

HAREWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL – A CHILDREN’S GUIDE

**A WELCOME GUIDE FOR OUR NEW YEAR 3 CHILDREN - DESIGNED,
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WRITING CLUB**



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INTRODUCTION TO HJS by Sharakgesh and Szymon

Hello future students of Harewood Junior School! This is your own personal guide for when you join your new school in September 2023. Don't be worried, for this informative guide will help you navigate yourself throughout the school, find out what your new timetable will be and much, much more! Just sit back, relax and let this guide help you breeze through your Harewood Junior School journey. This is Mr BB's Writing Club's guide for you and your peers. Good luck for your four years at this wonderful school...



Welcome to our lovely school! We really hope this guide will help you and, as a current Year 3 student, I know that you are going to really enjoy it!

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OUR AUTHORS...

Szymon (Y3)

I love video games, especially Fortnite, and my favourite thing about this school is that you do a DT project every year.

Tyray (Y3)

I love Manchester United and really enjoy art, English and cricket. I am proud that I am from Nigeria, I play football for Tuffley Rovers and I can even speak Arabic!

Abhi (Y4)

I love sport, especially cricket. I joined this school in September 2021. As a pupil, I love the fun atmosphere in the school and the games that the teachers make. I love how everyone at this school is kind and look after each other. Overall, Harewood is a really good school.

Jude (Y4)

I really like sports including football, basketball, golf and rugby. My favourite teams are Man Utd, PSG, Real Madrid and Barcelona. I am a fast runner and really love maths it is my favourite subject. I have been at Harewood Junior school for two years and I've made a lot of friends because everyone is so friendly.

James (Y4)

I love sport because it is fun and my favourite sport is football. I started in the Juniors in September 2021 and my favourite subject is maths. I love making friends because they make me laugh and I really like the teachers because they always try and make our lessons fun.



WELCOME TO HAREWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL!

Hello there,

I am delighted to present the superb efforts of my writing club throughout the Spring and Summer terms in 2022-23.

To create this guide for our new Year 3 intake, our children have demonstrated exceptional writing skills – along with their ability to conduct interviews, transcribe, select photography and edit and improve their work. Everything that you see and read has been created by them – they should be very proud.

Best wishes,
Mr Beardshaw-Brown

OUR AUTHORS...

Edward (Y5)

I love playing football and love online gaming including Minecraft and Roblox. I have made many friends on my journey to Year 5 and I support Manchester United because Ronaldo used to play for them.

Arthur (Y5)

