



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter. We have had another super week at school! The children never cease to impress us with their hard work and enthusiasm towards their learning. We are working really hard in school on our resilience in our learning. We teach the children that mistakes are an important part of learning and that it is ok to get things wrong! We have also worked really hard on our 'I can' attitudes. We are so proud of the children for the progress they have made with this. I would also like to say well done to our Dodgeball team who came 2nd in a Knowsley competition this week. Well done!

We had a successful open evening on Monday and it was great to welcome new and existing parents and carers into our school. We hope you got a flavour of all of the fantastic things that happen in Halsnead Primary on a daily basis.

Each week in our newsletter we are going to share with you our weekly value behaviour. Children have been reflecting on these throughout the week and it would be great if you could talk about this with your child at home. We believe that our school values are the most important part of your child's experience at Halsnead Primary School and it would be great if you could talk to children about them at home. We are really looking forward to our first ever Halsnead Value Awards assembly next week, where we will celebrate 2 children in each class who have been voted for by their peers to receive a special award for showing our half term value of respect.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

## Strive to Achieve

### Dodgeball Tournament

On Monday our year 4 children took part in the Dodgeball Tournament at Kirkby High School. The team came second in their division and played brilliantly! The competition focused on the values honesty, integrity and collaboration (teamwork) and bonus points were awarded to teams who displayed these. Our children did us proud by showcasing our school values and scored many additional bonus points. Well done!

### Parent Governor

#### POSITION

Our School Governors are currently advertising for a parent governor position. Anyone interested please contact the school office on 0151 4778130.

## Dates for your Diary

Please note the following dates in your diary.

### October 2021

18th 5L Steel Pan Performance: 2.50pm

21st Flu Vaccinations: Reception  
- Year 6

### November 2021

10th School Individual Photographs

## NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Nasal Flu Vaccinations will be taking place **Thursday 21st October 2021** for Reception to Year 6 children. Please complete your child's electronic flu consent form, whether you would like your child to have the vaccination or not. via this link ASAP <https://forms.merseycare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination>



5L have been working incredibly hard learning the steel pan drums during their music lessons this half term.

The children will be performing for their parents/carers this **Monday 18th October** at 2.50pm in the School Hall.

## School Dinner Payments

If you pay for your child's school meals, please ensure that your Parentpay account is up to date and that all monies owed, are paid. Failure of payment before the end of half term (next **Friday 22nd October**) will result in the debt being referred to Knowsley Debt Recovery Centre. If your debt gets referred, you **MUST** provide your child with a packed lunch.

## Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **11th October 2021**.

Congratulations to 3K who achieved **99.2%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **91.8%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

**Year 3 - Miss Keenan 99.2**

**Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill & Mrs Westoby 95.2**

**Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan 93.7**

**Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas 93**

**Year 2 - Miss Spencer 92.9**

**Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty 92.4**

**Year 4 - Mrs Redmond 92.1**

**Year 6 - Mr Owen 90.3**

**Reception - Miss Lucas 88.2**

**Reception - Mrs Wills 84.5**

**Year 1 - Mrs Kendall 83.2**

## Kid's Club, Breakfast Club & Wrap-Around Payments

Please bring your account up to date if you have not already done so. Failure of payment before the end of half term will result in your child losing their place as there is a waiting list for other children who need these services.

## Reception Phonics Workshop

Please see attached information regarding Family Learning Phonics sessions over Zoom for Reception Parents and Carers.

# VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



**Our School Values** - Respect, Resilience, Aspiration, Collaboration, Integrity, Kindness

**Half Term Value** - Respect

**Value Behaviour of the Week** - We respect school property. We use our hands and feet kindly.

## Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Ruby B:** Ruby - You are a shining star who always respects your friends and our nursery. I am so proud of you and have enjoyed watching you engage with your friends and be such a fantastic role model.

**Corey T:** Corey - I am so proud of you and how you have shown our school values this term. You are always very respectful to all adults and children. You have been fantastic this week and watching you join in with our nursery rhymes has been a pleasure.

## Reception - Miss Lucas

**Wesley R:** What a brilliant week you've had Wesley! You have shown Robbie Respect to all the teachers and children in Reception and around the school. You have had your listening ears turned on and followed instructions the first time. Just like Robbie Respect you have made good choices and used your lovely manners. Keep it up Wes!

**Jacob M:** Jacob, where do I start with you? I think you might be twins with Robbie Respect, because you are just like him! Just like Robbie Respect you know that looking after others and their feelings is important. You always have your listening ears on, ready to follow instructions the first time! You know that making good choices are important and you show this in your play by making sure you take turns with your friends. But one thing that stands out is that you always look after things in our classroom, you have a great respect for the lovely toys you get to play with each day. Well done Jacob!

## Reception - Mrs Wills

**Mikey G:** Mikey - You are a wonderful class member, who is a shining example of all our school values. Just like Robbie Respect you are a great listener during all our learning times. You are super polite, always using 'please' and 'thank you'. What a great friend you are to your peers, you play co-operatively with them and share fairly. Mikey you are a great role model to your everyone in Reception.

**Violet M-W:** Violet - You have settled really well into Reception life. You listen with increased focus during learning time and answer questions when asked. It is lovely to see you developing friendships within the setting. You are a busy class member who loves being creative. You are super at tidying up and helping others. You always remember to say, 'Good morning' or 'Good afternoon' just like Robbie Respect.

## Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

**Lawrance Y:** For working really hard to show Robbie Respect in all that you do. You have settled into Year 1 fantastically and we are so proud of you! Keep listening to your teachers and making the right choices!

