

# Upper Key Stage 2: Autumn 2022

## Hawkhirst

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic week at Hawkhirst in October. There was rain (so MUCH rain!), fun, lots of laughs and many memories made! Activities included archery, climbing, abseiling, zip line, crate stacking, raft building, bell-boating and orienteering. We were also lucky enough to have a clear sky one night when we could see Saturn and Jupiter!

### **Freddie R**

I overcame my fear of heights doing the zip line and abseiling.

### **Scarlett**

I loved having the opportunity to be independent and have some time with my friends.

### **Ella**

I enjoyed Jacob's Ladder. Even though it was hard, wet and slippery, I still loved it!

### **Macy**

I liked jumping in the reservoir. It was cold but I felt like I had gone out of my comfort zone.



### **Sophia**

I loved Hawkhirst-it was an amazing experience! My favourite activities were all of them!

### **Matthew B**

There were so many activities and I tried them all!



### **Bikeability**

Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. All Year 5 enjoyed a week of Bikeability, showing progress in their skills in riding and an increase in confidence.

#### **Flynn**

I learned in Bikeability that a bike chain should be facing upwards.

#### **Lucy M**

I enjoyed Bikeability because it was very exciting and a lot of fun. I learned about the positions on the road!

#### **Ben**

I like going on the road with my bike. I learned about primary and secondary positions.

### **Times Tables Rockstars**

All children complete sessions on TTRS each week. Weekly tournaments are set between Class 10 and Class 11 and Class 12 and Class 13 compete against each other.

This term's class totals for the weekly tournaments are:

Class 10: 5,057

Class 11: 3,770

Class 12: 4,179

Class 13: 4,809

### **England Rocks**

All of UKS2 participated in TTRS' annual England Rocks competition.

The top 5 scorers in UKS2 were: Ben (5,926); Freya M (5,766); Amelia M (4,135), Ciara (3,909) and Leon (3,775).

#### **Lexi**

TTRS helps me to understand calculations.

#### **Mason**

I like sending Rockslams to people.

#### **Reece**

I like the competition in Festival where you can play against players around the world.

#### **Lucy A**

I like being able to challenge myself in the different games.

### **Rocksteady**

The children who attend Rocksteady lessons have been having a fantastic time experiencing life as a member of a rock band. They have loved developing their vocals and improving their playing skills on the electric drums and keyboards.

#### **Jack B**

I love learning songs with my friends.

#### **Joseph F**

The songs we learn are always fun and we get to perform a concert too!

#### **Winnie**

I like Rocksteady because it is a lot of fun and I enjoy playing instruments.

#### **Yousef**

We get to learn how to play instruments like the drums, keyboard, electric and bass guitar as well as singing. We then do my favourite part, the performance.

## He Knows She Knows

The group, He Knows She Knows, visited us this term. They discussed mental health, who to turn to for help and the importance of speaking up. As part of the interactive talk, they also discussed the importance of treating each other fairly, why diversity should be celebrated, what to do if you're being discriminated against and why it is wrong to discriminate against other people. They also performed songs live which everyone enjoyed and sang along to!

### Josh

It was fun because we got to dance to songs. The main message was to look after your mental health.

### Joe O

Singing the songs helped relieve stress.

### Loryn

I loved the singing! The main message was about mental health and looking after yourself.

### Daniel

I enjoyed the songs they played. The main messages were to get good sleep, eat well and be active.

## House Captains

Elections were held in September when children voted for this year's House Captains.



### Jacob

Every Thursday we have to count the house points.

### Theo

I love being a house captain. I get to count the house points.

### Amelia M

If our house wins, we get to hold the trophy up in assembly!

### Ciara

One of our jobs is to serve Christmas dinner to other year groups!

## Dyson

UKS2 have enjoyed using the Dyson Engineering Box. The box itself unpacks Dyson technology, harnessing young people's curiosity for how things work as well as learning about the diversity of engineering jobs, hearing the lowdown from real Dyson engineers. The Engineering Box included a Dyson V12 Detect Slim Animal™ Vacuum, Tangle-free Turbine Heads and Anti-tangle screw heads. UKS2 took these apart using the screwdrivers provided to better understand how the technology works. They had the opportunity to evaluate the design of the Dyson vacuum and to understand the design process from inside out.