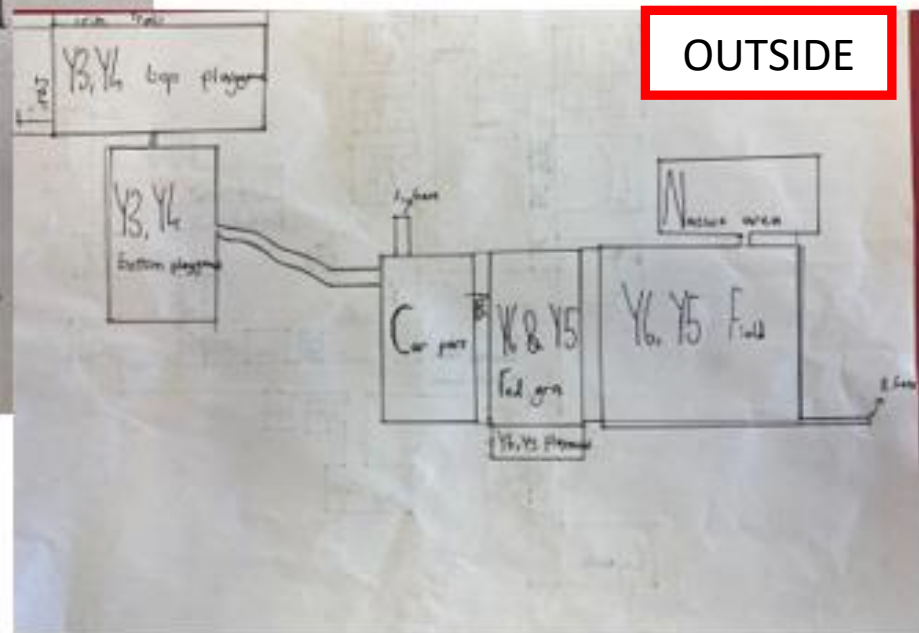
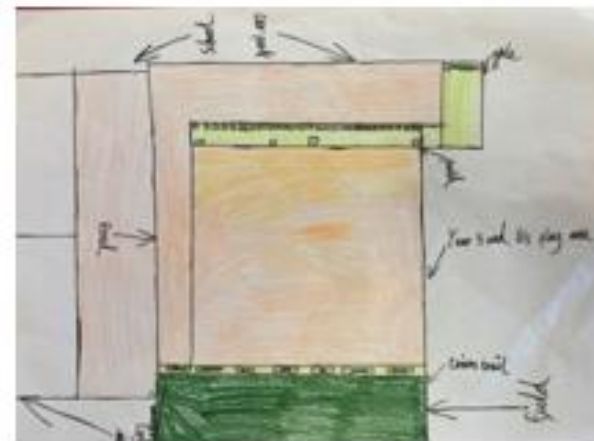
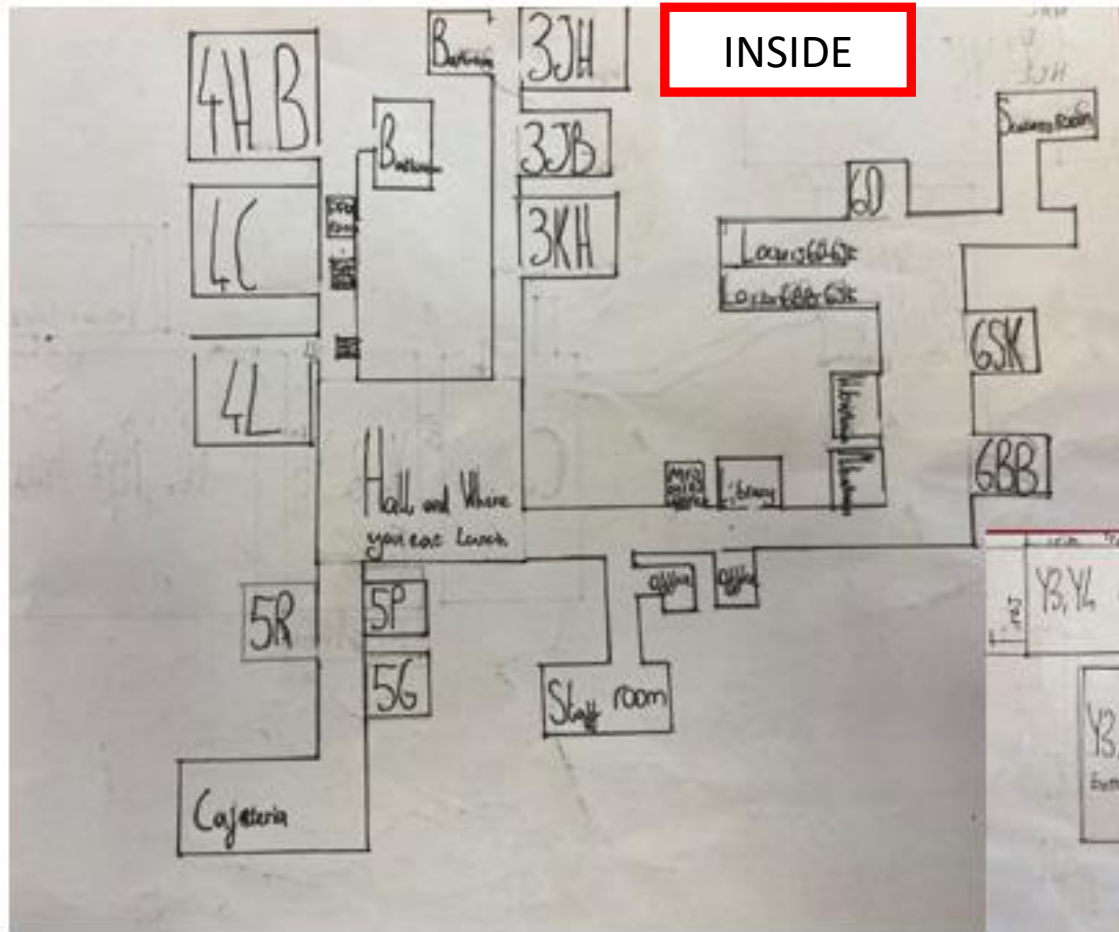
My favourite sport is cricket, especially when I smash the wicket! I also enjoy reading and writing, and hope to become an author when I am older - I've already started my own book series called 'The Walkers'. I also love my Nintendo Switch, especially when I beat my dad on Mario Kart!

