



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. It was great to welcome everyone back this week after half term. All of our children have impressed with their hard work already.

This half term's value is kindness. This is such an important value to us all at Halsnead. I am proud of the way our children, staff, parents and carers continually show kindness. We will be focusing on what it means to be kind to ourselves, each other, our community and the world. We want no one at Halsnead to feel like an outsider. Everyone is welcome and everyone is celebrated for who they are. Over the coming weeks we will be adopting the phrase 'No Outsiders' and promoting this important message that everyone is welcome at Halsnead. More information will follow soon!

Next week we are celebrating World Book Day. We are so excited to celebrate our favourite books and continue with our Halsnead Reads campaign to push our love of reading. Share with your children your favourite book now and when you were younger. What made it such a special book to you?

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Catt

Well done

Y5/6 Boys' football team won one and drew one in their recent round of the Prescot Football League, and did not concede a single goal.



Upcoming events

Year 5 Residential on Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th May 2023

Ghyll Head Outdoor Education Centre



Year 5/n 5/6d and 6L will be visiting Jodrell bank observatory on Thursday 30th march 2023

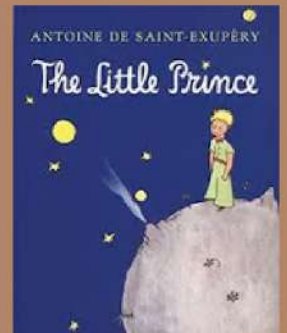
Supporting our school/allotment

If you have any 2L plastic empty bottles, can you please send them into school with your child for support/protecting the trees in our school allotment. Also, if you have any unwanted gifts e.g., toiletries or toys that you would like to donate for our allotment raffle it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks Tina

Halsnead reads

Last 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.



Book review-The Little Prince

Introduction

This book was magical. I loved every second of it and will definitely be reading this again soon. The characters were charming, the illustrations beautiful and the message life changing. So let's get into why I love this book.

The Story

If I'm going to be honest, this book doesn't really have a plot (though this is a good thing). It mainly centres around a man who used to be a pilot telling the story of how he met a strange prince while stranded in the Sahara desert. He tells us all the tales the little Prince told him before he left him. Such stories being the prince's journey to other planets and how he looked after his beautiful rose I'm not joking when I say this, some of the stories made me burst into tears. Now if the little Prince was not a compelling character, this whole book would crumble. Luckily for the book, he is. I was enthralled by his perfectly written stories and was intrigued by it the whole way through. I don't know how Antoine de Saint-Exuepry (the author) did it, but man its good.

How it made me feel

This story made me feel so many feelings. It made me feel joy, sadness, curiosity, fear and so many others. I can't believe a book written in 1943 feels so modern, and I won't spoil the ending, but it made me drown in sadness.

Final thoughts

Overall, I loved this book, I have no problems with it and it is easily my new favourite book ever written. The characters felt so realistic, even though they are so unrealistic. It broke me. Please read it. It's amazing.

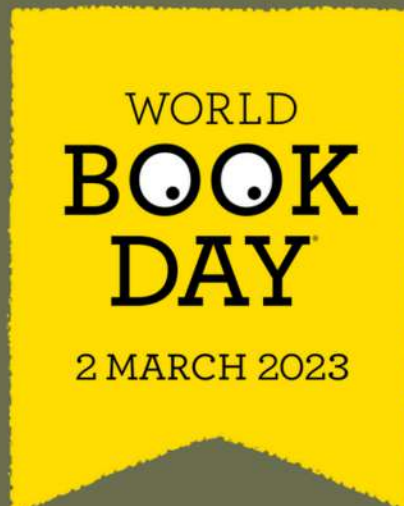
The End

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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!



Pancakes

This week nursery have enjoyed mixing all the ingredients to make their very own pancakes. They even tried some lemon, look at those faces!



Golden coins



Golden Coin Winners
Amelia, Florence C, Lucy McE, Brooke L



Thank you

A massive thank you to Lucy McE (and Patrick) who has donated a huge number of books to our school library! We are thrilled with your kindness - we know that children will be borrowing them as soon as they are on the shelves!






Poem of the week



A Pencil Speaks

by Liz Brownlee



I'm tired of writing on this paper
the wearing away of my lead

I'm fed up with their greasy fingers
and sharp teeth on my head


I imagine a life that's exciting
to be more than just black and white

How I long to decide my own story
instead of what they want to write


I want to shout things that I shouldn't
to dance on my white paper floor

I won't keep in line and stay wooden
because that's what a pencil is for

I've decided to change my direction
I'm running away with my chum



He's going to train as a chopstick
and I'm going to learn to play the drums



VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Kieron 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

Bobby R - You are such a kind young man. Kindness shines in all you do. You always check all the children are happy in nursery and will happily play with everyone. I am so proud of you.

