



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter. I cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone! We have been so busy and there has been so much to celebrate.

I am really proud of all of the children and of all they have achieved this half term. We have been focussing on a really tricky, but really important, half term value - integrity. One of the ways we define integrity in school is, 'doing the right thing when no one is watching.' Our children are excellent at this, and I am really proud to say that we have seen shining examples of integrity each day this half term. Today we held our Value Stars Assembly. Children were voted for by their peers to receive a special medal and certificate. Well done to everyone who received an award.

We have had a very exciting week, with lots of experiences for our children. Our KS1 classes went on a trip to 'Imagine That' to see their science topic in action. The children loved the trip, with many of them claiming it was the 'best day ever!' We are really passionate about offering a wide range of trips and visits out to all of our children. We look forward to more next half term!

Today we have had our whole school character curriculum day. Our 'Growing up Great' curriculum is designed to enable children to learn about values and characteristics that will help them to achieve their high aspirations. The children learnt about the importance of honesty and how this will help them in their lives. If you would like any more information about our character curriculum, please see our school website.

I would like to wish you all a happy half term break! Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you back in a week's time.

Mr Catt

# Imagine That

On Thursday, KS1 visited Imagine That Science and Discovery Centre in Liverpool. They made snow, slime, bath bombs and fridge magnets - there was a lot of mess! They painted a car, switched on lights with their energy and even went into a miniature village to explore different careers!



# Well done

It has been a busy couple weeks for sport competitions at Halsnead. Year 4 and 5 & 6 children participated in Boccia at Alt Bridge school where they missed out on the final by 3 points and Year 5 children participated in Football at EFC's training ground. The semi final resulted in penalties.

Super proud of all these children, who showed great teamwork and all of our Halsnead values throughout! Well done!





# Road works

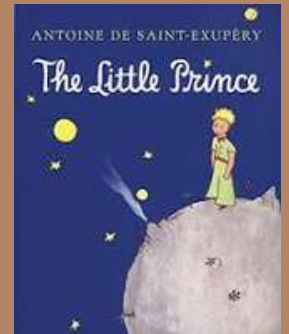
For approxiametly the next 5 days roadworks will be carried out by the dragon lane enterance to school.





# Halsnead reads

This week, Oliver from year 6 has started reading a much-loved classic story that he has borrowed from his mum. 'The Little Prince' is a novel written and illustrated by French aristocrat, writer, and military pilot Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The book was first published in 1943 and has been translated into English from its original language of French. The tale tells of a pilot who, when stranded in the desert, awakes one morning to see, standing before him, the most extraordinary little fellow... maybe Oliver will give us his verdict of the story after half term! We have a copy of The Little Prince in the library for anyone who would like to read it.



# Golden coins

**FREYA, ISAAC M AND AVA**

A huge thank you to Ava who has presented us with some Horrid Henry books! Freya for donating a very comfy beanbag to our school library and to Isaac who has very kindly gifted twenty books ( a fantastic collection of Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates) for people to share..... Halsnead Reads!!!



# World book day

Important date for your diary....World Book Day Thursday  
2nd March.

Miss Rayner and our wonderful Reading Champions are busy bees planning some exciting activities for World Book Day in school. Children are invited to come to school in a book-themed costume of their choice. This could be an all-out creative masterpiece or by bringing in a prop that represents a character or a book. World Book Day celebrations are a long-standing tradition at Halsnead and we are looking forward to revelling in the wonderfulness of books again this year!

WORLD  
**BOOK**  
**DAY**<sup>®</sup>

2 MARCH 2023

# Zero food waste



We have teamed up with a local charity, Liverpool Zero Food Waste Group. The focus of the charity is to redistribute surplus food from supermarkets to the local community. This stops food from going to landfill and helps build community.

Each Friday, a team of our staff will be collecting food from different supermarkets across the city that is due to be sent to landfill the following day. This is similar to the 'Too Good To Go' food scheme, however it is completely free.



We will be opening up our Kids Club after school and would like to invite you in to come and collect some food. We anticipate a range of pastries, fruit and veg, bread and other items. Please come and have a look and take what you feel you will use.



We will open the KS1 playground door and staff will be on hand to help.

# Poem of the week

## BABY TAYLOR FINN

This week is Children's Mental Health Week, so this week's poem reflects the importance of resilience and being kind to ourselves.

