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Hungerhill Highlights



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Welcome to our Hungerhill School Spring Newsletter!

As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, we are excited to share with you all the fantastic things that have been happening at Hungerhill School this term. From inspiring student achievements and exciting trips to creative projects and sporting successes, it has been a busy and rewarding few months!

In this edition, you'll find highlights from our classrooms, extracurricular activities, and special events that have made this term so memorable. We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication, enthusiasm, and accomplishments, and we hope you enjoy reading about their successes as much as we have enjoyed celebrating them. As always, we couldn't offer such a wonderful array of experiences for our students without our dedicated and committed staff, a huge thank you must also go to them for their support in making what you read about in this newsletter possible.

Thank you for your continued support as our wonderful parents and carers; we wish you a lovely Easter!

kindest regards

Mrs Crawford, Headteacher



Read
for Good

Charity Update

As you know, at Hungerhill we are committed to charity work and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We believe we can always make a difference, and our community consistently rises to the charity challenges we undertake.

This term the main charity initiative has been Readathon. Readathon is a three-week independent sponsored reading event, which raises money for Read for Good. Read for Good is a fantastic charity that provides books and reading materials for children in hospital. They also pay for adult readers to go into these hospitals to bring the books to life! They work extensively with Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Hull Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Hallamshire Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary. At the time of writing this article, the final totals were not yet in, so we will update you in the next newsletter, but we want to take this opportunity to thank students and parents/carers for their efforts on this one. We are truly proud of you.

In addition to Readathon, we have also raised £780 through our non-uniform day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. It was brilliant to see so many staff and students dress up as their favourite book character, and to have so many students take part in the literary treasure hunt organised by Miss Jones. The money from non-uniform day will be split between Read for Good and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice (which is the school's charity for this year), and it will make a big difference, so thank you once again to everyone involved.

Wishing our entire community a brilliant Easter break.

Mr Clayton – Enrichment Lead

World Book Day 2025

We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! At Hungerhill we love to promote a love of reading and the joy that books can bring, so for us, this was a brilliant way to celebrate and share our love of reading.

Students had the opportunity to take part in a range of book related activities; there was a literary treasure hunt around the school, form time reading, creative writing activities, designing book covers and blurbs, as well as creating our own bookmarks. It was lovely to see so many students getting involved with these activities. Students also left with lots of book recommendations from staff!



Spelling Bee 2025

This half term has seen the return of Hungerhill's Spelling Bee! The school corridors were buzzing with excitement over the finals, which were held in the school hall on the 25th and 26th February. Staff, students and parents came along to support the excellent students who were brave and confident enough to put themselves through rigorous and nail-biting finals.

The two events were fantastic, the students who competed were a credit to our community and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to those who came to support their students, friends and family. We hope to see more of you next year.

In a round of sudden death, the winner for Year 7 is from 7U Sebastian Grybski.

For Year 8, there was an exciting final which led to 8H winning with Meadow Black and Marc Robles.

The winner for Year 9 was the returning champion from 9C Anjola Akermale and Ammar Amjad.

Our Year 10 students were excellent and kept us all on our toes, the winners were from 10E, Lewis Paterson and Demi Taylor. A special shout out goes to Oliver Mottram who arrived as a spectator, yet graciously and heroically stepped in to support another student who didn't want to compete by herself.



Grease is the Word

We might not have reached the "Summer Nights" yet, but the atmosphere was "electrifying" on 11th-13th February for our school production of Grease (Young@Part).

The audiences certainly had "chills and they were multiplying" as they turned out in force, with sell out shows each evening, to watch our cast and crew who showed that they were definitely "Born to Hand Jive" as they put on a spectacular display of talent.

Some quotes from audience feedback:

"What a cast! The pupils were so enthusiastic and full of life, rising to the challenge of such a demanding show."

"Choreography was amazing!"

"A special thanks to the pupils in the foyer, who were most welcoming and polite."

"All I can say is Wow! It truly was amazing."

"It's evident that the students have put so much work in and they should be so proud of it! It was a great show."



