

NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. We have had a wonderful week in school with so much to celebrate. We have had Diwali celebrations, bonfire night art work, computing skills put to the test, pumpkin designing and much more!

This week our Maths Champions had their first session in our new maths hub. The children worked together and supported each other with maths challenges and games and there was a real buzz around maths. We are opening our maths hub each day for children to play maths games and work on times tables games. Watch this space!

Inside school we have a dedicated room to support children's mental health and wellbeing. Our Thrive Hub is a safe space for children to go during the day to talk to an adult, have some fun and have targeted support around wellbeing. If you would like to come and talk to staff about our Thrive space, or if you feel your child would benefit from social or emotional support, please come and talk to us in school. We love our Thrive room and love seeing children smiling and enjoying time spent there.

We had some fantastic news recently that 3 of our KS2 pupils were selected for the Halewood and Prescot Schoolboys football squad. What an achievement! Congratulations Harry, Jake and Conor - we are really proud of you.

I hope that you all have a lovely, safe weekend celebrating bonfire night.

Happy weekend,

Mr Catt

Strive to Achieve

THANK YOU
& Goodbye *Miss Hegarty*

In a few weeks time, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Hegarty. Miss Hegarty has been with us for a year and a half and in that short time she has made a big impact, working one to one with our junior children. Miss Hegarty will be looking forward to new opportunities. We will miss her and want to say thank you and good luck!



Dates for your Diary....

- 7th November - Year 5 & 6 Grosvenor Museum Trip
- 8th November - Braiswick school Photos
- 15th November - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Trip
- 18th November - Children in need – own clothes/Spotacular fancy dress
- 25th November - Own clothes day for Christmas Raffle Donations

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **31st October 2022.**

Congratulations to 4T who achieved **96.3%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **93.4%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft	96.3
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Kendall	95.6
Reception - Miss Lucas	95.5
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	93.6
Year 1 - Mrs Wills	93.5
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	93.3
Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan	93.3
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	91.3
Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale	91
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Thomas	90.8

School Photographs

Don't forget, Braiswick will be coming in to take school photographs this **Tuesday 8th November 2022.** The photographer will be taking individual photographs of all children in school.

Health & Safety: No Dogs

Please note, dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. We need to ensure that the safety of our children is paramount.

Year 5 & 6 Trip

The Year 5 and 6 trip to the Grosvenor Museum is this **Monday 7th November.**

- Pupils are to wear their school uniform for the trip.
- They are to bring a packed lunch. If your child is eligible to a free school meal, please indicate on the permission slip and one will be provided by the school kitchen.
- Permission slips **MUST** be returned for your child to attend the trip.
- If you haven't already paid a contribution via Parentpay and are struggling to pay this way, please send in cash with your child in an envelope labelled with their name and class.

HOLIDAY FINES

Please see below Knowsley's policy on taking holidays during term time. As of **31st October 2022**, Halsnead will now be implementing this procedure.

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Strive to Achieve



Dear Parent or Carer,

Are you thinking about taking your child out of school for a holiday in term time?

Authorising holiday in term time

Taking a child on holiday in term time is called a leave of absence.

Parents/Carers do not have the right to take their children out of school during term time. They may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice for taking holidays without the Headteacher's permission.

Before taking a child out of school during term time, parents/carers should complete a leave of absence request form, at least four weeks before the leave is taken. They should return it to the schools' Headteacher.

The Headteacher/Principal must authorise any holiday requests in term time. Theirs is the final decision.

The Headteacher can only grant a request for leave in exceptional circumstances. Schools do not consider holidays an exception.

Issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice

Parents/Carers must make sure their child attends school regularly. Parents/Carers can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine).

The Council can consider issuing a fine when a child has five days or more in a row.

Fixed Penalty Notices are:

- £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days of the issue of the notice
- £120 per child per parent if paid between 21 and 28 days of the issue of the notice

If parents/carers don't pay the fine within 28 days, we will send your case to our Legal Services team. This will be for prosecution in the Magistrates' Court.

The prosecution is for failing to make sure your child attends school regularly. It is not for non-payment of the fine.

Parents/carers will receive a letter to confirm this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. Catt

Dear Parent or Carer,

We're celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times tables (and division) competition.

The competition runs from **7:30am Monday 14th**

November to **7:30pm Wednesday 16th November**. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 7:30am Monday 14th November to 7:30pm Wednesday 16th November. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kendall



Poetry Corner

A Poem for Thought

Fireworks

They rise like sudden fiery flowers
That burst upon the night,
Then fall to earth in burning showers
Of crimson, blue and white.
Like buds too wonderful to name,
Each miracle unfolds
And Catherine wheels begin to flame
Like whirling marigolds.
Rockets and Roman candles make
An orchard of the sky,
Where magic trees their petals shake
Upon each gazing eye.

James Reeves

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH!

Mel Taylor-Bessant



The Christmas Carrolls is a Top 20 Bestseller!

If you couldn't guess from the title of her debut book - Mel loves Christmas! Her books capture the magic of the season and are pure joy to read. There are two more in the series yet to come, so the magic won't stop after you finish the first!

When she isn't writing her books, Mel runs 'Authorfy' which is a website all about authors and writing! All the classes in KS2 are reading one of Mel's books this half term!

If you like Jenny Pearson or Benjamin Dean, you'll love these books!

Books can take you anywhere! Want to fly to the moon? Have afternoon tea with the queen? Pretend it's Christmas every day? Just pick up a book and it can take you there.

Mel Taylor-Bessant says:

Bump Explorers

Come along to
our new Antenatal
group Bump
Explorers!



