

# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter. It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to Miss Regan tomorrow. She has worked at Halsnead for 3 and a half years and has brought so much to our school community. Her endless positivity and kindness have made a big difference to children, staff, parents and carers each and every day. Thank you, Miss Regan; we all wish you the best of luck in your new role.

The whole school community will be gathering together tomorrow at 11am for a service of remembrance. Parents, carers and family are invited in to join us. We will also be joined by some ex-soldiers from the Royal British Legion, who will spend part of the morning talking to some of our children. We are truly grateful for the sacrifices made by so many people in the past who have ensured we have peace today. We remember the people from our local area who lost their lives in World War 1 and World War 2. In their memory, it is our duty to strive for peace and to teach our children of the importance of spreading peace and kindness in our school, community and world.

On Wednesday, our Year 3 football team went to the Everton Foundation football tournament to represent our school. The children played 5 games and showed our school values throughout. They finished runners up in the tournament, which is an amazing achievement. We are really proud of you all.

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 children visited Chester as part of their history topic, Romans in Britain. The children had a fantastic day, full of exciting activities and experiences. Children visited the Roman Amphitheatre, looked at Roman artefacts and met a Roman soldier! The children did us proud and were able to apply their knowledge to the day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt

## Strive to Achieve

### Remembrance Service

To show our support for the Royal British Legion, tomorrow **Friday 11th November**, we will be holding a Remembrance Service on the junior playground at **10.50am**. Parents and Carers are invited to come along.





## Upcoming Dates for your Diary....

- 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

# Junior Trip to the Cinema

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are going on their school trip to the cinema to watch Sonic 2 next **Tuesday 15th November**.

- Children are to wear their school uniform for the trip.
- 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.

## Can you help?

The school allotment is looking for any old, but reusable, Christmas decorations to create a wonderful Christmas grotto! If you think you may be able to help, please let us know.

Our Thrive Hive are looking for donations of old board games and dressing up clothes. If you are throwing any of these things away, please bring them in. We would be very grateful!



## NO BALLS ALLOWED

Please note, children are **NOT** allowed to bring any balls into school. Ball games are also **NOT** allowed to be played in a morning, before school.

# URGENT NOTICE: PARKING

WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL AND DRIVING INTO SCHOOL:

- DO NOT PARK ON THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL
- DO NOT PARK OVER PEOPLE'S DRIVEWAYS
- DO NOT DRIVE INTO SCHOOL TO PARK ON THE PREMISES (THIS IS CAUSING A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE TO CHILDREN AND PARENTS WALKING INTO SCHOOL)

We **MUST** ensure all children are safe when going in and coming out of school. Please do not move the cones that have been placed outside the driveway. Thank you for your continued support.

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](http://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*

### In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

*John McCrae - 1872-1918*

## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH!

Mel Taylor-Bessant



The Christmas Carrolls is a Top 20 Bestseller!



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

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!

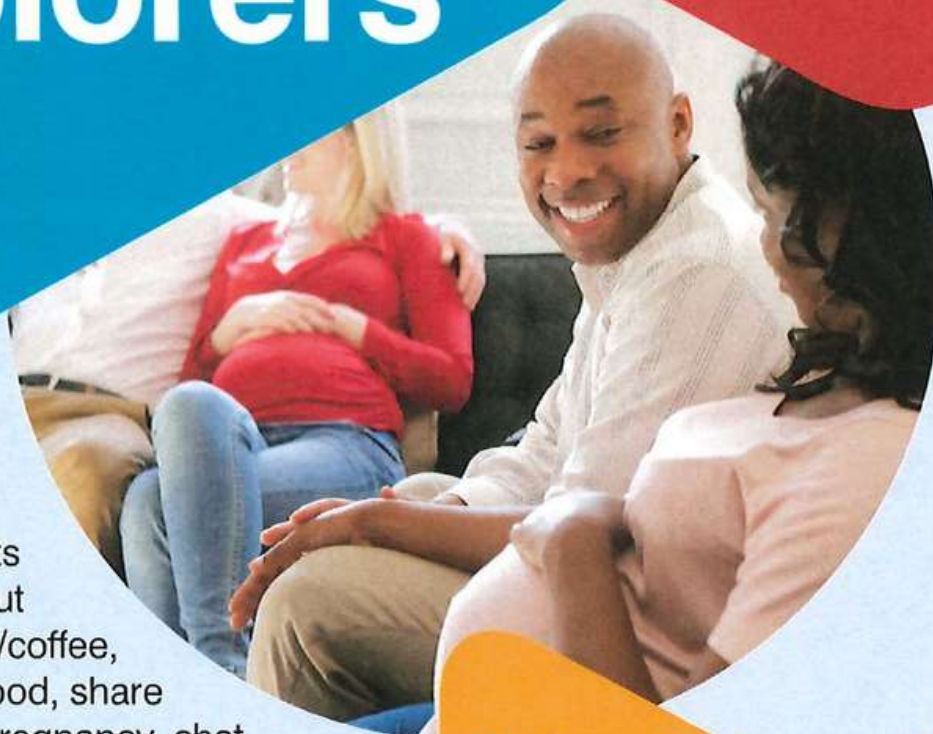
Books can take you anywhere! Want to fly to the moon? Have afternoon tea with the queen? Pretend it's Christmas every day? Just pick up a book and it can take you there.

