



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter.

We have had a busy week! As part of our character curriculum, children take part in a wide range of experiences to help them develop their character. We have attached some of the experiences to the newsletter for you to see. This week our upper key stage 2 children visited some significant places of worship, including a mosque and Liverpool cathedral. The children were so respectful throughout the visit; we are really proud of them all.

We have many exciting experiences coming up in the coming weeks. All of our classes are going to be spending time in our allotments, taking part in a range of character-building experiences: bird watching, den building, fire-pit experiences, animal habitat making and much more. We can't wait to see the children thrive during these experiences.

We have invited the National Theatre into school to deliver a performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet to our Key Stage 2 children. They will be setting up a stage in the school hall and putting on a production to children and staff. We cannot wait! They will be coming into school next week to run workshops for Year 6 prior to the event.

Next week is National Story-telling week. We will be taking part in a range of storytelling activities in school. Why not talk to your children at home about their favourite stories and have a go at some story telling each night? We are really looking forward to the week.

Make sure you have a nice restful weekend - we have so many busy and exciting weeks ahead!

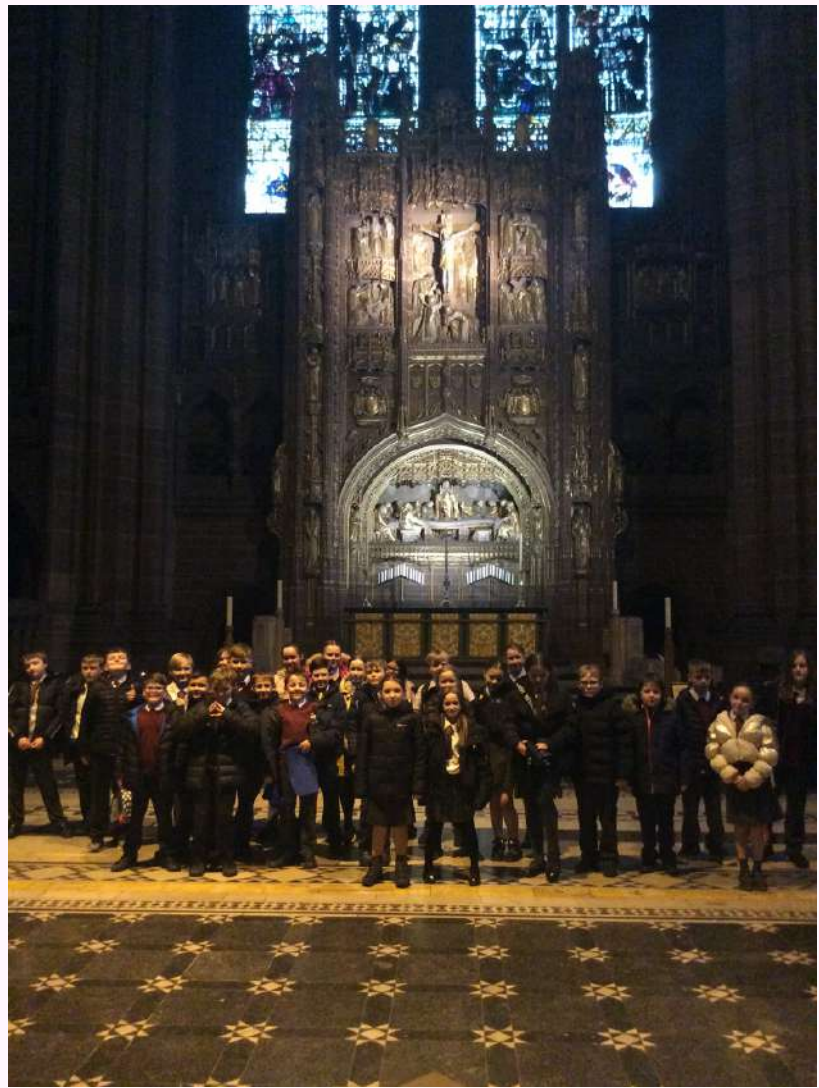
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'AI Rahma Mosque & The Anglican Cathedral

The children found this experience very interesting and informative. They asked lots of questions and learnt lots of new facts. The children showed all our school values especially Robbie respect. Well done everyone.









