop their writing skills best when they are positive and inspired to write... Children have completed a Writing Attitudes Survey so we can identify about what kinds of writing they enjoy and what about their writing they think they need most help with. The great news is that 87% of our children enjoy writing – and 50% of them love it!

Y5 Astronaut Day



Y5 children entered Silsden Primary Space Academy last week to experience what it would be like to train as an astronaut. Throughout the day, they undertook a series of challenges (all based on real astronaut training tasks) to test their physical, mental and communication skills.

Highlights included a bleep test in the hall, a tricky numerical memory test, a repetitive origami task and a maze with reverse controls!

All children (worryingly?) are now fully-certificated qualified astronauts!

Times Table Bee

We brought forward this term's Times Table Bee so that we could make it a sponsored event for the NSPCC – thank you for your support on this.

Fluency in Times Tables really supports children to find other aspects of maths so much easier – and so we encourage children to learn their Times Tables in all sorts of ways. All the children have a log-in to Sumdog – the online maths games programme that children love! – and they can select particular Times Tables practice. Googling 'Times Tables Games' throws up all sorts of fun on-line games that help children be motivated to know and practice their tables...

All the children who achieve a 100% score in the Bee will receive an Award in SPOTS assembly with additional awards for those children in each class who have improved the most since the last Bee.....



Silsden Primary School Safer Internet Week 5th-10th February

Messages that keep children safe online are emphasised throughout the year, but next week we link in with the national Safer Internet Day to reinforce the SMART rules for safe internet use:

Safe: *Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.*

Meeting: *Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.*

Accepting: *Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!*

Reliable: *Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.*

Tell: *Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.*

Some good games for children to reinforce these rules, as well as advice for parents, is available at www.kidsmart.org.uk as well as www.thinkuknow.co.uk.