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**



# VALUE AWARDS



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

**Half Term Value** - Resilience

**Value Behaviour of the Week:** We can identify how we are feeling and use strategies to help us cope.

## Nursery - Mrs Hoang

**Joseph M:** For joining in and collaborating during carpet time.

**Isla McN:** For settling into nursery life this week. Well done Isla!

## Reception - Miss Lucas

**Perla F:** Perla, wow! You have shone like a star this week. Your enthusiasm to learning is amazing and something others strive to achieve. You have been working very hard in phonics this week and just like Rosie Resilience you have not given up! You have taken learning into your play and continued to practice sounds you find tricky. Keep bouncing back Perla, well done superstar!

**Sadie D:** Sadie, Sadie, Sadie! I'm going to start calling you Rosie because you are full of resilience! This week you have been very eager to practice your writing and phonics and you have been taking your learning into play and applying it to things you love. You have found some letters tricky along the way, but you have not given up! Well done Sadie, what a superstar!

## Year 1 - Mrs Willis

**Skyla C:** Wow Skyla, what an excellent week you have had. You are showing great resilience in your work ethic. You always listen carefully to instructions and start your work straight away. Your pencil doesn't stop until you have completed your work! You always 'try your best' and give 100% in everything you do in school. What a great role model you are to your peers. Well done, Skyla.

**Vincent Y:** Well Vincent, I am so proud of you this week. You have shown great determination and resilience. You have now mastered using finger spaces in all of your work. It is lovely to see how proud you are and how your face lights up, knowing what you have achieved. Just like Rosie Resilience you always try your best and work super hard to achieve in your learning. What a superstar you are Vincent.

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Max B:** Max, you are showing great resilience when facing into a challenge. This week, I have seen your determination to come to a solution. Keep going with this positive attitude, you are producing some wonderful work - be proud. Well done Max.

**Ebony F:** Ebony, what can I say, you are a true ambassador of resilience! You are sprinkling resilience everywhere and it's shining through in the quality of your work. Ebony, well done for your super, hard work!

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Sonny M:** Sonny always has resilience. He knows it's important to stay positive when he makes a mistake because we learn a lot from them! His profound resilience has been apparent since his first day in Year 2 and he is coming on leaps and bounds because of this! Well done Sonny - I am so proud of you!

**Lucy R:** Lucy has really tried hard to develop her resilience and is now always so positive when she is improving her work. Lucy loves to challenge herself by adding additional key vocabulary into her sentences and I am so proud of her doing this independently. Well done, Luce, I am so proud!



# VALUE AWARDS



## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Brayden B:** - Resilience - What a super week Brayden has had. He has worked his socks off and shown that being resilient really pays off when completing work. His hard work and determination has allowed him to come up with super pieces of work. I am super proud! Well done.

**Jamie Ps:** - Resilience - WOW! I am so impressed with how Jamie has been super resilient and thoughtful this week. He has worked so hard and been super conscious of his behaviour and the level of effort he is putting into his work no matter how hard he may be finding it.

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

**Georgie S:** For his incredible independent writing! Mrs Cinnamon and I were blown away with your excellent spelling. You have made fabulous progress since September and we are really proud of you.

**Mirna A:** For showing Rosie Resilience in abundance with your independent writing this week. You have really thought about your writing and pushed yourself to use higher level vocabulary and conjunctions! Keep up the fabulous work!

## Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

**Aaron F:** Aaron, are you sure you're not Rosie resilience in disguise? You always get stuck in and aren't afraid to try something new. When the going gets tough you bounce back and give it another go, using mistakes to help you learn and grow!

**Summer F:** Summer, you have blown me away this week! Your attitude to learning has been outstanding and you have shown resilience each day, listening and responding to feedback. You try your best and always strive to achieve. Well done!

## Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

**All of 5 O N:** This week, our value award goes to all the children in 5 O N for showing all of our school values and being the perfect ambassadors for Halsnead on our trip to Chester Musuem.

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Indiah-Rose P:** Indiah-Rose has demonstrated all of our school values since returning to school, she has been a model pupil! She never fails to put a smile on my face and has made an exceptional start to Year 5. Well done Indiah, keep it up

**Penelope McE:** Penelope has had a superb start to the year. She upholds our school values at all times and works collaboratively with others. She has been a fantastic help around the classroom this week. Keep up the good work Penelope!

## Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan

**Zayne M:** Zayne has blown us away with his determination and attitude towards his learning this week. Zayne has developed a resilient and independent approach to his work which we hope to see continue throughout the school year.

**Anna McE:** Anna is someone who is always in the running for our star of the week award. She is a kind and caring member of 6L who strives to do her best in everything she puts her mind to. She is a ray of sunshine who always keeps us smiling.