

NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Happy Friday!

We can't believe it's the end of half term already - and it's been a busy one. Family Learning workshops, Halsnead Reads, Parents' Evening, 'Stay and Plays', Afterschool activities - the days have been packed!

6L have finished their swimming sessions and received some lovely feedback from the instructors who said the children had behaved impeccably over the six weeks - well done Year 6 for showing all our school values - especially Robbie Respect!

Our Halloween Hamper raffle and Guess how many Sweets in the Jar raffle were both drawn this afternoon. Congratulations to our two lucky winners; Conor E in 5/6D and Amelia S in 4T.

On the note of our values, thank you to everyone who attended our Robbie Respect Value Award Assembly! A huge well done to all our children who were awarded the half term certificate for showing Respect.

We have had such a brilliant half term and could have given every child an award! We are extremely proud of them all. Enjoy your half term!

Strive to Achieve

Happy Half Term!
Have a spooktacular time!
See you on Monday 31st October 2022



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Dates for your Diary....

21st October	- Break up for Half Term
31st October	- Return to school
7th November	- Year 5 & 6 Grosvenor Museum Trip
8th November	- Braiswick school Photos
15th November	- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Trip

School Admission Procedures for 2023

The deadline for **Secondary Applications 2023** is fast approaching; **Monday 31st October 2022.**

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

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

Please follow the link below to access both the Primary and Secondary application portal:

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

If you have any queries regarding the secondary school application process, please contact schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk or telephone **(0151) 443 5142 / 5143 / 3372**

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **17th October 2022.**

Congratulations to **1/2 T** who achieved

96.8% attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **92%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas	96.8
Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft	94.8
Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan	94.7
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	94.2
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Kendall	92
Year 1 - Mrs Wills	90.8
Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale	90.6
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	90
Reception - Miss Lucas	88.7
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	88.5

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE: PARKING

Thank you to those parents who have informed us that some people are driving onto the school premises to drop off/pick up children.

To ensure the safety of ALL our children and parents, please do not drive or park on school premises - unless you have been given prior permission by the Head of School.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Name the Bear

Name the Bear will continue after the half term holiday. It will still be £1 to have a go. Whoever chooses the correct name, will take this cuddly, fluffy bear home with them!



Nursery



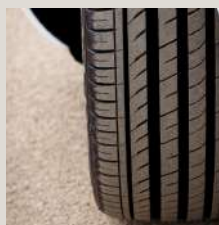
Donation Appeal

Hello Parents,

Early years are on a mission to develop our outdoor areas for your children. We are on the hunt for these items. If you have access to any of these or know someone who does, please help us on our scavenger hunt.

We would like:

- Any old microwaves/kettles
- Guttering piping and connections
- Traffic cones
- Tyres
- Any gardening tools
- Any loose parts (screws, beer bottle lids, wine cork tops, stones, pebbles, conkers, acorns, bead and buttons)
- Old hats (flat caps, top hats)
- High heels
- Smart clothing attire
- Scarves
- Pots and pans
- Kitchen utensils
- Tea pots
- Old costume jewellery
- Picture frames
- Wooden logs
- Plants (false or real)
- Egg cartons
- Cable reels - any size



If you have any of these things or can access any of these items, please pass into Mrs Hoang at nursery. Thank you for your continued support.



FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE



DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

WHEELIE BIN? TAKE IT IN!

STOP YOUR BINS BEING SET ON FIRE

DID YOU KNOW? Wheelie bins can become easy targets over the bonfire period. Keep your bins safe, secure and, if possible, away from windows, doors and fences.

Only put your bin out on collection day and bring it back in IMMEDIATELY.



DON'T LET THE FUN BACKFIRE THIS HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE

You can help to reduce the number of incidents by NEVER giving combustible materials to anyone, especially young people. Make sure your wheelie bin is not accessible to others & ensure any flammable material is kept out of sight.

Remember, Halloween costumes can easily catch fire from naked flames such as candles, fires, lighters & matches. Keep children wearing costumes away from naked flames & other heat sources.

Check your local authority's website for organised firework displays in your area.



BONFIRES

are only allowed on private land with the owner's permission and **MUST** be supervised by an adult at **ALL TIMES**.



