



# Hey with Zion V.C. Primary

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Dear parents and carers,

This is the final newsletter of the academic year 2024- 2025.

It has been a wonderful year, and one filled with excitement and fun as well as great learning!

We continue to excel as a school. 79% of our reception children achieved a "Good Level of Development." All the children made brilliant progress from their starting points. Well done!

The year one children excelled with their phonic tests and 84% passed with flying colours. Again, all the children have made real progress from their starting points - superb results!

Year 4 have kept the standard high with 22/ 25 as the average score in the Multiplication and Times Table Check! This is amazing!

- Year 6 have continued the theme with our provisional results being -
- 73% of our children achieving age related expectations in reading and 24% working at "greater depth."
- 78% achieved age related expectations in writing with 17% working at greater depth.
- In Maths 88% achieved age related expectations and 24% achieving the higher level of greater depth.

These are fabulous results and show how hard the children have worked.

Fun events run by school and the PTFA have been the Light Disco, Christmas Fair, The ever popular nativities, the Colour Run, the sponsored events for EDUKIDS, the Art Gallery, the Summer Fair, the pop up stalls, the EET Big Sing, the Britain's Got Talent Magic Show, the church joint services, the choir events, the music events and shows including our children's Brass event and trip to the Queen Elizabeth Hall to see the Snowman, the workshops on mental health and disabilities by Man City, the meet the players event by Latics and visits by our community groups to support the environment and those in need, our Chess competitions and visitors in school including MPs, Vikings and various people of note.

A big thank you to the PTFA and please join them in helping make our school the best in the area!



THANK YOU! From LSG FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT: through promoting and engaging the children in the competitions & events, through our Villages in Bloom, being Litter Heroes and helping to keep our villages clean & tidy! Please see the summer activities above.

## Class News

### Nursery

Nursery have had an amazing last half term! We have been so busy this half term and the children have enjoyed every minute of it. We went to our school trip this half term, to Cockfield's Farm Park and it was a very fun day! The children had the opportunity to feed and pet the animals as well as playing in the park area. We have also had a Teddy Bears Picnic to raise money for EduKids and we managed to raise £49 together! It has been a very busy year, and I am so proud of how far the children have come. They have made amazing progress in all areas of learning. Well done, Nursery!



### Reception

Reception enjoyed raising money for EduKids. The children came to school dressed in their pj's and enjoyed a milkshake and biscuits. We raised a total of £50, and fun was had by all. Reception have also enjoyed becoming a unit, having the opportunities to explore their learning and development across the indoor and outdoor provision.

### Reception Year 1

This half term in our class we have been learning about the seasonal changes for summer, toys from the past and making a model that has moving wheels on an axle. We had our turn to lead Collective Worship. We learnt poems to perform and enjoyed learning some actions to help us remember the words.

We had sports day. We enjoyed all the races, but the class talked about the egg and spoon race and the sack race the most! We went on our trip to Portland Basin Museum to link to our learning in History. We met a lady there called "The Timekeeper" and she showed us around the museum as we looked for clues about toys in the past.





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## Year 1/2

This half term we have been inspired by the story of Paddington in English we have written postcards and looked at the characters and the setting in detail. We have also made marmalade sandwiches in DT and enjoyed learning skills such as hygiene, spreading and cutting.

We have been on a school trip to George St Chapel, we all came away very grateful that we have a warm, kind caring school that we learn and flourish in.

We have also been very busy in PE and using all our skills to complete a range of challenges. A wonderful year!



## Year 2

This term, Year 2 have been exploring their new core text: Little Evie and the Wild Wood by Jackie Morris. The children LOVED this book and enjoyed learning about the author's different writing techniques. They have written some lovely pieces of writing about Little Evie and written some excellent setting descriptions.

The children have also looked at 'Time' in math's and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about it! Most of the children are very confident with time and enjoy telling me the time during different times of the day 😊

We have enjoyed our wider curriculum learning; exploring shadows in science and our PSHE lessons on keeping safe with rules. The children have done some fabulous collaborative learning in all areas, and we are so excited for what the last few weeks in term have in store for us! 😊

## Year 3

This term year 3 have loved learning all about our topic of the Ancient Greeks. They have learnt about how they lived; their artwork and we have even looked at the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We connected our history topic with our design and technology unit where we made some shards of Greek pottery including thinking of how they were decorated and what they were used for.



### **Year 3/4**

We have been very busy this half term.

Children have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks, including the history of the Olympic Games.

The Year 4 children have completed their multiplication check, and all children have made great progress with their times tables this year.