Alby- Alby words can't describe how proud I am of you this week. You are a true superstar who has shown every Halsnesd value. You are an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done.

Reception - Miss Lucas

Faye E - Faye, what a fantastic week back you've had! You have shown all our school values this week and encouraged and supported others in showing the values too! Just like Kieron Kindness, you lead by example and are a brilliant role model to others. This week you have been spotted showing the stop sign independently and supporting others in doing the same. Well done, Faye, you are a superstar!

Olivia R - Olivia, you have shown Kieron Kindness in the bucket loads this week! You have been spotted independently helping one of your friends with their number formation, and when asked why you decided to help, you replied with, 'I could see he was stuck, so I went up to help him. I showed Kieron Kindness.' Olivia, you are a role model, well done superstar!

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

Jaxon G - Jaxon is a great role model for kindness, he is a smiley member of the class who is always polite and kind to others. He enjoys playing with his friends and knows how to be supportive to them. He offers them kind words and encourages them to try their best.

Brody H - Brody what a lovely smile you bring to school every day, you are a ray of sunshine! You are always kind to your peers and adults as well. You enjoy playing games with your friends and always show fairness and kindness. What a star you are, Brody Kindness.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

Aydin: Aydin, every day you sprinkle your kindness around Halsned. You quietly, without wanting praise collect books, tidy the desks and help your friends. This is a wonderful quality, wear it with pride.

Aisla: Aisla, you are such a kind and caring young lady. You have welcomed our recruit with open arms and made her feel part of our team. Aisla, you always use beautiful manners and will readily help anybody. Thank you for showing such kindness everyday - what a role model!

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Terry - What a tremendous start you've had at Halsnead! You have settled in perfectly, began to show our values and made lots of new friends - it's like you've always been here! We are very happy to have you in our class Terry, you are a star!

Sunny R - Sunny is one of the kindest little boys I know. He is so thoughtful, caring and always looks out for his friends. Keep being you Sunny, you brighten everybody's day!

Year 3k-Mrs Keenan

Jad-Jad always tried his very best and listens to adults and other pupils. He is kind to everyone in class and smiles all day. Well done.

Eddie- Eddie sits beautifully in class and is always ready to join in and work hard. He is very polite and is always ready to help children who are struggling. Well done!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

Camran - always being such an enthusiastic learner. You always contribute well on class discussions. I'm so proud of you.

Scarlett - for always being kind to others and looking after people. You are an excellent role model to others.

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

Ellie: Ellie, a brilliant first week back at Halsnead! You spread positivity and kindness wherever you go using both your words and actions. Your comforting words and actions support your friends when they need some help, and your kind heart is valued by everyone in 4T.

Taya: Taya, you have sprinkled positivity and kindness all over my classroom this week! I love watching you come to school with a beautiful, beaming smile on your face, excited for the day ahead. Your 'can do' attitude is contagious and appreciated by everyone around you. Keep smiling!

VALUE AWARDS

Year 5 - Miss Neale

John-Paul - John-Paul has had a great first week back after the break. He has been trying extremely hard in both his Maths and English work, never giving up until he understands. He has also been making great choices on the playground and in the classroom. Keep up the hard work John-Paul, I am proud of you!

Ezmae - Ezmae what can I say! You have been a brilliant help in our classroom this week, helping me to tidy up and monitoring our cloakroom area so no one trips and falls! You have also been working hard in Maths, showing your resilience skills! You have been a kind friend to everyone this week, keep doing what you're doing!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Indiah- Indiah embodies the Halsnead values, particularly kindness. She is a role model to others and always lends an ear to a friend in need. She puts 100% into everything that she does and never fails to make us smile. I was really impressed with her perseverance to do well in her maths ! Well done Indiah, keep it up!

Scott-Scott has had an incredible week! He has really impressed me with his arithmetic skills in maths and with his attitude in writing. I have also been impressed by Scott's resilient attitude when faced with difficulties. Well done Scott, keep it up!

Year 6-Mr Lenaghan

Harley F - Kindness is something that comes naturally to Harley. He isn't someone who goes looking for recognition for his kindness or does big kind gestures, he simply goes day by day showing random acts of kindness because he knows it's the right thing to do - a great role-model for his peers and younger children in the school.

Natalia R - Natalia has been spotted showing an abundance of kindness to the children in our class this week. She has made sure that no child is alone during lunchtime and goes out of her way to make everyone feel included and welcome.