Sharakgesh (Y6)

I enjoy sport including football, cricket and badminton. My favourite football team are Manchester United. I am from Sri Lanka and have been in education here since Year 1. I used to live in Newbury, Berkshire. I have enjoyed Harewood because of the lovely people there and the kind teachers.

Harry (Y6)

I love sports, especially football and my favourite team are the tika-taka experts Aston Villa. My favourite things about Harewood Junior School are the super trips and the science work.



HAREWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAN
by Harry & Jude

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FLAVOUR OF HJS by Abhi and Arthur



This is the reception where all visitors are welcome to speak and ask about things going on. You may also come here if you are late for school.



This is the Year 3 exit and also the toilet area by the end of the corridor.



This is the Year 3 classroom nearest to the outside exit.



The Harewood Junior School name (this always reminds me of the spelling) by the main entrance.



This is the playground where the Year 3 children will be playing for lunchtimes and playtimes where there are multiple, well-positioned marks to play with, e.g the chess mark beside the comfy bench.



This is our Headteacher, Mrs Mills' office. Fingers crossed you are sent here to show your fabulous work – not for bad behaviour!

Y3 TYPICAL TIMETABLE

Y3 Timetable

DAY	8.50 - 9.10	9.25 -9:40	9:40 – 10:40	10:40 – 11	11.00- 11.20	11.20-12.30	12.30- 13.30	13.30-14.30	14.30-15.05
MONDAY	Registration / work linked to purple polish and challenge tasks in English / Numeracy books	Literacy Sentence Level Work & Vipers		Handwashing, Snack & BREAK, handwashing		Maths	Handwashing LUNCH handwashing	Geography – Where are Rainforests Located?	
TUESDAY		Singing Assembly 9:00- 9:20	Maths 9:45- 10:45			RE		Science	
WEDNESDAY		Literacy Sentence Level Work & Vipers				Maths		Art / music	
THURSDAY		Literacy				Maths		Computing – Esafety – Lesson 3 Online Reputations	
FRIDAY		Golden Child Assembly 9:30	Spelling Test New Spellings SPaG			Maths		PE	

YEAR 3 TOPICS by Tyray and Szymon



AUTUMN TERM – Jungle Fever

This is a really exciting topic where you will learn lots about rainforest animals, The Amazon and about lots of different rainforests. You will also meet Jonathan and read *The Explorer* which is amazing!

SPRING TERM – Rock and Roll

For our second topic, you will learn about exceptionally old history in the Stone Age – you will also experience an amazing workshop at school too, it will blow your mind!

SUMMER TERM – Tomb Raiders

This was one of my favourite topics which is all about the Egyptians! I really liked learning lots of details about the pyramids and how the Egyptians lived.

PLAYTIMES OVERVIEW by James and Tyray



Break time

Playtime starts 10:40 – 11am for break and for lunch it starts at 12:40 -1:30pm. For break, the equipment you can enjoy includes football, tennis balls and rackets, skipping ropes and volley balls. There is a top and bottom playground, the top playground has football goals. There is a trim trail as well. If it's wet play, you can stay in and watch movies, play or draw - you can pick from a wide range of superb options that will not fail to entertain!



Lunchtime

At lunch, we will eat first and then go out to play. At the moment, we go out at 1pm and lunchtime ends at 1:30pm. Miss Trigg brings us multiple exciting toys to play with and on Thursday and Friday, Miss Trigg brings footballs which are fun. The equipment is basically the same at break time but with a few different enhancements - playtime is simply the best!



MEET THE STAFF...

MR HIGGINBOTHAM – FINANCE MANAGER by Edward

Q - How old were you when you started working?

A – I think I was around 18 when I started working.

Q - What time do you wake up for school?

A – I wake up for school at 7'o clock and can't wait for my day!

Q - How many students are this school?

A - 354 students.

Q - How many meetings do you have on average per week?

A - About 6-10 meetings per week with a wide range of staff, from teachers and Mrs Mills to cleaning staff and potential suppliers.

Q - Do you enjoy working at Harewood Junior School?