Poem of the week

The Dragon on the Playground

There's a dragon on the playground
who descended from the skies.
He swooped down on the schoolyard
where he took us by surprise.

He leapt across the blacktop
in a single bounding stride,
erupting flames and lava
to incinerate the slide.

He reared his huge and scaly head
and flapped his leathery wings,
then set the soccer field ablaze
and blackened all the swings.

He cauterized the asphalt
with a sudden, fiery flash.
Then reeled upon the seesaw
and converted it to ash.

He melted all the monkey bars.
The sand was molten glass.
With nothing left to liquefy
he headed for our class.

I doubt we'll soon be rid of him
despite the fires he's set.
You see, our teacher likes him,
so he's now the teacher's pet.

by Kenn Nesbitt



School attendance



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Author of the month

SIMON JAMES GREEN



Simon James Green has written 12 books (so far!) which range from picture books through to young adult novels. They include wonderful representation of the LGBTQ+ community, whose stories are told through Simon's hilarious writing and fun adventures.

The bright covers of his books will entice you in (you can definitely judge these books by their covers!) and keep you entertained with its pages.

If you like **Sam Copeland** or **Benjamin Dean**, you'll love these books!

Books are an invitation to the adventure of a lifetime. To accept, just turn the page!

'Life of Riley' was the winner of the Fantastic Book Awards, 2022.

Simon James Green says:



Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If anyone is interested please contact our school office.

Reminders

To remind all parents in KS 1/W, 1/2T and 2/s that the trip to 'Imagine That Discovery Centre' will take place on Thursday 9th February. If you haven't already done so trip payments can be made through parent app. If you require an activation code please see the school office.



Halsnead Experiences

BY THE END OF KS1

Aspiration

- I listened to lots of different people talking about their careers during Aspirations Day
- I watched a live theatre play

Kindness

- I raised money for a charity with my class
- I cooked a meal for someone

Integrity

- I made a home for wildlife
- I helped a plant grow
- I helped a wild animal

Collaboration

- I completed a project to improve our school
- I worked together with my class to perform a play in front of the school
- I took a friend on a nature adventure
- I played on the beach with my friends

Respect

- I went on a local area walk and spotted the good things about our local area
- I watched lots of different birds
- I kept a nature diary
- I explored the wonders of a rock pool
- I discovered what's in a pond
- I went cloud watching

Resilience

- I found my way using a map



Halsnead Experiences

BY THE END OF LKS2

Aspiration

- I visited a library
- I wrote and performed a poem
- I read out loud in front of the school

Integrity

- I wrote to a local councillor
- I did something good for my local community
- I did something to help the local environment

Kindness

- I read to a younger child

Collaboration

- I toasted a marshmallow with my friends around a campfire
- I wrote to someone from another country

Respect

- I brought up a butterfly
- I foraged for fungi
- I visited different places of worship

Resilience

- I conquered an orienteering course
- I climbed a huge hill



BY THE END OF UKS2

Aspiration

- I interviewed people from different careers during Aspirations day
- I visited a University

Kindness

- I was an entrepreneur and created a business to raise money for others
- I mentored a younger child in Reception
- I read a story to a class

Integrity

- I took action to help prevent climate change

Collaboration

- I worked together with a group of friends to teach children in a lower year group
- I performed in a production in front of our whole school community
- I toasted a marshmallow with my friends around a campfire at night
- I floated in a boat
- I played a musical instrument in a band

Respect

- I watched the sunset on a residential trip
- I went on a nature walk at night
- I went stargazing
- I experienced awe and wonder in a cathedral
- I ate a meal at a nice restaurant and demonstrated good table manners

Resilience

- I climbed over rocks and boulders
- I explored a cave
- I climbed a mountain

VALUE AWARDS



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

Half Term Value - Integrity

Children's value behaviour- We take responsibility for our own actions

Significant person: Tanni-Grey-Thompson

Nursery - Mrs Hoang

Zach - WOW Zach what a wonderful week you have had. I am so proud of you, you have shown our values multiple time and have worked really hard with all our challenges. Well done.

Gabriella - You are a shining star. You have been a fantastic role model to our friends and have supported our new children making sure they all feel welcome. Well done I am so proud of you.