Sports day was a huge success and now the children are looking forward to Junior Athletics.

### **Year 4**

We have had a fabulous last term; the children have researched Picasso and used his art to inspire their own work. They loved studying the work of Clarice Cliff and designing their own teapots. The children have played rounders and bench ball and competed in the Junior Athletics competition. Our class trip this was to the Regional Science Centre. This created opportunities to take part in several investigations in a fully equipped science lab. Bunsen burners were the stars of the show with children developing their knowledge of States of matter, separating matter using filtration and evaporation.

### **Year 5**

This half term has been a busy one in year 5. In History, we went and visited the Jorvik Viking centre in York and took part in a dig for ancient ruins. They had a fabulous time learning about how the Vikings lived and medicine in this era. The children also got to be archaeologists looking for and uncovering artefacts at the DIG centre before touring a Viking village



In Science, we have been looking at forces and managed to investigate how weight and shape effects air resistance, using weights and flour. In English, we have been focusing on creating tension and suspense, the children wrote their own paragraph about a haunted house and then came to the front of the class to read out their story using a torch. In Art, we have been looking at sculptures and all the different ways that they can be created. The children have made some wonderful sculptures out of clay and pipe cleaners with tinfoil

Year 5 took part in the Sports Day and Junior Athletics this half term. They had great fun at the Sports Day where Dahl were the overall winners.



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In Year 6, we have been completing our work in the foundation subjects, in Geography we have looked South America where the children completed a Fact file on the rainforest. In Science we looked at the topics 'Light' and 'Evolution and Inheritance'. As part of the work linked to light the children completed a team challenge to make a periscope. All the groups worked exceptionally hard on this task, and they created periscopes that worked. As part of our looked at local history the children researched a famous person from Greater Manchester who changed the world. There was a wide array of people researched from Emmeline Pankhurst and Annie Kenney to Alan Turing. Year 6 also participated in a disability workshop with CITC, during the sessions they explored different disabilities and the impact they have on people. They also enjoyed a game of paralympic volleyball. The children have also designed and created a new board game and a new breakfast product as part of our enterprise projects. It has been wonderful to see the children engaged in independent learning over the half term as the get ready for the move to High School.

## Other News

The School Street is effective, and the children are a lot safer. Please continue to be considerate and safe. Please avoid parking on the streets surrounding school - there is safe parking on Springhead Football Club car park and on Aldi car park. Please continue to be mindful of residents and please avoid parking on pavements. Many thanks for your continuing support.

We have reviewed and will continue to run the very popular "Homework Club" from 8am and after-school to 4:15pm. Wrap around care for all our children is extended further by St Edward's School from early morning to early evening, please contact them if you require a place.

Each class had a trip out of school and the children enjoyed taking their learning off site. We thank you for paying for the cost of the venues and we thank the PTFA, who subsidised the very expensive coach transport costs, without these contributions could not take place.

Sports Day was well attended by families, and the weather was perfect - well done to the children! Junior Athletics allowed our talented children to shine, and their effort was a pleasure to see.



Look out for Class Dojo logins in September. Class Dojo will improve communication between home and school, and we will be able to share good news and rewards from class teachers and send reminders of class events!

We also will be moving away from our current catering supplier to 'Taylor Shaw'. We have distributed some correspondence over the last week or two. You will have to bear with us in September as we roll out the new system. The new menus are currently under review, but we still will be operating a 3 weekly rotation system, and the prices will be still £2.90 for Key Stage 2. Nursery prices will be slightly less; we should have that information by September. Please can we ask you not to top up your ParentMail account and clear any outstanding balances before we return in September.

Sadly, Hey with Zion will say goodbye to Mrs Peacock, Mrs Light and Mrs Hibbs who are all retiring. On behalf of the school, staff, pupils and families, we would like to say a huge thank you to them for the great work they have done and the commitment and loyalty to Hey with Zion. We will miss them dreadfully. 😞

We also say thank you and goodbye to Reverend Suva who has shaped our school so much over the years she has been here, as a governor and as a worship leader. We will miss her immensely but know that she will touch many more lives as she continues her ministry.

We also say goodbye and good luck to our amazing year 6 pupils, who have been just wonderful in every way! We are so proud of who you are and the things you have achieved! Shine brightly and come and visit us in the future!

A big thank you from me to you all, to the children, parents, governors, Epworth Trust, Oldham LA, the churches, volunteers and of course all the staff, for your never-ending commitment and enthusiasm! I hope you have a wonderful summer, and we will see you on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Best wishes

Mrs Machin

And don't forget Instagram!

