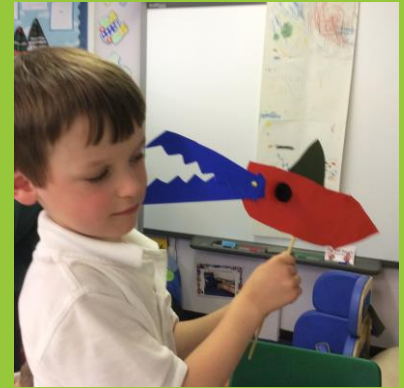




## GREEN HAMMERTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL – WHY ARE WE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL?

### The strong family emphasis running throughout school...

- Y6 organizing games with nursery/reception children at play times without adult intervention.
- Y5/6 pupils choosing to be with the younger pupils as a treat and one of their favourite activities.
- Whole school trips with Y5/6 pupils looking after younger pupils.
- House point teams made up of mixed ages, with Y6 pupils presenting certificates to younger pupils in Special Mentions assemblies.
- Y6 pupils teaching younger pupils computing skills.
- Y6 pupils teaching songs and dances to younger pupils.
- Y6 pupils paired with younger children for Christmas activities (tree decorating, making Christingles)
- Y5/6 pupils attending open mornings and showing parents around school from a child's perspective.



## Themed school Events...

- Craft nights 2/3 times per year. As many as 70 pupils stay after school to participate in a variety of craft activities. Volunteers and teachers give up their time to work alongside children in these special evening events.
- Whole school visits planned every year i.e. pantomime, coastal visit.
- Egg decorating assemblies. Children have the opportunity to decorate an egg at home to bring into school to display in the school hall.
- Curriculum days/weeks – Fairtrade week, Book week, International day, Anti-bullying week, My Money week.



## Church Services...

- Church services. Our Christmas service now takes place in the evening to allow all families to attend. The Church is packed to full capacity (see letters from parents to evidence our special and unique family services).
- A new addition this year was the Remembrance service. Many grandparents and people from the community attended this service. This resulted in the Church being full even though the service was held during the day.
- Every child in school makes special family gifts every Christmas. These gifts are displayed on the Christmas tree and then presented in a unique part of the Christmas service to families in church.
- During the service every child plays a musical instrument.
- Leavers' service. We have two services for the children who are leaving. The first is a family service for parents of the leavers to celebrate the whole school life of the child. It is a relaxed family atmosphere with much fun and laughter with cakes, juice and biscuits to keep everyone in high spirits. This is followed by a Church service with the presentation of unique, personalised leavers' books and Bibles.
- Y6 pupils leading collective worship once every half term.
- Each year the Christmas service is themed. Christmas 2015 was given a global perspective because of global conflict. A special part of the service was to celebrate family connections abroad.





## The school at the heart of the community...

- Art work displayed in the Doctors' Surgery
- Open Gardens – display work in school and open school grounds.
- Choir sings at two local nursing homes
- Events for families/grandparents in school – ie – Easter Hat Bonnet Parade with 160 lunches served & Remembrance Service.

## Personalised learning for pupils...

- Homework club set up to support children who have difficulty completing homework at home.
- An adult mentor employed 2 lunchtimes per week to ensure children are listened to.

## Celebrations...

- As well as weekly celebration certificates there is a weekly star of the school and at the end of the year 20 trophies are awarded to pupils for exemplary work.
- There is an exemplification of standards book. Any children with work in this book have a special treat of a tea party with the Headteacher.
- Lunch times – our amazing cook takes every opportunity to celebrate special days e.g. birthdays and events (see SMSC photo file).
- Celebration of talents – children are given the opportunity to perform a hobby or talent e.g singing, dancing, reciting poetry etc in front of parents and pupils.



## Strong relationships between school and parents...

- It is a very open and friendly school with staff, governors and parents working together.
- The Headteacher takes time to provide a very personal service to parents. The Headteacher ensures that she knows all families in school and is usually around every morning to meet and greet parents.
- The Headteacher always takes the time to show parents around the school.
- 3 weeks per year are allocated for governor visits to give governors an insight into the daily working life of the school.
- Highly effective FOGHS.



## Learning...

- A governor comes in twice weekly to support Y6 pupils with maths.
- Individual learning programmes are in place to support all children not on target to reach 'expected' learning expectations in maths.
- Highly trained teachers using assessment to provide immediate support and being able to review and assess the impact to move children on in their learning.
- Highly trained teaching assistants supporting learning in every class.
- Y6 pupils begin lessons 10 minutes early every morning to enable daily assessment for learning in maths leading to high expectations and standards.
- Y5/6 pupils have a 'creative' afternoon every week consisting of DT/Art/Music. This afternoon is extremely popular with the children.
- The school places great emphasis on the child as a unique individual. With this in mind we ensure that a rich curriculum is in place to cater for the needs of all children.
- A volunteer (Mr McCulloch) from the community and the Headteacher play guitars to ensure 'live' music is part of the school curriculum. Mr McCulloch also works with 2 classes (percussion/keyboard/singing) to ensure the music curriculum is fun.
- Creative projects in school to inspire and motivate children e.g. Limberjacks made in school.



## Enhanced provision...

- Sporting activities for all children across the cluster – cross country, football, gymnastics, snag golf, cricket
- Dance Festival
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Enhanced music provision
- Peripatetic music lessons in KS1 and KS2
- Art Club
- Debating Club
- School choir



## Pupil bodies – to ensure a strong pupil voice in school...

- Debating Club
- Eco Committee
- School Council
- Young Leaders
- Young Sports Leaders
- Curriculum Council



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