The Thought Machine  
By Laura Mucha

Sometimes my thought machine makes thoughts like  
That went well or you're doing great  
You've got this  
but sometimes it makes thought like  
that was terrible or how embarrassing or what a mess  
When that happens, I dance. Write. Run. Sing.  
Listen to music. Talk. Swim.  
I think of one thing I like about myself  
Nice earlobes or great dancing or excellent jokes  
and I set about my day.  
And somehow, that pesky little thought machine  
tends to think more positive things, like  
This is going well, you're doing great-  
You've got this!  
And I have.



# 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** - Integrity

**Children's value behaviour**- We say sorry when we make mistake. We forgive people and don't hold grudges.

**Significant person:** Greta Thunberg

## **Nursery - Mrs Hoang**

. Nursery - Nursery, we have had the best half term! All of you have shown brilliant resilience, collaboration, kindness, integrity, respect, and aspiration! You have all worked super hard in maths and your counting is brilliant! Have the best time off Nursery!

## **Reception - Miss Lucas**

Reception - Wow, wow, wow! What a half term we've had Reception. All of you have worked incredibly hard in all aspects of school life and took challenges in your stride. You have shown our school values day in and day out! You have all worked exceptionally hard in phonics this half term and the pride I see on your faces each day shows how proud you all are. Have a lovely half term and have lots of fun! \*

## **Year 1 - Mrs Wills**

1W what an excellent half term you have had. You all showed your integrity especially on our school trip yesterday . It was a pleasure to take you out . Thank you for making it a fun time.

## **Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas**

What a fantastic Spring term we have had. Following Christmas, you all came back with a bang! We have worked so hard together. There has been so much learning; for example, in English we have written a wonderful fact file on whales and plastic pollution, and you pulled off an incredible dance routine to The Lion King...I think we'll be asked to appear in the West End! Finally, what a joy it has been to see you work as a team, show kindness and respect to one another and act with integrity. Enjoy your half term...you deserve it!

## **Year 2 - Miss Spencer**

You have had the best start to 2023! I have seen a huge improvement in your independence and maturity since coming back after Christmas. I am particularly proud of your behaviour and the way that you represented our school on our trip to Imagine That on Thursday. You were incredible! We have overcome many challenges and are ready for the new challenges ahead. Have a great half term.

## **Year 3k-Mrs Keenan**

What a fabulous half term we have had! So many exciting things have happened in the last 6 weeks. We had a wonderful time at the Catalyst Museum and every one of you displayed our Halshead values. I was so proud of you for being ambassadors for our school. We had a brilliant time watching the Shakespeare play this week. Thank you for being such a lovely class to teach. I hope you all have an amazing half term, and I will see you after the holidays refreshed and ready to go again!

## **Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall**

What a fabulous half term we have had! So many exciting things have happened in the last 6 weeks. We had a wonderful time at the Catalyst Museum and everyone of you displayed our Halshead values. I was so proud of you for being ambassadors for our school. We had a brilliant time watching the Shakespeare play this week. Thank you for being such a lovely class to teach. I hope you all have an amazing half term and I will see you after the holidays refreshed and ready to go again!

## **Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft**

You have all worked extremely hard this half term and you should all be so proud of yourselves. Have a restful holiday, see you all in a week!

**Year 5 - Miss Neale**

5N have had an amazing half term and start to 2023. You have all shown the school values inside and outside of school. Integrity has shown through in each and every one of you and I am so proud. Have a lovely week off, you deserve it!

**Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty**

What a phenomenal term! I am beyond proud of what you've achieved this half term. Your willingness to learn and resilience when faced with challenges has blown me away. You have shown our school values in abundance. Enjoy your well-earned break and I look forward to having you back next half term!

**Year 6-Mr Lenaghan**

All of 6L - Another wonderful term comes to and end. With each passing term, we see the confidence in our children grow. This has been epitomised by the brilliant dance performance that the children completed this week, which showed our values of collaboration, aspiration and resilience. Keep up the brilliant work and keep making us proud!

**Kabs**

"This term in KABs we are continuing to work on our values each and everyday through a range of different games and activities. Isaac and Anna in particular have stood out to us not only in breakfast and after school club but within their school lives as well. Both of these pupils show all the values, particularly integrity, each day by being honest and fair in the activities we do, while being kind toward other students. Well done to both of you, we can't wait to see what next term brings!"