Enrichment Update

Term 2 has been another huge success for Enrichment here at our school. Currently we are running an incredible 43 different clubs every week – and some of these run more than once a week! We believe that the provision at our school is second-to-none, so please keep an eye on what is available each week via the School Website and the Weekly Student Bulletin.

This term, the programme has been further supplemented by Year 9 Film Club, Year 10 and Year 11 lunchtime Basketball, GCSE Invitational Badminton Club, Running Club, Cricket Nets and Gymnastics Club. As always, we very much welcome your ideas on what clubs you would like to see here at school, so please feel free to contact me, via the 'contact us' section of the school website, with your thoughts.



We must take a second at this point to recognise the incredible contribution made by the members of staff who continue to give up their time to enrich our school and provide the out-of-class experiences that help develop our students into the skilful, creative, knowledgeable, and well-rounded individuals that colleges, universities, and employers are looking for.

On behalf of our entire community, thank you so much!

Enrichment Club in Focus

Each half term, we put a club 'in-focus', highlighting the incredible work they do. This time around it is **British Sign Language (BSL) Club** which runs in Room 3 on a Tuesday from 12.10-12.45pm (lunch passes are available and you can bring a packed lunch to club if you want to). The club is run by Mr Cattell who, amongst everything else he does at our school, is highly trained and skilled in British Signing. This club offers a unique opportunity to add Signing to your CV. Being able to communicate with the hearing impaired is such a brilliant thing to be able to do. Topics covered so far at this club include the alphabet, greetings, basic phrases, songs, school subjects, numbers, and holidays. Next week the topic is food.

When I visited this club, I was so impressed by the engagement and determination of our students to learn how to sign. Mr Cattell employs adaptive teaching strategies to ensure that all members make progress and develop their skills.

There is a lovely, fun, relaxed, yet purposeful atmosphere in this club. It was great to hear the amazing feedback from students. One member said the club is fun and that it is 'awesome learning new things and making new friends'. Another student told me that it is 'amazing to be able to

learn a new way to communicate with people who can't use words'.

One thing that everyone agreed on is what an amazing job Mr Cattell is doing as the club leader. Club members remarked that he is an inspiration, that he always does lots of preparation to make the sessions a success, and that he's very patient, giving students lots of time to practise and learn.

Thank you, Mr Cattell for everything you do at our school. You are a highly valued member of staff and



what you have done bringing British Sign Language into our Enrichment programme is truly phenomenal. We are proud of you and this club. And the introduction of BSL into our provision doesn't stop there...we are currently working on plans to start an adult BSL club for staff and parents/carers to attend and Mr Cattell will also be taking the show on the road to our local Primary Schools in the not-too-distant future!

Mr Cattell and our BSL Club members – please keep up the brilliant work!



In addition to BSL Club, I have also visited lots of other clubs since I last wrote to you. It has been a privilege to see so much of what goes on in Enrichment. Once again, I want to reiterate that we want ALL our students to be involved, so if you don't already attend at least one club, please check out the schedule on the student bulletin or the school website (Curriculum - Personal development - Enrichment), choose a club, and come along. You won't regret it. I promise.

Mr Clayton – Enrichment Lead

Updating Personal Information

If any of you or your child's details change, particularly if a phone number or email address changes, you must let us know as soon as possible so we can update your child's record. There are multiple ways that you can let the school know about any updates you need to make.

- Complete a 'Change of Personal Information' paper form – these can be collected from the school reception and then returned once completed
- Complete an online 'Change of Personal Information' form – these can be downloaded from the school website and then either emailed to school or returned to the school reception once completed
- Email your changes to admin@hungerhillschool.com giving your child's name and form group and both your old and new information.

Thank you for supporting the school in maintaining accurate records.

Brilliant Club

During the first half of this year, 14 students have had the opportunity to work with a PhD student from the University of Sheffield, Kelsey Wosnitzka. Over their 7-week course, they worked with Kelsey on a specific area of her research as part of the Oncology and Metabolism team at the University of Sheffield Medical School.

Their course title was "Cancer: The Most Challenging Scientific Question of Our Time?"

Whilst thinking about this question, students wrote their own 2000-word essay, which was submitted and graded at a university level.

