

NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Welcome to our Friday newsletter. We have had another exciting week, with so much to celebrate. On Thursday we launched our 'Growing up Great' character curriculum, for children in Years 1 to 6. The children each received their own character learning journal and spent time reflecting on their aspirations for the future. Talk to your children at home about their future aspiration. We are really looking forward to session 2 in 2 weeks' time.

We are really proud of our football team, who represented us so well in the Knowsley tournament this week. The children showed amazing skill and talent and worked well together as a team. We were particularly proud of how they showed our school values and represented us with pride. I would also like to give a special mention to our Year 6 swimmers. Each week the children take part in swimming lessons at Huyton Leisure Centre. Each and every one of them has done us proud and overcome challenges each week, striving to achieve.

Next week, on Thursday at 3.30pm, we have our school open evening. We would love to invite you to come along and help to sell our wonderful school. If you are interested in meeting prospective new parents and telling them all about Halsnead, please contact the school office. Your support is much appreciated.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to everyone who donated food today for our Harvest celebration. Your kind donations will make a difference to families in need and will support our local foodbank. Kindness is one of our most important values and small acts of kindness really do make a difference.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt

Strive to Achieve

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Yesterday, our year 5 and 6 boys participated in the first football tournament of this academic year at St Edmund Arrowsmith; The Prescot Football League. The boys played brilliantly, portraying all of our school values in particularly collaboration, respect and resilience. They won two of their matches, earning a fantastic 6 points out of a possible 9. Well done boys, we are all very proud of you!





Dates for your Diary....

- 12th October - Reception Vision Screening
- 13th October - Nursery and Reception Open Day 3.30pm
- 19th October - Parents' Evening
- 20th October - Year 1 and 2 Victorian Day
- 21st October - Last day in school - Break up for half-term
- 8th November - Braiswick school Photos
- 15th November - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Trip

School Admission Procedures for 2023

Don't forget to apply for your Reception and Year 7 places for 2023.

The deadline for **Secondary** Applications is fast approaching; **31st October 2022**

For further information, please see the attached School Admissions posters on how to apply.

The deadline for **Reception** Applications is **15th January 2023**

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **3rd October 2022.**

Congratulations to 4T who achieved **98.9%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **92.2%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft	98.9
Year 1 - Mrs Wills	97.7
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Kendall	96
Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale	93.2
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	92.9
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas	92.4
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	91.9
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	90
Reception - Miss Lucas	86.8
Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan	84.3

HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT

Please find attached a message from Merseyside Police regarding Halloween and Bonfire Night. The message contains advice on how to keep yourself and your children safe, whilst enjoying half term events and the season of Autumn.



The Heath Family (NW)
A Multi-Academy Trust



Kids' CLUB Reception & Nursery

We have places available in our breakfast and after school club for children in nursery and reception. Prices are as follows:

Breakfast Club - £2
After School Club - £4

If you do require a place, please get your Kids' Club Registration Pack from the office.



Parents' Evening

A letter has gone home with your child today regarding Parents' Evening. It will be taking place on **Wednesday 19th October 2022** from 3.30pm-7.00pm. Appointments can be made by either telephone call or face to face. Please complete the reply slip and return as soon possible.

BEAR FUNDRAISER

We are holding a fundraiser; '**Name the Bear**'. If you would like to have a guess, please send your child into school with £1 next week. The child who chooses the correct name (which is in a sealed envelope) will take home a cuddly, fluffy Build a Bear!



HEALTHY EATING AND NUT FREE SCHOOL

Healthy Snack

KS2 children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break time. This can be a piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar only. Children are not allowed chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits and crisps. Healthy eating is so important for children for their physical and mental development.

Nut Free School

We are a nut free school. This means that children are not allowed to bring in products that contain nuts. This is to ensure all our children are safe from allergic reactions. Please ensure this is followed so that we can safeguard all children.

Healthy Lunch Box

Please think carefully about what children are eating for their lunch. We encourage all children to have a healthy lunch. A healthy packed lunch could include a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a yogurt and a savoury snack.

Drinks bottles

Children are allowed to bring in a water bottle containing water or cordial juice. No fizzy drinks are allowed in school at any time.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have school ties (non-elasticated) available for you to purchase from the office for £3.50.

Poetry Corner *A Poem for Thought*

Yesterday was National Poetry Day. The theme this year is the environment. Here is a poem about a bird who had magical songs to sing. We hope you enjoy reading it at home. It has a rhyming pattern and repetition, maybe you could spot the rhyming words, and all join in for the lines that are repeated. We hope you enjoy it.