TOP TIP

Keep water handy and ensure the fire is completely out before leaving.

REMEMBER: If a fire engine is called out to a deliberate bonfire, wheelie bin fire or rubbish fire, this may delay our response to other incidents.

IN AN EMERGENCY, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DIAL 999.

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FIRE SAFETY TOP TIPS



IN THE KITCHEN...

- **DON'T** leave pans unattended while cooking and **NEVER** leave children and pets in the kitchen alone
- Keep cooking areas clear from flammable items like tea towels
- Clean your oven and grill regularly. A build up of fat and grease can cause a fire. Ditch the chip pan



ELECTRICAL ITEMS

Check your electrical appliances are in good working order. If wires are damaged or frayed, don't use them.

Washing machines, tumble dryers and dishwashers should **NOT** be left running overnight.

DON'T overload your plug sockets. High powered appliances such as washing machines should have a single plug to themselves.



HEATERS should be kept well away from clothes, curtains, furniture and other flammable materials.

NEVER use heaters to dry clothes.

Make sure they're switched off and unplugged before you go to bed.



CANDLES

DON'T leave candles unattended when lit and make sure they are fully out before you leave the room or go to bed. Keep candles away from flammable items like furniture and curtains.

Consider using LED battery operated candles.

SMOKE ALARMS

save lives, but only if they're working. You should have **AT LEAST ONE** smoke alarm on every level of your home.

Test them every week.

SMOKING

- **NEVER** smoke in bed and take extra care if you are tired, taking prescription drugs that make you drowsy or have been drinking
- Be sure to use a proper ashtray that can't tip over
- Be careful if you smoke and use emollient creams - they can soak into clothing, bedding and dressings leaving a flammable residue



TOP TIP: Plan an escape route and make sure everyone in the home knows how to escape. **Plan a second route in case the first is blocked.** Keep exits clear from clutter and obstructions.



ARE YOUR NEIGHBOURS OK?

If you have safety concerns about a relative, friend or neighbour, call us. We are able to offer fire safety advice and often improve conditions.

If you know someone who may benefit from our help, call **0800 731 5958** or email **FireServiceDirect@merseyfire.gov.uk**, particularly anyone who:

- Is over 65-years-old
- Is vulnerable or may require additional assistance or support
- Lives somewhere that is unsuitable or unsafe
- May have extreme mobility issues that would impede them escaping in the event of a fire
- May have a sensory impairment resulting from Alzheimer's, dementia, strong medication, alcohol or drug issues or may be hard of hearing, which would stop them hearing or reacting to a fire or the smoke alarm in their property
- Has language limitations which can put people and their families at greater risk from fire
- Does not have working smoke alarms in their property.

HEAR A NEIGHBOUR'S SMOKE ALARM?

If you hear your neighbour's smoke alarm, **DON'T** ignore it. Instead, check it out and call 999 immediately if you suspect a fire. Those vital few seconds could help save a life.

Don't assume that someone else has already called us.

You won't get into trouble for calling 999 if you genuinely believe there is a fire.

And remember, don't try to enter the property yourself if you think a fire has started.

**Get out.
Stay out.
Call 999.**



If you don't have working smoke alarms in your home, or need fire safety advice, **call: 0800 731 5958**



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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

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Knowsley Council



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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FREE

Winter Warmer Events



Why not pop along to our Winter Warmer events during the October half term holidays.

Seasonal craft activities
A warm chocolate drink
A hot meal for you and your children.



Monday 24 October

4pm – 5pm & 5pm – 6pm
Hilltop Children's Centre
(Huyton)

Tuesday 25 October **4pm - 6pm**

Southmead Children's Centre
(Whiston)
The Star Children's Centre
(Kirkby)

Wednesday 26 October

4pm – 5pm & 5pm – 6pm
New Hutte Children & Family
Hub (Halewood)

Thursday 27 October **4pm - 6pm**

Jubilee Children's Centre
(Huyton)

Friday 28 October **4pm - 6pm**

The Pride Children's
Centre (Kirkby)

For Knowsley families **with children 0-5**

but older siblings are welcome
too (Activities are aimed at
children 0-5 years of age)

Places are limited, and booking is essential. To book a place for you and your child/children please contact your local **Early Years Children's Centre** on **0151 443 5633**. Please inform a member of the team on booking if you have any dietary requirements or allergies.