All 13 students that submitted their final assignment passed the course and were invited to a Graduation Event at the University of Sheffield, where they got to collect their certificates, hear from other students in the programme about the area they studied, and we even had our very own Spokescholar who shared our own research with others at the event – Maia Abdelmessih!



Inter Form Competitions

Please see below the updated Inter Form Competition Leaderboards.

Since the last newsletter, we have completed our 2025 Spelling Bee. Round One involved all students in Year 7-10 with the winning Form Groups receiving a Champion's breakfast as well as top points for the Inter Form Competition. The top performers from each Form Group then went through to the Year Group Finals nights that were held on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March. All the finals were fantastic and keenly contested. There were timed rounds, 'shout-out' rounds and sudden-death play-offs to establish the winners. All the students involved showed great confidence and aptitude, but extra congratulations must go to the Year Groups winners listed below.

- Year 7 – Sebastian Grybski (7U)
- Year 8 – Meadow Black and Marc Robles (8H)
- Year 9 – Anjola Akermale and Ammar Amjad (9C)
- Year 10 – Lewis Paterson and Demi Taylor (10E)

Huge thanks need to go to Mr Cattell and Mrs Hancock who acted as Quiz Masters, but extra special thanks need to go to Miss Jones and Mr Rookledge who spent an awful lot of time planning and organising both Round One and the Finals. We couldn't have done it without you!

Year 7 have also had an Inter Form Table Tennis competition. Thank you to Mr Moorwood for running this. The standard of play was really high, and the results are below.

And let's not forget that attendance figures also factor in to the Inter Form Leaderboards. We all know the importance of attending school for our future, and that is why we reward it in so many ways...with this being just one.

At the time of writing, the Inter Form Leaderboards look like this.

Well done everyone. All to play for next term!

Year 7 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Test	Attendance	Charity Operations	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Spelling Bee Round Five	Sports Challenges	Charity Fashion	Sports Day	Running Totals	Current placing
7H	4	5	1	2	0	8	4	1				25	8 th
7U	2	4	6	1	8	7	2	8				38	4 th
7N	6	7	3	3	2	2	1	7				31	7 th
7G	8	1	6	7	3	6	3	4				38	4 th
7E	3	8	6	5	6	5	6	5				45	1 st
7R	7	2	8	4	7	1	7	3				39	3 rd
7I	5	6	3	8	5	4	8	2				41	2 nd
7L	1	3	7	6	4	3	5	6				35	6 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6						

Year 8 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Test	Attendance	Charity Operations	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Spelling Bee Round Five	Sports Challenges	Charity Fashion	Sports Day	Running Totals	Current placing
8H	5	6	5	5	2	5	8					36	3 rd
8U	6	2	6	3	5	2	7					31	6 th
8N	1	1	8	1	1	3	3					18	8 th
8G	5	8	2	8	3	4	5					35	5 th
8E	8	5	1	6	6	6	4					36	3 rd
8R	7	4	5	4	8	7	2					37	2 nd
8I	3	7	5	7	7	8	6					43	1 st
8L	2	3	7	2	4	1	1					20	7 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6						

Year 9 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Test	Attendance	Charity Operations	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Spelling Bee Round Five	Sports Challenges	Charity Fashion	Sports Day	Running Totals	Current placing
9H	4	9	9	5	6	5	7					45	3 rd
9U	5	5	10	4	1	1	8					34	7 th
9N	8	2	6	1	4	2	0					23	9 th
9G	9	3	8	2	10	4	3					39	6 th
9E	6	7	8	9	8	9	9					56	1 st
9R	3	1	4	3	3	3	6					23	9 th
9I	10	10	6	8	2	10	5					51	2 nd
9L	0	4	4	7	5	7	4					31	8 th
9S	8	6	4	10	9	8	0					45	3 rd
9C	7	8	1	6	7	6	10					45	3 rd
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6						

Year 10 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Test	Attendance	Charity Operations	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Spelling Bee Round Five	Sports Challenges	Charity Fashion	Sports Day	Running Totals	Current placing
10H	7	8	9	9	2	9	2					46	2 nd
10U	3	5	3	1	3	1	8					24	8 th
10N	9	4	1	8	8	5	6					41	3 rd
10G	4	3	3	3	7	2	0					22	9 th
10E	6	9	8	7	9	8	9					56	1 st
10R	0	2	6	4	5	7	4					28	7 th
10I	3	6	6	5	6	6	4					36	4 th
10L	8	1	4	2	4	4	7					30	6 th
10S	5	7	7	6	1	3	5					34	5 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6						



La visite de Madame Crêpe!