The Word Bird

In the beginning nothing was heard
All was silent, not a word
'til the word Bird sang
And the world began

She sang the rivers, she sang the streams
She sang the sky and she sang your dreams
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the sunlight, she sang the hours
She sang the rainbows, she sang the flowers
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the meadows, she sang the trees
She sang the hills, she sang the leaves
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang horizons, she sang deep seas
She sang the shore, she sang the breeze
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the evening, she sang twilight
She sang the moonshine, she sang the night
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began..

She sang the wonder, she sang the stars
She sang all creatures in this world of ours
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began

She sang the love and the feeling that starts
Of happiness deep in the well of our hearts
Oh the word bird sang
And the world began

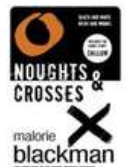
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when the word bird sang.

Sally Crabtree

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH!



MALORIE
BLACKMAN



Malorie Blackman is an English **children's author**.

She writes young adult and children's novels, short stories, and picture books. She was named the United Kingdom's Children's Laureate in 2013.

The role of Children's Laureate is awarded once every two years to an eminent (important) writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field.



Malorie Blackman.

Blackman's books always feature black characters. This is because none of the characters in the stories she read as a child were black. Blackman felt that this was a problem, and she vowed to solve it as a writer.

Books teach children to see the world through the eyes of others and empathise with others..

Malorie Blackman says:



Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

Know the law

If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

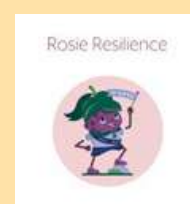
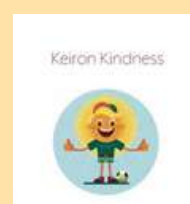
Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police

Halsnead Nursery & Reception Open Day



THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2022 AT 3.30PM



Nursery and Reception places available
for September 2023

Here at Halsnead we provide a happy learning environment
for each child to achieve their full potential.

We hope that you can come along to our Open Day and meet
our fantastic staff!



*"A friendly school where pupils feel
safe and cared for." Ofsted*

Every child will reach their own personal and academic
excellence and will be motivated to be a life-long learner.

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Exciting news!

Kabs are delivering a half term activity and fun club at your school.

We have a wide range of fun teambuilding, problem solving tasks, sports, games, movies, Arts & Crafts, forest school & survival activities, Inflatable fun sessions, with an end of week disco and so much more!!

There will be a link on our website on school bookings on Wednesday 12th October for you to fill in. Limited places are available, so first come first served basis.

So, get booked on and let's have a half term to remember.

What you need?

Make sure you have registered on the kabs website- kabs-fitness.co.uk If you already use our wrap around care and have registered then you don't need to do this, then just book on the link.

Lunch: -

Bring a packed lunch! Snacks however will be provided. (No energy drinks!)

Timings: -

09.00-14.45

Days: -

Monday 24th October to Thursday 27th October.

Cost: -

1 day- £16

Full 4 days- £55

Clothing: -

Sportswear, tracksuit, and something warm. (Including a coat)

hello@kabs-fitness.co.uk
Mobile-07525166584



Parents of year 6 Children
It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7)
September 2023 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER 2022

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2023.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2022 and 31 October 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.
- 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 and access the 'Knowsley Secondary Education, Information for Parents' prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142





Parents of pre school children
**It's time to apply for a school reception class place
September 2023 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2023

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2023.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2022 and 15 January 2023 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.
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Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Kieron Kindness



Rose Resilience



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

Half Term Value - Respect

Value Behaviour of the Week: We always display good manners.

Nursery - Mrs Hoang

Nelly L-H: Nelly, has it really been you in our nursery this week? I thought it was Rosie Resilience herself, as you have arrived each day with a big smile on your face, ready to learn and explore. You are really starting to take things in your stride and are settling into nursery life, we are all very proud!

Sonny J: Sonny has displayed every single one of our school values this week. Sonny you always look after your friends if they are hurt, use your manners and never give up with your learning if you find something tricky. You are a super star, well done!

Reception - Miss Lucas

Alisha S: Alisha, you have been working extremely hard on ensuring others in the classroom are feeling happy and you have done this by showing you are there to listen and help at any time! Just like Robbie Respect, you understand that you are unique, but you love to ask lots of questions to find out more about others. You have beautiful manners and have been using lots of our Makaton signs for manners this week, which is amazing to see! Well done Alisha!

Gabriel D: Gabriel, you have had brilliant listening ears this week! You have been listening to instructions, helping out others and showing maturity in apologising when you've made a mistake. Just like Robbie Respect, you have beautiful manners, and you know the importance of using your manners daily. You have incorporated some of our Makaton signs for please and thank you this week, which has been brilliant to see! Well done Gabriel!