### **Dylan**

I learnt how to take apart a part of a vacuum and enjoyed using the screwdriver to take the screws out.

### **Freddie D**

I enjoyed vacuuming with a Dyson.

### **Bentley**

I learnt about carbon fibres in the vacuum.

### **Zoe**

I liked it because we were learning about different engineers and we got to learn about the parts of the vacuum.

### **Gracie**

I liked it when we got to vacuum the classroom and when we took apart pieces of the vacuum.

## PTA Obstacle Course



Thank you to the PTA who organised the sponsored Obstacle Course.

### **Tia**

I liked it because it was fun to get muddy.

### **Harry S-A**

I like getting muddy and wet- it was a lot of fun!

### **Cameron**

We hopped across tyres, crawled through mud, were squirted by water guns and all had a good time!

### **Oliver D**

It was really good fun trying to be the muddiest!

### **Ellen**

I got so muddy you could hardly see the flowers on my hoody!

### **Amelia S**

I loved getting muddy!

## What we have enjoyed this term:

### **Ollie W**

I enjoyed playing school football because it's nice representing my school by playing my favourite sport.

### **Lucas W**

I've enjoyed learning coding using Scratch.

### **Riley**

I liked science when we learnt about the sizes and shapes of the Earth, Moon and Sun.

### **Samuel**

I enjoy maths. All the work we do helps our brains to develop.

### **Lilly**

I liked going outside to investigate our shadows in science.

### **Ashleigh**

I like P.E. because I like to keep fit.

### **Renaë**

I've enjoyed art-I liked the different techniques we learnt and using different colours to draw the birds.

### **Matthew M**

I enjoyed doing rugby. I learnt how to tackle safely.

### **Jake**

I enjoy going to Digital Leaders.

## NSPCC

We participated in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme. It consisted of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. Children are helped to understand that they always have a right to feel safe, and that they can speak to a trusted adult or Childline if they ever need help or support. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages were delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec. Following-on from the assembly, specially trained NSPCC volunteers delivered workshops to UKS2 that built on and deepened children's learning gained from the assembly.

### Eva

It helped a lot of children about who they can talk to.

### Hope

It helped children to understand that other people have different experiences.

### Olly G

If you know of any bullying, tell a teacher.

### Harry A

If you've got any worries, talk to a trusted adult.

## Basketball

Some UKS2 children represented Northburn at the Thunder of the Valley tournament.



**James Y**

I love being a member of the basketball team as, when I am older, my dream is to become a basketball player.

**Leon**

It was fun watching the basketball game after we had played.

**Olly P**

It was fun being a part of the tournament!

**Joe G**

I liked how I got to experience playing and how it would feel to play pro.

**Max**

It was fun playing and practising my skills.

**Real Love Rocks**

Year 6 took part in Real Love Rocks for Primary Schools which is a four-week programme that focusses on the importance of feeling free, happy and safe in relationships using a variety of games, discussions, animations and activities and it is delivered by specialist Barnardo's Project Workers.

**Lucas M-E**

It taught me lots of good things to do in different situations.

**Jessica**

We played a game about how to stay safe every session.

**Freya M**

We learnt about age restrictions on different apps.

**James S**

We learnt about what to share and what not to share online.

**Alix**

We learnt what makes positive relationships.

**Will**

We learnt about how everyone should be treated.

**School values**

At Northburn, we promote a school culture where we can all learn and achieve. We are ambitious, inquisitive, resilient and respectful.

**Neveah**

Everyone knows how to be respectful towards each other.

**Thomas**

I was resilient when I was trying to become a Rock Hero on TTRS.

**Poppy**

I was inquisitive when I asked lots of questions in R.E.

**Connor**

I was ambitious doing Jacob's Ladder at Hawkthirst when I set a target of high to climb.

**Alfie**

I'm respectful when I help people.