VALUE AWARDS



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

Half Term Value - Respect

Value Behaviour of the Week: We recognise and value the achievements of others.



A huge well done to all our children who were awarded the half term certificate for showing Robbie Respect



Nursery - Mrs Hoang

Nursery: Nursery, what an amazing start to the school year we have had! Each and everyone one of you has made me smile with how well you have settled in 😊 You are all following the Halshead values - especially this half term's value - Respect! Well done, we are so proud of you! Have a fabulous half term holiday!



Izla H

Harrison S



Reception - Miss Lucas

RL: Reception, what a fun, fast and fantastic first half term we've had! You have all taken to school life brilliantly, showing resilience and perseverance in the face of change. You are all starting to follow instructions and are showing an understanding of the importance of having those gorgeous listening ears! We have heard beautiful manners over the past half term, both through words and Makaton signs. You are all developing a great knowledge of our school values and we are very proud of how you have all embraced and shown Robbie Respect this half term. Have a lovely week off Reception!



Khaleel L A-H

Jaykub S-C



Year 1 - Mrs Wills

1W: What a fantastic start you have all had to Year 1. I could not be prouder of how you have all settled. You are all super hard working and enthusiastic. It is a pleasure to see you every day. Well done everyone. Have a lovely half-term break.



Ava T

Raegan P



Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

1/2 T: 1/2T - Wow! What an amazing start you have all made to Year 1 and 2! I am so proud of each and every one of you for the hard work and dedication you have displayed in such a short time. There has been an abundance of Robbie Respect in the classroom with listening ears used, instructions followed and lots of good manners - what a great team we are! Enjoy your well-deserved holiday.



Sophia P

Mikey G



Year 2 - Miss Spencer

2S: 2S - What a great start to the year you've had! You have all settled into class beautifully and are starting to make lots of good choices. Have a lovely rest over the half term and recharge your battery's ready for a fantastic Autumn 2!



Elarna McA

James G



VALUE AWARDS



Year 3 - Miss Keenan

3K: WOW! Where do I start? What an amazing start to the year! You have worked your socks off! You have already started to make so much progress in all your subjects and have shown our school value of respect every single day! I am so proud to be your teacher and cannot wait to see what amazing things we will get up to! Enjoy your week off, you deserve it!



Eliza O'L

Vinnie A



Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

3/4 K: What a fantastic half term we have had it has absolutely flown, you have all worked so hard and I am excited to see how much progress you make next half term! It has been a pleasure getting to know you all. Thank you for being such a wonderful class. I hope you have a fabulous half term and keep playing Times Table Rockstars! Who will be in the hall of fame when we return to school...?



Amelia G

Nancy McE



Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

4T: Well done to all of the children in 4T! You have all worked so hard this half term and displayed all of our school values. It has been a long start to the year, and everybody has shown resilience and determination since day one! You should all be very proud of yourselves; I know that I am immensely proud of each and every one of you!



Brooke L

Isaac M



Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

5 O/N: What a fantastic first half term I have had at Halsnead! Everyone in our class has been so welcoming and has tried their hardest with everything they have done. Have a wonderful break and come back ready to learn even more together!! Miss Neale

It has been such a pleasure to teach 5O/N this half term and amazing getting to know each and every one of their wonderful personalities. The class has displayed the value of respect in abundance and I am so incredibly proud!

Keep up the hard work!

Mr Owen



Kian L-V

Ruby M



Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

5/6 D: Class 5/6D - What a half term! You have blown me away with your resilience and positive attitudes to learning. You particularly impress me with how kind you all are. I burst with pride every time I see you offering a helping hand to a friend or volunteering to help. Enjoy your half term break- switch off and relax! I'm already excited to have you all back!



Isla S

Indiah P



Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan

6L: What a brilliant first half-term it has been. It has been great to see our children come back after summer with so much enthusiasm for their learning and they have shown a great desire to improve.



Sienna S

Robyn I

