



# Silsden Primary School News: Hothfield Site Edition

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## Promoting 6Rs Through Sport

Many of the Silsden 6R learning skills are developed through competitive sport and over the last weeks many of our children have really shown their Resilience, Resourcefulness and good Relationships.

Many Silsden Primary School children took part in the final KCAC Primary Schools Cross Country Race in Silsden Park, which saw children from schools all over the district competing. It was fantastic to see so many of our pupils, many competing for the first time, showing their incredible grit and determination, spurred on by the enthusiastic cheers and shouts from their parents and class mates.

Over the season, the running teams have all done well in the Keighley League – but particularly the Y5 and Y6 Girls who have been crowned league champions!

More Resilience was on display at the Bingley Schools Swimming Gala where our team competed against some of the best swimmers in the district. They did so with great spirit – again showing many of the Silsden 6Rs in action. We were knocked out at the semi-final stage this year... so keep working on your swimming team so that we can get through to the finals next year.

Other competitive team events this half term have included dodgeball, football and netball. Thank you to Mr Bolland, Miss Dagazan, Mrs Meakin, Mrs Rothery, Mrs Boyes and all the other staff and parents who help to enable our children to compete in sporting events.

## Mastering Maths

We had 13 teachers from other schools in the region visiting 6Ingleborough on Friday to see their amazing maths skills...

Silsden Primary School is developing as a centre of excellence for the teaching and learning of maths as we pioneered what is known as 'the mastery approach' to maths – a programme of maths teaching being rolled out around the country. Mr Bolland is an accredited 'Maths Mastery Specialist Teacher'. On Friday, thirteen visiting teachers came to see how the children in 6Ingleborough use talk and reasoning to deepen their maths learning. The visiting teachers were so impressed by the ability of the children to explain their thinking and use reasoning skills to solve problems. As a result of the 'Mastery Approach', we think our children are becoming more-rounded and skilled mathematicians than ever before...

Great work 6Ingleborough children – you did us proud!

## Safeguarding: Keeping Our Children Safe On The Road...

I have been very concerned in recent weeks by seeing a number of children cross Hothfield Street – often heading from or towards a parent's parked car – **without looking first**. On some occasions, the child has had their coat hood up – restricting their view even further.

We have talked about the importance of 'stop, look and listen' before crossing in assembly. Y3 children have also been completing their road safety awareness course over the last two weeks.

Adults, please also support the road safety message by:

-Reinforcing the 'stop, look and listen' message with your child – and supervising them to do this when dropping off/ collecting.

- Not blocking the pavement around the gates so children (from Aire View too) have to step into the road to get by... When dropping and collecting children, please wait **inside** the gates rather than outside on the pavement...

(If you have to wait outside – with a dog for instance – please ensure there is room for children and prams to pass without having to use the road)

- Crossing Hothfield Street in the area marked by the zig-zags where there is a clear view of traffic – and insisting our children cross here too...

- As drivers, respecting the zig-zag area as the crossing point – and **not as a drop-off point**. **There is 'no stopping' and 'no dropping off' on the zig-zags**. The police tell us that this is because parents (naturally) then watch their child safely into school – but can then be unaware of other children crossing in front of them.

- As drivers, being hyper-vigilant and travelling very slowly on Hothfield Street. Almost all the traffic on Hothfield Street at school start and finish times is parent cars - so together we can ensure that no cars are travelling fast and putting our children at risk...

What a fabulous performance by Y3 this week – well done to all! Photos on the blog...

It is important the children have a good understanding of the Easter Story... Key Stage 2 children will be attending our special Easter Service at St James' on the final afternoon of the term – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March...

School will then break for the Easter holidays. We open again on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. We hope you have a good Easter break...

## Sports Relief Friday

Well done to all for supporting the non-uniform day for Sports Relief and Jamie Simpson-Kidd on Friday. The children really enjoyed wearing their sports gear and having a fun run through the day... The School Council were very impressed by former-pupil Jamie's determination to represent Great Britain at the Junior Olympics taekwondo qualifier event and so decided that half the funds raised should go to support him. From the Hothfield Site, £222 was raised for Sports Relief and so £222 for Jamie's fund.