

# NEWSLETTER

## Welcome

16TH JUNE 2023

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We have had a great week back at school this week, with lovely weather to go with it!

Yesterday, we had a very special author and illustrator visit our school and speak to children in Years 4,5 and 6. Curtis Jobling is the author of the "Wereworld" and "Max Helsing" book series and the production designer of the Bob the Builder animated series, amongst many other things. He was inspirational and demonstrated some live sketches and illustrations to the children. It was great to see children inspired to read, write and draw. #HalsneadReads!

Our children in UKS2 have been taking part in a series of webinars about plastic pollution. They are thinking about ways that we can make a difference to our world through actions we can all take. This half term in science, all classes will be focussing on environmental science and learning about our role in protecting and sustaining our planet. We are really looking forward to learning about how we can make a difference.

This half term, our value focus is aspiration. We are going to spend a lot of time in school talking about our future aspirations and what we need to do to achieve these. Why not talk to your children this weekend about their aspirations for the future? We have some future scientists, doctors, mechanics, footballers, teachers and much more across our school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt

## Weekly Updates

### Crucial Crew-Year 6

Crucial crew is an event which will provide and deliver safety messages in a fun and interactive way, the aim is to stay safe and learn valuable life skills.



## Hot Weather



- Please apply suncream prior to school.
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- Please provide your child with a water bottle to keep hydrated.
- Ensure all children wear a cap or hat.

# WEEKLY WELLBEING

'A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.' Irish proverb.

We spend approximately one third of our lives asleep. Without it we cannot function effectively. It is vital for maintaining good mental and physical health. Sleeping helps to repair and restore our brains, not just our bodies.

During sleep we can process information, consolidate memories, and undergo a number of maintenance processes that help us to function during the daytime.

[mentalhealth.org.uk](https://mentalhealth.org.uk)



## POEM OF THE WEEK

My dad's not a teacher,  
a ghost or a ghoul,  
he isn't a spaceman,  
a jester or fool.

He doesn't walk tightropes  
or dance on hot coals,  
play for United  
or score lots of goals.

He isn't a rock star  
a wizard or king,  
he isn't a builder  
and he can't really sing.

He doesn't do time walks  
or cook on TV,  
write silly poems  
or make cups of tea.

My dad isn't wealthy  
he's not strong or wild,  
but my dad is special  
and I am his child.

By Peter Dixon  
Poem chosen by Isabella R 4T.

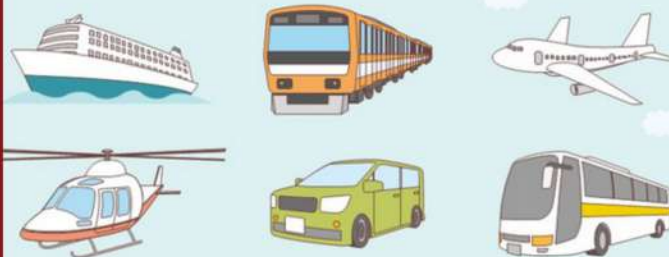


# BRITISH VALUES

## Reflection



Travel has transformed the way we live our lives, allowing us to meet others, try different food and visit new places all over the world. As technology advances, the ways and means to travel can become quicker and easier.



## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Having access to travel can help us learn more about people living in our world. Life is not the same for everyone and we should respect that.

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## Protected Characteristics



Where and how people choose to live may affect the modes of transport they use. We should never be treated unfairly because of how we choose to live.



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## UN Rights of a Child



If a child lives in a different country than their parents, governments must let the child and parents travel so that they can stay in contact and be together.



# 'WE ARE ALL EQUAL

## Promoting the Protected Characteristics at Halsnead Primary School

We believe it is important that all children grow up understanding the world around them. We work together to ensure that our children respect and appreciate that we are all individuals and to recognise the beauty and value of living in a diverse society.

In our school:

There are no outsiders.

Everyone is different.

We celebrate our differences.

We are all equal in our differences.

The Equality Act became law in 2010. It covers everyone in Britain and protects people from discrimination, harassment, and victimisation. Everyone in Britain is protected. This is because the Equality Act protects people against discrimination because of the protected characteristics that we all have. Under the Equality Act, there are nine Protected Characteristics:

1. Age
2. Disability
3. Gender reassignment
4. Race
5. Religion or belief
6. Marriage or civil partnership
7. Sex
8. Sexual orientation
9. Pregnancy and maternity



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At Halsnead, we actively promote these in our curriculum and work to embed them into our ethos.

Under the Equality Act you are protected from discrimination:

- When you are in the workplace
- When you use public services like healthcare (for example, visiting your doctor or local hospital) or education (for example, at your school or college)
- When you use businesses and other organisations that provide services and goods (like shops, restaurants, and cinemas)
- When you use transport
- When you join a club or association (for example, your local rugby club)
- When you have contact with public bodies like your local council or government departments



## UPCOMING DATES

EYFS Sports Day - Monday 3rd July 1-2.30pm

KS1 Sports Day - Tuesday 4th July 1-3pm

KS2 Sports Day - Wednesday 5th July 1-3pm

Reports out and new class transition morning - Friday 14th July

Year 6 leavers service - Wednesday 19th July 1.30pm

Whole school Party day - Thursday 20th July

Year 6 leavers prom in school - Thursday 20th July 5pm-6.30pm

Half term Value: Aspiration

Staff value behaviour: We remain motivated and positive even when events may not be going the way we want.