Reception - Miss Lucas

Corey T - Corey, what a brilliant week you've had! Just like India Integrity, you have been making the best choices during play and learning time. You have been spotted showing others how to make good choices, and you have been trying super hard in your writing. Well done superstar!

Penelope F - Penelope... Wow! What a week you've had. Just like India Integrity, you have shown you understand that it's great to make good choices, whether someone is watching or not. You have been working incredibly hard in phonics, and it has been lovely to see how proud you are. Well done Penelope!

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

Vincent Y - What a fabulous week you have had, I am very proud of how you have settled into your work. It has been wonderful to see your focus and how determined you are to complete everything. Just like India Integrity you have been a shining example, making the right choices without needing any reminders. Keep this up Vincent.

Kristupas S - Wow, what a super class member you are in 1W. You will always help others in need and always make the right choices. You can always be relied upon in every situation, and you are a trustworthy member of the class. Just like India Integrity, you will never let us down. Well done, Kristupas.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

Scarlett - Scarlett you are always a fantastic role model to your friends. You demonstrate all the school values, specifically India Integrity. Scarlett you are honest, make the right choices and remain true to yourself. Keep it up Scarlett!

Farleigh - Farleigh you are working really hard and trying your best in everything you do. Your face lights up when you recognise your hard work has paid off. Farleigh, you selflessly put other people first and you don't judge other people when they make a mistake. Well done!

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Elarna - Elarna shows integrity day in, day out. She knows she should always make the right choice - even when nobody is around! Keep it up!

Poppy - For always being so helpful! Poppy always wants to be a helping hand in the classroom. She has been tidying up after her friends without being asked! Thank you, Poppy! I am so proud of your integrity and respect towards our classroom.

Year 3k-Mrs Keenan

Charlie - integrity - What a week we have had! You have been working so hard this week and really challenging yourself to better in your handwriting and work every day! It is a joy to watch you flourish in all your subjects and get stuck into all tasks! Well done, Charlie.

Lola - integrity - What an amazing week you have had! You have consistently tried to up level in your handwriting and you are reaping the rewards! Your work looks amazing! You haven't done it to get praise but to show how hard working and dedicated you are to always bettering yourself! Well done!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

Mirna - for always being a pleasure to have in class you show integrity in everything you do. We are so lucky to have you in our class. You are growing up to be a hardworking, polite little girl. Well done Mirna

Shea - For an amazing attitude in all lessons this week. You have been working hard to improve your handwriting and we can see the huge difference it is making to the presentation of your work. Keep up this great attitude!

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

Leighton- wow! I am so impressed with all your hard work this week! You have stood out to me this week because you have displayed our school values. In particular, India integrity! Just like India, you are always doing the right thing and encouraging others to do the same. You can justify what you think and accept other people's points of view. Well done!

Isaac- what a fantastic week you have had! Just like India, you are so reliable, I know that I can count on you! The children in our class can count on you to help them when things get tricky and enjoy playing with you on the playground. You have shown so many of our values this week including kindness and respect. You are doing a super job!

Year 5 - Miss Neale

Mason- Mason has had a great week in Year 5 and has been trying his hardest in his English Big Write. He has been using lots of our mastery keys including semicolons, subjunctive form, and passive voice. He has also been a star during maths, working hard on our tricky topic of fractions, keep it up Mason!

Ava R- Ava has been brilliant this week! She has shown integrity in everything she has done in the classroom, on the playground and on our trip. All her teachers are so proud of her, keep up the great work!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Oliver O'L- Oliver has blown me away with his writing this week - it was phenomenal! I was impressed with his creative flair and use of vocabulary. Oliver you are a natural author and a superstar , keep up the good work!

Jake S- has had a fantastic week. He worked so hard during assessments last week, and blew me away with his math skills. I'm so proud of you Jake, keep up the good work

Year 6-Mr Lenaghan

Anna - If you ever get the opportunity to read Anna's classic narrative of 'The Selfish Giant' that she has written this week, then you will understand why she fully deserves this week's Value Award. Her description and attention to detail has been phenomenal and we are so proud of her.

Isabelle - Isabelle (A.K.A our very own Mrs Hinch) has been busy this week keeping our classroom environment clean and tidy. What is great about this, is that she does it on her own accord without being asked or seeking any rewards. She takes great pride in looking after our learning environment and supporting those around her.