A - Yes, I do, I love the fact that when I come here in the morning I will never know what to expect.

Q - Have you ever had a different job?

A – I started my own company and was also an architect which was hugely interesting but not as interesting as here!

Q - How long have you worked here?

A – I have worked here for four years – come and say hello in the school office!



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MRS MILLS – HEADTEACHER by Harry and Jude



Q - How long have you worked here for?

A - 13 years!

Q - Have you only ever been a headteacher?

A – No, because before you can be a headteacher you have to be a teacher. I was a teacher first and then in charge of lots of different things before becoming headteacher of two different schools actually.

Q - What do you do after school?

A - Go home and do some more work, then Mr Mills makes me tea and then I do even more work! In my free time I do lots of reading, walking, gardening and then skiing every Christmas. I also visit my daughter.

Q - What do you think of the children's behaviour?

A - Generally it is good but there are some times when some children need to think before they do things. So generally children do behave, but sometimes children make the wrong choices, and we have to help them not to or repair things when they do.

Q - Why should the new Year 3 children be excited about joining Harewood Junior School?

A - Because we are the school that smiles, because we are a friendly, happy and smiley school because we do lots and lots and lots of learning and we end up with really smart and educated people leaving our school. We also have lots of after and inside school clubs, we go to lots of fun places and have lots of fun visitors.

Q - What do you like the most about the school?

A - All of the things I just said but I also think that it is the children, teachers and the rest of the people that work for me – it is a building full of very lovely people!

Q - What do you like about being a headteacher?

A – When you are a teacher you make sure your class is doing well, but when you are a headteacher you make sure the whole school is doing as well as it possible can.

MEET THE STAFF...

MRS STEVENS – OFFICE MANAGER by James

Q - How long have you worked at Harewood Junior School?

A - 22 wonderful years!

Q - How old were you when you started teaching or working?

A – 37 when I started working at Harewood – the years have flown by!

Q - Do you enjoy working at Harewood Junior School?

A - Yes because I love meeting all of the parents and the children and dealing with all of the exciting things that happen every day – every day is different! I've made some wonderful friends here for life!

Q - What do you like most about Harewood Junior School?

A – Definitely the people, both children and staff, but really it is just an incredibly special place but the people make it.

MRS FITT – LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR by James

Q - Why did you want to be a dinner lady?

A - It worked around my own children and I just love working with all of the students here, giving them little stories and having a real laugh!

Q - What do you like most of the school?

A – I love seeing all the children's smiley faces at lunch time!

Q - Why did you want to work at school?

A - To help the children out.

Q - Do you have any advice for the new Year 3 children?

A - Work hard, be polite, be friendly.

MEET THE STAFF...

MR BEARDSHAW-BROWN – ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER by Abhi & Szymon

Q - How long have you actually worked at Harewood Junior School?

A - Since January 2020 so I have been here for 3 and a half years.

Q - What do you think is an early or late time for children coming to school?

Interesting question! Well, it is quite a long school day for children because they come in quite early in the morning for target work. That is where they come in and do work to develop their SPAG and writing skills but there is a lot of fun throughout the day and at some of the after-school clubs. Hard work is expected but it is a brilliant school and it is a great place to be.

Q - What role do you play at the school?

A - I'm actually one of the Assistant Headteachers so I work very closely with the headteacher (Mrs Mills) and the rest of the staff. I also teach in Year 6 and I enjoy it very much.

Q - Do you lead a club and if you do then what do you think of their behaviour?

A – Well, I lead writing club at the moment and the behaviour is terrible! Especially this young Year 4 student named Abhi! Only joking, generally speaking the behaviour is very good in all lessons and in all of the clubs across school. The children want to learn, want to do well and want to get on well with each other.

Q - What is your teaching style?

A - I wouldn't say that I'm an overly strict teacher but I will be strict when people don't try their best, or are not honest or working hard. I do like to have a bit of a laugh at the right time but most importantly I want all the children that I teach to succeed.

Q - What is your favourite subject to teach.

A - I love teaching English and PE, they are my two of my biggest favourites and I could happily teach them all day!

Q - What are your hobbies?

A - I have lots of interests; my main one is sport and football but I also love music and I like reading and travel. I lived in China for two years and taught at a school out there. Above all else though, I love my wife and little boy and spending time with them.



WE CAN'T WAIT
TO MEET YOU IN
SEPTEMBER!