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

Esme A: What beautiful manners you have Esme. You always use polite words when speaking to both your peers and staff. You use your listening ears just like Robbie Respect and always try hard with your learning. It is lovely to see what a caring and kind friend you are. You take care of the equipment you use in lessons and help your team to ensure your table is always tidy. Well done, Esme.

Jacob M: Jacob it is wonderful to see how much you have grown in confidence since beginning your Year 1 journey. You give every aspect of school life 100% and contribute when asked in whole class discussions. You take great pride in all your work, listening to feedback and striving to achieve. Your manners are perfect, and you always use your words kindly. You show great respect for everyone you meet in school. What a delightful member of the class you are, well done Jacob.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

Harley M: Harley, what a delight it is to have you in our class. You always wear a smile on your face and you are extremely kind and respectful to your friends and everyone in the Halshead community. Thank you for being such a great role model!

Sophia P: Sophia, you have matured so much since being in Year 1! You show respect by using your listening ears, following instructions and demonstrating kindness towards your friends. Well done Sophia, I'm very proud of you!

Kai R-H: Kai, what an impressive week you have had! I am so impressed for how well you have settled into school over the past couple of mornings! Thank you for showing so much Robbie Respect especially in our reading corner - everyday you make sure all the books are neatly tidied away! Well done Kai!

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Oscar S: Oscar, you always work your socks off! You get on with your tasks straight away because you have listened so carefully. Just like Robbie Respect, you make the right choice and always strive for the Golden Star. I am very proud of you - keep it up!

Oliver B: Oliver - What a wonderful week you've had! You always make the right choice and have been getting straight on with your work from the get-go. You show respect by listening carefully and track the teacher. Keep it up, I am so proud of you.

VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



Indo Integrity



Keaton Kindness



Rose Resilience



Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Hugo S: - Respect - Hugo oozes respect. He thoroughly enjoys helping others around school and always listens and responds to instructions first time. He looks out for others and always has kind words for everyone. He has been working his socks off this term! Well done!

Eliza O'L: - Respect - Eliza, where do I start! What a start to our school term! You have settled beautifully and always show respect and kindness to everyone. You follow instructions first time and are always ready for your learning. The work you have produced this week is absolutely amazing and I am so proud of your flair and confidence within writing! Keep it up.

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

Nancy McE: For being a perfect example of Robbie Respect. You are kind, caring, hard working, polite, you take such pride in your work and your presentation. I really couldn't ask for anymore from you! Thank you for being such a fantastic role model.

Georgie S: For working super hard on improving your presentation in your English work, it's such an important part of the value Respect. I am so proud of you! Keep it up!

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

Logan T: Logan, you have been following in Robbie Respect's footsteps this week, showing everybody how to be respectful. You have put others first and looked after them when they needed a friend. You have used kind words and actions to have a positive impact on the people around you. I am so proud of you!

Amelia S: What a super week you have had! You have shown respect in all elements of school life and encouraged others to do the same. You are a wonderful student to teach and a perfect example of a Halsnead pupil. Great job!

Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

Joseph McM: Joseph has been an absolute superstar this week, working exceptionally hard and making great progress. He has shown amazing respect to the adults in school and I have been so pleased with his attitude to learning. You have been amazing Joseph! Keep it up!

Harry P: Harry is a great friend and such a hard worker in our class. Harry always makes the right choices and has really impressed all of the adults this week with his positive attitude towards learning. Keep being you Harry!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Savannah L: What a week! Savannah has excelled this week and displayed our value of respect in abundance. I have been really impressed with her determined attitude to her work and the resilience she showed when faced with challenges. Well done Savannah, keep it up!

AJ G: AJ has had an incredible week! AJ has worked his socks off, particularly in maths. He also demonstrated his respectful attitude around school, always helping his peers when he can. Well done AJ, keep it up!

Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan

Sienna S: Sienna deserves this award this week for many reasons. She has been showing compassion and kindness to others in the class when they have been feeling down. She has worked extremely hard writing her magazine article about 'Black Heroes'. To top it all of, she has produced a fantastic piece of artwork in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe that she would be proud of!

Jospeh P: Joseph is someone who will listen intently in every listen, seeking to gain the appropriate knowledge that will help him to be as successful as possible. He produced a brilliant piece of work for his extended write, but what was most impressive was the evidence that showed Joseph had taken his time to edit and improve his writing, which showcases his desire to do the best that he can, always!