Children's value behaviour: We aim high in everything we do

Significant person: Katarina Johnson-Thompson

Good work and book recommendation next week: 6L

## Nursery-Miss Hoang

**Dante-** Dante you have had a wonderful week: we are all so proud of you. You are just like Andy aspiration always choosing to do the right thing and trying your best.

**Myles** - Myles you have had been a superstar. I am so proud of everything you have achieved and how you have shown our values this week keep being a superstar.

## Reception-Miss Lucas

**Jonathon AV** - What a brilliant first week back Jonathon! This week you have shown a real 'can do' attitude towards your learning and school life. Just like Andy Aspiration, you have made goals and worked towards them. Well done Jonathon!

**Charlie T** - Charlie, you have blown our socks off this week with your attitude and approach to learning. You have been working incredibly hard in maths, practicing skills throughout the day and encouraging and supporting others to do the same thing. Well done Charlie!

## Year 1 - Mrs Wills

**Frankie H** - What a star you have been this week, Frankie. You have made great strides in all areas of learning. You are working so hard to make improvements to the presentation of your work. Just like Andy Aspiration you enjoy earning stickers and strive to achieve.

**Patrick B** - You have made an excellent start to our final term in Year 1. Every day you are showing our school values and being a great role model to your peers. You have worked hard all week in your lessons and we are proud of you.

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Max B** - You certainly give Andy Aspiration a run for his money! Every day, you aspire to do your best. You have come a long way to understand that making mistakes shows you are learning, and you certainly now learn from them. Max, your handwriting is incredible, and this is because you have tried your hardest to make it the best it can possibly be. Well done!

**Tom** - Tom, you have aspired to do your best every day! It has been wonderful to see how focused and ready to learn you are in every lesson, every day! You are proud with what you achieve and you take all feedback on board and learn from it. Well done Tom!

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Dolce** - Dolce always shows aspiration. She gives 100% and strives to achieve! I have been blown away this week with her superb work in maths when using efficient methods. Not only has she been working very hard, but she has also been using her integrity by helping others!

**Cole** - Our very own Andy Aspiration, who always gives 100%! I am so proud of your attitude towards learning, you are such a role model in our classroom. Keep it up, Cole!

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SIGNIFICANT PERSON: KATARINA JOHNSON-THOMPSON

GOOD WORK AND BOOK RECOMMENDATION NEXT WEEK: 6L

## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Eddie** - aspiration - WOW, what a first week back! You have left me astounded with how much hard work you have done this week in English! I am so proud of how much you are always aspiring to do and be better. Well done.

**Eliza** - aspiration - Again, what another amazing week back! Your handwriting has brilliant and you have aspired to do better every single day. It has been a joy to watch you!

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

**Thomas and Seth** - you have both worked so hard over the past few weeks to improve your times table knowledge and your hard work has paid off. I'm so proud of the progress you have made showing our school values resilience and Aspiration! Keep up the great work and let's get you moving up the Times Table Rockstar leader board! Well done!

## Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

**Laila**-Laila just like Andy aspiration, you are a wonderful mixture of all the values! You try your hardest in everything that you do and show personal excellence daily. You have had an outstanding week and continue to impress me each day! Great work.

**Nikita**, Nikita is Andy aspiration your middle name? You show our school values every day and encourage others to follow your example. You are a superb student to teach, and I am so lucky to be your teacher. Keep up the good work!

## Year 5 - Miss Neale

**Eva-Lily**- Eva Lily has had a fantastic week. She has tried her hardest and shown great resilience especially on the first week back! She has been a lovely friend to everyone both inside and outside of the classroom- keep it up Eva-Lily!

**Reece**- Reece has been wonderful this week. He has been focusing extremely well and working hard in every subject! He has shown kindness and all other values to the max! Well done Reece!

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Oliver O'L** has had a phenomenal return to school. He has blown me away with his attitude to learning and his kindness to others. I have been really impressed with his writing this week. You are a superstar Oliver, what a way to start the term! Well done, keep it up.

**Penelope Mc E** has had a fantastic week. She has worked tirelessly and really improved with her writing, producing a great non chronological report on the Vikings. Penelope also shows how kind she can be to others in school. We'll done Penelope, I'm very proud of you!

## Year 6-Mr Lenaghan

**All of 6L** - I would feel a sense of injustice if I allowed any child in the class this week to miss out on being a value star simply because of how hard each and every one of them has worked since coming back. The writing they have produced has been a joy to read and not once have they complained. They are a credit to themselves and I am so proud.