On Tuesday 4th February we enjoyed a visit from Madame Crêpe (Adèle Barnacoat)! All Year 7 students were invited to take part, as part of our celebrations of La Chandeleur!

During their French or Spanish lesson on the day, students learnt about the origins of La Chandeleur. They identified similarities and differences between how we celebrate pancake day here, in France and across other European countries. Students were especially interested to learn about the French tradition of holding a coin in one hand whilst flipping a pancake with the other. Watch out for them trying this at home!

Our students also learnt the French for some key vocabulary, including the ingredients and cooking instructions in a crêpe recipe. When it was their turn to visit Madame Crêpe, students read the French menu and ordered from Adèle in French. Afterwards, Adèle told us how impressed she was with our students' manners

and behaviour, as well as their French vocabulary and pronunciation. We are already looking forward to her next visit!

Feedback from the students was really positive:

"I enjoyed the crepes"

"It was good service"

"The crepes were very tasty"

"Madame Crepe was very nice and polite"

"The ingredients were excellent"



Careers Visit – University of Leeds Taster Day

On Monday 18th March, 44 students and 4 members of staff visited the University of Leeds for a University taster day. The day consisted of a tour of the university and its outstanding buildings and accommodation, engaging in a student enrichment led question and answer session, discussing the benefits of Higher Education and student life within the University of Leeds. The students also spent time in an actual lecture theatre which was extremely exciting!

Feedback from the students were extremely positive and it was a great day.

Thank you to the University of Leeds for a superb learning experience!

"I really enjoyed the trip and it has made me want to go to university even more!"

"I did not realise how big the university is and how you can live and study within the university campus!"

"I really liked the sports facilities – an Olympic size swimming pool and even a climbing wall!"

"The campus is huge! I'd like to come here but I think I might get lost at first!"

"I liked hearing about all the courses that you can do – I did not even realise that you could study abroad as part of a university course."

Well done to all of our students for representing and engaging with the school trip. Thank you to Miss Hill, Miss Podmore, Miss Westmoreland and Mr Cattell for supporting out students.





Parliament Visit

A group of students participated in a 2-day residential to London in January. The main focus of our trip was to provide Form Representatives and Student Leaders with an opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament – given we were going to the capital city, a sightseeing tour, museum and theatre visit were also added to the mix!

Students left school excited to experience learning outside of the classroom with Mrs. Scarth adopting the role of tour guide as we approached the centre of London – taking advantage of the microphone on the coach to direct students to key tourist attractions such as Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, Park Lane, Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square.

Arriving at the Houses of Parliament, students were issued with headphones and taken on a tour of Westminster Hall, the House of Commons and the House of Lords – we were given the opportunity to join the public galleries and observe the debates in action!

Following our evening meal in Pizza Express, we arrived at the theatre with our goody bags to watch the performance of Mrs Doubtfire – the laughter and subsequent conversations amongst students and staff continued into the night.

Residing in a youth hostel and sharing a dormitory was definitely an eye opener for

students – clearly used to staying in hotels... this was an adventure!

Day 2 – students were up and eager to have their breakfast and continue with their tour of London: the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, the Shard, Kensington Palace, the Royal Albert Hall and Harrods – arriving at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

In small groups the students embarked on their own navigation of key exhibits in the museum – the central coffee shop became the hub for staff and students enjoying the luxuries of a fruit scone and hot chocolate!

Our journey home was a definite contrast to the journey to London – students drifted off to sleep, tired from their escapades in London. A thoroughly enjoyable residential for all.

Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to support the trip: Mr King, Miss Holland, Mrs West and Mrs Wilson.



Curriculum Focus Day 3

On Wednesday 12th March, all students from Year 7-11 took part in their third Curriculum Focus Day of the Year. The day focused on essential aspects of the PHSE and RE curriculum as part of our wider aim to develop our students as responsible citizens, who know how to keep themselves safe and are prepared for life in the 21st century.