**Noah D:** Noah - You have really been thinking about Robbie Respect this week and all the ways you can show it. It has been lovely to see your mature attitude in class this week! Keep it up, you are making your teachers so proud of you!

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Sophia P:** Since Sophia joined Year 1 in September, she has been an absolute joy. Sophia demonstrates kindness to her friends and respect to everybody in the Halsnead family. Sophia has shown Rosie Resilience and made such amazing progress; I am blown away by Sophia's final piece of English! Well done Sophia, I am super proud of you!

**Hugo S:** Since September, Hugo has been motivated in all his subjects. This week, Hugo has aspired to produce the most fantastic maths and English work. Hugo, you should be so proud of yourself, I know I am, and Andy Aspiration certainly would be too! Well done.

# VALUE AWARDS

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Declan B:** Declan, you have worked your socks off this week! You have shown a great attitude towards all your work but in particular when writing your final outcome in English. Keep it up!

**Mirna A:** I am always so proud of Mirna's participation in lessons, but this week her work has been fantastic. She has shown Andy Aspiration and has pushed herself to complete more than asked for. Well done Mirna!

## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Logan S:** - Respect - Logan has shown so much respect this week to everyone in the class. He thoroughly enjoys helping others when they are stuck and being polite and courteous to everyone he meets. You have been a dream to teach this week, your hard work and determination are paying off!

**Georgia W:** - Respect - Georgia always shows respect to everyone within the school and follows instructions the first time. She enjoys trying her best and showing respect for everyone's property. Georgia has also shown amazing aspiration this week as she was determined to up her presentation and get a 5 in every lesson! Keep the hard work up!

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

**Scarlett W:** For always listening and working hard to apply her independent skills during lessons. You are a shining example of Robbie Respect, we are so proud of you. Well done Scarlett.

**Scarlet L:** You have shown increased confidence throughout this week when contributing to discussions and offering answers. A shining example of resilience. You have also been very supportive of the other children on your table, offering help when they have needed it. Well done Scarlet

## Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

**Ezmae M:** Ezmae - You have shown the utmost resilience and aspiration in your learning this week, especially in your writing. You never fail to be the brightest ray of sunshine in our class and around school. The perfect role model - showing respect, kindness, and integrity in all that you do! In fact, that's a full house of values - you are a star!

**Jake H:** Jake - You are a pleasure to teach. Your enthusiasm for all that school has to offer to you is incredible. Thank you for being an example of aspiration - you always give 100%. Keep up all your hard work!

## Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

**Jessica L:** Jessica shows her values in abundance. With our termly value being respect, it would be impossible not to give it to Jessica as she treats everybody with respect and always displays good manners.

**Isla C:** Isla has been working really hard on her resilience and independence. She has been incredible in maths by developing her mental addition and has produced a fantastic memoir of Katherine Johnson.

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Oliva D:** Olivia has excelled this week and demonstrated our school values. I was particularly impressed with your resilient attitude to learning despite hurting your hand. You gave 100% to everything that you did. Amazing work Olivia, well done!

**Robyn I:** Robyn has blown me away this week with her determined attitude. She produced a fantastic piece of writing this week and I am very proud. She always upholds our school values and is a role model to others. Well done Robyn, keep it up!

## Year 6 - Mr Owen

**Lucas S:** Lucas has shown a real mature attitude this week towards his learning and I have been really impressed with the focus that he has shown. Keep it up Lucas!

**Demi S:** Demi is a pleasure to teach and is incredibly hard-working. I am always blown away by the explanations that she gives for her thinking - Well done Demi!

## Reception Phonics Workshop



We would like to invite parents and carers of children who are new to Reception Class this year, to join in with our **FREE** Phonics session over Zoom. You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to support your child with their reading and writing in their first year of school. We will look at phonics in the Foundation Stage and how it is used to help your child learn to read and write.

There will be opportunities for you to ask any questions you have.

Anyone who attends will receive a **FREE** bag of resources to use at home with your child.

There are 4 sessions for you to pick from. You only need to attend 1 of them.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, 1-2pm with Sharon  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, 10-11am with Ann  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, 1-2pm with Ann  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 10-11am with Sharon

For more information and the Zoom code please contact:

Ann Curley 07825 117 482

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or

Sharon Fitzgerald 07825 117 499

[Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk)



Parents of year 6 Children  
**It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7)**  
**September 2022 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

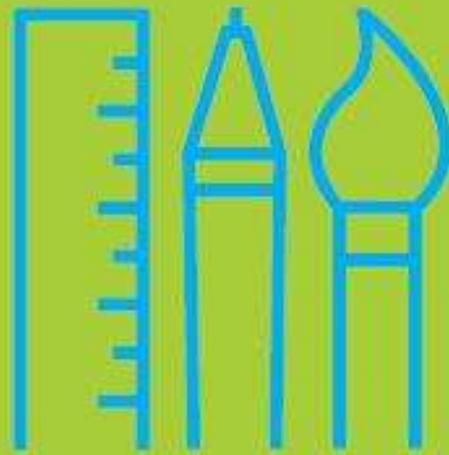
**CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER 2021**

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2021.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2021 and 31 October 2021 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk).
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk) and access the 'Knowsley Secondary Education, Information for Parents' prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

**Email: [schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk)**

**Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142**



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**It's time to apply for a school reception class place**  
**September 2022 Intake**

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**CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2022**

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2022.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2021 and 15 January 2022 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk).
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Get ready for a super scary

# HALLOWEEN

October 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30pm-8:30pm



**The Little Room Hire**  
**18 Windy Arbor Road L35 3PB**

After Dark Hours  
6-8.30

Goody Bags

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