

Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts!

As you know, at Hyrstmount Junior School we are determined to achieve excellent attendance because it's so crucial for our children's success, both academically and socially. Being in school every day means they don't miss out on vital lessons and get to spend time learning and playing with their friends.

Our school has an ambitious attendance target of 98%. While we haven't quite reached it yet, I'm really encouraged by our progress. Last week's attendance was **97.2%**, which is a fantastic effort, and our overall attendance for the term is currently at **96.1%**. While this falls just short of our target, it's a very positive start to the year.

I want to give a special shout-out to the **213 learners** who have achieved 100% attendance so far! This is absolutely brilliant and shows a real commitment to their education.

A huge well done also goes to the six classes that had attendance of 97% or higher last week, earning themselves an extra 10 minutes of playtime. Finally, special congratulations must go to **Class 4B**, who achieved 100% attendance! What a brilliant achievement.

These numbers show that when we all work together, we can make a huge difference. Ensuring your child attends school every single day makes a real impact on their learning and development.

Let's keep up the great work! Every day truly counts.

Inspiring the Next Generation

We were thrilled to kick off the year with a truly special event for our Year 6 learners. On Monday, September 8th, they joined other Year 6 and 7 learners from the Batley Multi-Academy Trust at the Theatre Royal Wakefield for the first-ever 'Inspiring the Next Generation Event'.

This was a fantastic opportunity designed to spark hope, build confidence, and ignite ambition. Our learners listened to an inspiring talk from motivational speaker Luke Staton, enjoyed a performance from a spoken word artist, and heard powerful stories of courage and resilience. At the end of the event, every learner received a free copy of Luke Staton's book, **CREDO**.

We were especially proud of the few learners who were brave enough to get on stage in front of 700 people to share their hopes and dreams. Our year 6 represented our school brilliantly, and their excellent behaviour

throughout the day was a credit to them. This event was the perfect way to start the year, inspiring our learners to reach for the stars and aim high.

We are so proud of our school community and look forward to a successful year ahead.