The focus for each year group for CFD3 is shown below, along with speakers/visitors we invited in to enrich students' experiences and learning over the day. The content

chosen is thematic, age appropriate and is taken from statutory guidance about what students must cover during their time at secondary school.

Curriculum Focus Day 3: Wednesday 12th March			
Year Group	Subject	Focus	Speaker
7	RE	Rites of passage	Imam Habib Workshops
8	RE	Buddhism	Buddhist Workshops (from Sheffield Centre)
9	RE	Religion and world issues (trafficking, loansharking, refugee crisis)	Refugee Workshops (Doncaster Conversation Club)
10	3 x PSHE	Gender roles and mental health, domestic abuse and coercive control	Presentation on Domestic Abuse in the main hall
	2 x RE	RE – Religion and the use of force	
11	4 x PSHE	RSE – revisiting key concepts (Drugs, cultural identity/competency, pornography, sexual harassment/consent)	Workshops on Sexual Harassment and Consent (Dawn O'Hara, Instincts Training)
		Stewardship and our role in the environment	

Students and staff gave wonderful feedback on the visitors who delivered talks and workshops and our students really immersed themselves in the learning. You can see many of these experiences in the photos. I had the pleasure of seeing

many sessions in action, both in the classroom and in workshops: the learning environments and student and staff investment were impressive to say the least! Well done and thank you to all involved!



Sporting News

KS3 Badminton

Our KS3 Badminton players are champions of Doncaster, winning their division and then the finals night!

Well done to Mr Lovatt and Miss Locker who have devoted Tuesday lunch times and after school to run this club.

Table Tennis

Hungerhill Table Tennis students have gone unbeaten in the league this year and won the finals against Hayfield.

A shout out to Year 8 and Year 9 teams that went unbeaten throughout the season.

Under 16 Basketball

Our U16 Basketball team have been eliminated from the U16 National Dynamic Competition, winning 2 and losing 2, it sadly wasn't enough to progress.

The team hosted and travelled to teams across the region, going as far as Manchester and York.

Year 9 Netball

Our Year 9 netball team achieved second place in a recent Doncaster Schools tournament.

The girls displayed a fantastic attitude and represented the school core values of excellence and resilience.

Cross County Competition

Lots of students have represented Hungerhill in Cross Country this year.

We are extremely thrilled that selected students progressed into the South Yorkshire Championships and one student, Jack Reeve has progressed to the National Championships, well done, Jack, we are really proud of you!

Year 9 Boys Football

Hungerhill Year 9 boys football team reached the cup semifinal after beating Outwood Adwick 2-1 in the quarter final.

Sport and Dance Leadership Academy

There has been lots going off this term in the Sport and Dance Leadership Academy.

Our Sport and Dance Leaders have been working very hard training every week to improve their leadership skills and prepare for festivals and events.

There have been some fantastic primary festivals that our leaders have delivered this term. We have a great network of primary schools who fully support the festivals and fully engage in all the activities on offer. Barnby Dun, Kirk Sandall, Edenthorpe Hall, West Road Primary Schools and Canon Popham C of E Primary School have all participated in the festivals.



Our Sports Leaders were involved in the year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Festival which took place on the 29th January and the year 3 and 4 Basketball Festival which took place on the 3rd March. Our Sports Leaders trained hard to prepare for both events and did a brilliant job leading and coaching the primary children. During the Tag Rugby Festival the primary children took part in a fun Tag Rugby tournament where they learnt more about the game. At the Basketball Festival the children took part in a fun circuit of Basketball skills and then participated in a competitive mini tournament. Both events were a great success!

On the 4th February and the 7th February we held our year 1 and year 2 Dance Festivals. These are popular festivals with the primary school children. Our Dance Leaders worked hard over a number of weeks to choreograph fun and engaging Disney themed dances which they then delivered to the primary children. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a brilliant experience of Dance.

Congratulations to all our Sport and Dance Leaders on your outstanding work!

There's still more to come! Our leaders are excited about the festivals and events approaching in the busy summer term!