A new group for expectant parents to enjoy a chill out with a cup of tea/coffee, explore parenthood, share experiences of pregnancy, chat about what to expect when baby arrives, share how you are feeling and an opportunity to build support networks.

Tuesdays 4.30pm – 6.00pm

The Pride Children's Centre,
2 Simonswood Lane, Kirkby, L33 5YP

Wednesdays 1.00pm – 2.30pm

New Hutte Children and Family Hub,
Litchfield Road, Halewood, L26 1TT

Thursdays 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Prescot Tesco Community Space, Cables
Retail Park, Steley Way, Prescot, L34 5NQ

**Adult only
drop in
group**

**For more
information
please call
0151 443 5633**

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Rosie Resilience



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

Half Term Value - Resilience

Value Behaviour of the Week: We hold the views of ourselves and our own abilities.

Nursery - Mrs Hoang

Isabella S: Isabella has had a wonderful week. She has shown our value Rosie Resilience in many ways. She never gave up when putting her coat on. Well done, we are so proud of you.

Zach B: Zach has had a fabulous week in nursery. We are so proud of him. He has shown determination in his learning. Well done Zach.

Reception - Miss Lucas

Thomas P: Wow Thomas, you are just like Rosie Resilience! This week you have been working very hard to write your name in lots of different ways! Not once did you give up, you kept trying and trying and it was lovely seeing how proud you were of your accomplishment when you wrote your name! Well done Thomas

Joseph R: Joseph, what a shining star you are! This week you have been working extremely hard in all aspects of school life. You have shown Rosie Resilience in phonics this week, not giving up, continuing to try and try again! We have seen how proud of yourself you are and it's wonderful to see! Well done!

Year 1 - Mrs Wills

Benji McG: Benji, your resilience has shone this week. You demonstrate an excellent work ethic and never give up. You are very kind and supportive to your peers, recognising when they need your help and encouraging them to 'have a go.' You guide others by leading the way and setting a great example, waving Rosie Resilience's 'try your best' flag. What a super star you have been. Well done, Benji.

Sofia A-J: Sofia - It is wonderful to see how hard you are trying with all of your work. Your self-confidence grows daily as you tackle each area of learning. You show great resilience, even when new learning is tricky. Just like Rosie Resilience you never give up. You are helpful and encouraging to your peers and lead by example, waving Rosie's flag as you go. Well done Sofia. What a shining star you have been.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

Ailsa G: This week, Aisla has shown great maturity with her learning. Just like Rosie Resilience, in her English lessons she has worked super hard at achieving her aims, even though she has found them challenging. Aisla has persevered so much that she met her aims whilst producing beautiful handwriting! Well done Aisla!

Dolce D: Dolce will always give 100%. She has been working hard this week to have a go, even if she is unsure. Well done Dolce, I am very proud of you!

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Mason B: I am so proud of the resilience shown by Mason. He always tries his best, even if he is unsure. He is up for any challenge and will never give up! Keep it up Mason!

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Rosie Resilience



Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Gabriella B: - Resilience - WOW! Where do I start? Gabriella has embodied resilience this week. She has shown me that even when she doesn't want to do something she will do it anyway and do it to a high standard. She has worked her socks off and I couldn't be prouder of her this week! You are doing amazing, keep it up!

Jamie P: - Resilience - You may be new to the school but you have made such a huge impact! We love having you in our class! You have shown resilience in abundance from starting a new school and making new friends to starting new work and challenging yourself! You are doing amazing, keep the hard work and resilient attitude up!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

Camran H: For his fantastic contribution in class discussions and his exceptional enthusiasm especially in maths! I am also very proud of Camran for the hard work and effort he is putting into the presentation of his work. I know how hard you are working! What a great start to a new term - Well done you!

Tilly S: Tilly is a shining example of all our values. She is such a thoughtful and well-mannered little girl who sprinkles kindness wherever she goes! Thank you for being such a little ray of sunshine in class. Another fabulous start to this half term!

Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

Eva R: Eva, just like Rosie, you love giving something new a try and pushing your boundaries. This week you have tackled some tricky work and strived to achieve. You are always ready to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in! Keep up the good work Eva, you're smashing it!

Leighton U: Leighton, you have learnt a lot from Rosie Resilience this week. You have had the confidence to ask for help when things have been difficult and learnt that making mistakes helps you to learn. I am so proud of everything that you have achieved this week. Well done!

Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

Annie A: Annie has had a great week in year 5. All of the staff in 5 O/N are very impressed with how hard she has worked this week. She has shown resilience in abundance. Keep up the fantastic work!

Layla E: Layla has had a fantastic week. She has tried her hardest in every piece of work and has produced some outstanding English work. She has improved her own work and made it the best it could possibly be, well done Layla!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Lenny W: Lenny has had an incredible start to this half term. He has made a conscious effort to make the right decisions and has excelled in writing. I have been so impressed with his resilient attitude when faced with challenges! He has been an absolute joy this week and I am so proud of him. Well done Lenny, keep it up!

Jake S: Jake has really impressed me this week. He has worked extremely hard, particularly in maths. I am blown away by the resilient attitude he has shown catching up after his holiday. He is a superstar! Jake has also impressed me with his kind words towards his friends. Well done Jake, keep it up!

Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan

Zak M: Zak's resilience and determination has really impressed us all in 6L this week. He has shown a great desire to be successful in his maths work and has been keen to do it independently after teacher input, which is great to see!

Faye W: Faye has had a super week, showing resilience in abundance. She has been working hard to develop her independence and this has been very noticeable in her maths work, where she has excelled in finding multiples and factors.