



Horsforth School

Lee Lane East Horsforth
Leeds LS18 5RF

Tel: 0113 226 5454

Fax: 0113 226 5401

Email: info@horsforthschool.org

Website: www.horsforthschool.org

Headteacher: Dr P C Bell

Our Ref: PCB/TRH/JFI

11th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all parents who came to our SEND coffee morning. I know it's difficult to get out during the day but it was really nice to see so many parents having the opportunity to meet us in a slightly different format. Equally, it was lovely to see so many Year 7 parents at the settling in evening, I really hope our new Year 7's enjoy Herd Farm next week!

As always, the link to the podcast version is here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LMYakU2c0wmNxN9U3szL6f8xGgXEYIjl/view?usp=sharing>

Traffic Congestion

I would like to ask for your support in managing congestion at the front and back of school during poor weather. Local residents have raised concerns about the volume of traffic and parking during the drop off and pick up times. I am grateful to students who walk and would ask that, where possible, students still do this if it rains as Lee Lane East and Church Lane do become very congested so either dropping off a bit earlier or students walking would be a huge help.

As always if we could not stop on the yellow zig-zag lines please that would be a huge help.

Thank you in advance for your support.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday 3rd October, National Poetry Day, Horsforth School students took part in an official attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest poetry lesson ever!

Nearly a quarter of a million students from schools across the UK took part in the lesson over zoom, including 30 Year 7 Horsforth students. They collaborated online to craft a new poem with author and poet, Laura Mucha, that will be displayed on billboards across the country. The poem was crafted in line with the 2024 poetry theme, 'your voice counts'.

Miss Martin said, "What an ambitious group of Horsforth students that took part in this workshop last Thursday! I was absolutely overwhelmed with every single student that attended, their organisational skills on the day, their creativity, and their enthusiasm for poetry was outstanding. Horsforth school was well and truly represented in the lesson and our voices were definitely heard."

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

Staff and students will have to wait four weeks to find out from the Guinness World Record Panel if the world record has been broken or not. Fingers crossed for then!



Catering Team Nominated for an Excellence Award

We are thrilled that our wonderful catering team have been shortlisted for the Yorkshire and Humber LACA (Local Authority Caterers Association) Awards of Excellence 2024 in October and wish them the best of luck. We certainly appreciate their hard work and delicious food.



Muay Thai Success

Felicity in Year 11 won Gold in the Muay Thai GB Novice Championships at Leeds University on Saturday. Congratulations Felicity!



'Opportunity and achievement for all'

Christmas Card Competition

It's that time of year again to think about our school Christmas card for 2024 so we are excited to announce that we are launching the annual Christmas Card Competition!

We encourage all students to get involved and send us their entries. These can be drawings, paintings, photography etc. Be as creative as you like. Please see below previous winners.

Please send any entries to marketing@horsforthschool.org, or alternatively drop them off in reception. The deadline for entries is Monday 6th November. We will choose a winner on Friday 10th November and a prize will be awarded to the winning student. Good luck!



Student Injuries or Accidents outside of School

If your child has an accident or sustains an injury outside of school that makes it difficult for them to navigate school safely or where they may need some support in lessons as a result of an injury please contact school before your child comes to school to enable us to complete a risk assessment and put any adjustments in place to support your child's safety and their learning.

School Dinner Menu

Please click on the link below to view the food on offer for the coming week.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kr3tdnKUhOBtjmdyT_hrguBMzeoFcgxcAokkRYSIGvc/edit?usp=sharing

- 1. Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 2. Please note some of the products we serve may contain peanuts, tree nuts, soy, milk, eggs and wheat. While we take steps to minimise the risk of cross-contamination, we cannot guarantee that any of our products are safe to consume for people with peanut, tree nut, soy, milk, egg or wheat allergies.*
- 3. Please note we will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate; however, due to the very nature of food production there can be variations in each meal. As a school we are not able to provide 100% accurate information on the food we serve.*

'Opportunity and achievement for all'

Fixtures

Year 11 Football

Our Year 11 boys played the first round of the Leeds City Cup on Wednesday beating Leeds East 5-0 with a very accomplished performance. The boys moved superbly well and dominated the game from start to finish mixing skill with tenacity throughout. Archie, Ben, Malachi and Jimmy scored the goals, Jimmy's being the pick of the bunch with a great strike. Ethan, Isaiah and Luke were all outstanding but Henry was our Player of the Match. On to Carr Manor in the next round!

Year 10 Football

We are so pleased to confirm that our Year 10 Football Team have progressed into the 4th round of the English Schools FA Cup beating Mirfield Grammar School 6-0. Despite the physical presence of Mirfield, the team played extremely well and moved the ball around with great precision and pace. They dominated throughout and scored some fantastic team goals to comfortably move into the next round. Once again, great work from the Year 10 Football Team.

Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 14th November 2024

We wanted to let our Year 11 parents know that **tickets for our November open evening are going fast. There is a limit to the number of tickets** we can issue, to avoid it being too crowded. If you haven't already, please do get your free tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Once we have reached our limit for November, ticket sales will close and anyone wanting to look around our sixth form, will have to at our second open evening in January.

>> [Register for your free November tickets here](#)

Thank you as always for your support,

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher