

# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

Welcome to our newsletter. We have been really busy in school this week in all year group. Children are working so hard, and I have seen some amazing examples of resilience in the classroom. Many of our classes have been studying poetry this week. Children have written their own poems and performed them in class. Talk to children at home about the poems they have read and written in school. As part of our Halsnead Reads campaign, each week we are sending home a poem of the week and author of the week. Talk to children about these at home and see if you can find any more poems by the same poet, or books by the author. We are so pleased to see children enjoying reading and coming into school excited to read!

Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes for our Christmas raffle. We really appreciate your generosity and kindness. If you have any further donations (Christmas gifts, drinks, chocolates, toiletries etc) please continue to send these into school next week. Our raffle always helps us to raise money to fund trips and visitors to further enhance our curriculum. We will be sending out information about how to buy raffle tickets online next week.

Next week we are heading into advent and the Christmas countdown. It is amazing how quickly this has come around! On Friday, we will be holding our Christmas Bauble service. Children need to bring in a decoration to hang on our Christmas tree as part of the service. Please ensure children have their name on the decoration, or some way of identifying it as theirs.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mr Catt

**Strive to Achieve**



**Important  
reminder-  
Children with  
Asthma**

**If your child suffers from asthma and uses an inhaler,  
please ensure they have one in school.**



## Upcoming Dates for your Diary....

**21st December** - Nurse drop-in between 2pm - 3pm for all pupils from nursery to year 6.

**2nd December** - Christmas bauble assembly. Children to bring in a Christmas bauble for our school tree.

**8th December** - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day.

**19th & 20th December** - Breakfast with Santa.

**21st December** - School raffle draws & value stars assembly.

## School Christmas Events

12th December - EYFS Nativity

14th December - KS1 Nativity

15th December - KS1 Nativity

16th December - LKS2 Carol Service in School

19th December - UKS2 Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church  
- EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party Afternoon

20th December - KS2 Christmas Party Afternoon

## 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.

**The Goalie with Expanding Hands**  
by Paul Cookson

# Poetry Corner

Any crosses, any shots  
I will simply stop the lot  
I am always in demand...  
The goalie with expanding hands

Volleys, blasters, scissor kicks  
I am safe between the sticks  
All attacks I will withstand...  
The goalie with expanding hands

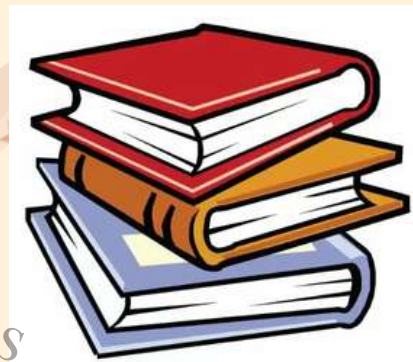
Free kicks or a penalty  
No-one ever scores past me  
Strong and bold and safe I'll stand...  
The goalie with expanding hands

Let their strikers be immense  
I'm the last line of defence  
Alert, on duty, all posts manned...  
The goalie with expanding hands

Palms as long as arms expand  
Thumbs and fingers ready fanned  
You may as well shoot in the stand  
Not a chance! Understand?  
Number one in all the land  
Superhuman, super-spanned  
In control and in command

I'm the man, I'm the man The one and only goalie ... with my expanding hands

## A Poem for Thought



## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH!

Mel Taylor-Bessant



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.

The Christmas Carrolls is a Top 20 Bestseller!

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

Robbie Respect



Cohen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



Indo Integrity



Keron Kindness



Rose Resilience



**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

**Thomas** - You have had a wonderful week. You showed resilience on numerous occasions. Keep being a superstar.

**Gabriella** - well done Gabriella you have had a fantastic week. I am so proud of you. You show our values each and every day.

## Reception - Miss Lucas

**Bonnie N** - Bonnie, I am so proud of you this week! You have showed Rosie's Resilience in all aspects of your learning, continuously showing that even if you don't succeed the first time, you keep trying and never give up! You have raised the spirits of your friends through your positivity which has been infectious to us all. Well done Bon, keep up the hard work. You are a superstar!

**Charley A** - Wow Charley, what a week! Your attitude, commitment and enthusiasm to your learning is something to be admired and celebrated! You have worked extremely hard in phonics and writing this week and it was a JOY to see how proud you were of what you had achieved in phonics. Keep showing Rosie Resilience and keep being you! Well done mate, we are so proud!

## Year 1 - Mrs Wills

**Finley S** - I am so proud of you this week. You have shown great resilience in all of your learning. It has been fantastic to see the huge smile that appears on your face when you know you have been successful. You have listened well and followed instructions independently. Just like Rosie Resilience you have always tried your best. Well done, Finley. You are a star.

**Paige O** - Well Paige you are working super hard in all areas of learning, giving 100% effort in everything that you do. It is lovely to see how you think carefully about your learning and ask questions if you are unsure. Just like Rosie Resilience you never give up but keep on trying. You are very kind to your peers, helping your table team and your peers. You are a wonderful role model for our class. Well done super star.

## Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Thomas

**Alexis M:** Lexi, you have really tried your best this week. You have written some wonderful 'monster' verses using your newly acquired knowledge; I know you find some days challenging but you have persevered and demonstrated resilience - well done Lexi, be proud.

**Eliza R:** Eliza...our very own Matilda! I am extremely proud of your determination to produce some amazing work. You are working very hard and have settled into Year 1 incredibly well. Eliza, keep up this resilience - well done!

## Year 2 - Miss Spencer

**Isabelle** - Isabelle doesn't back down to a challenge. This week, she has really worked hard on her poem in English, despite being poorly! She has thought carefully about rhyming words and didn't fuss when she was faced with an obstacle. I am so proud of you Isabelle, keep being the shining star you are!

**Taylor** - Taylor loves giving something new a try. She is always thinking of a possible solution to something tricky and listens carefully to feedback from others who can help her. Taylor never gives up, despite a challenge! Well done, Taylor, I am so proud of you.

# VALUE AWARDS



## Year 3 - Miss Keenan

**Michael** - Resilient - WOW! Where do I start? Michael, you have shown an abundance of resilience this term. This last week you have worked your absolute socks off and shown how to keep trying and trying. I was thoroughly impressed when you told me you read a full novel within a few days! Keep it up!!

**Georgie** - Resilient - You embody our value of resilience every single day! Your spellings have continued to improve every single day! You never give up and are always thinking outside the box within English. Keep up the amazing work and progress.

## Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Kendall

**Charlie** - For showing Rosie Resilience when representing the school football team. As always you were a model pupil and showed all the Halsnead Values!

**Erin** - For her beautiful winter poem, your independent writing was amazing! Keep up the good work!

## Year 4 - Miss Thorneycroft

**Alyvia:** Alyvia wow! What a super week you have had. Your willingness to get stuck in and step out of your comfort zone has really impressed me this week. You have helped others by being there for them and shown resilience when things get tough.

**Brooke:** Brooke is Rosie resilience your middle name? You have flourished this week! You have rolled your sleeves up and got stuck in! When things have become tricky you have asked for help and learnt from your mistakes. I am so proud of how far you have come. Well done!

## Year 5 - Mr Owen and Miss Neale

**Lucy-** Lucy has shown resilience in abundance this week. She has found some of our new work tricky but has kept working really hard and Rosie Resilience has shown through!

**Kain-** Kain has had a fantastic week in year 5, as always! He has shown Rosie Resilience in his work and has helped his friends as well as encouraging them to keep trying!

## Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

**Oliver O Leary:** Oliver had blown me away with his work this week. He has produced a phenomenal hybrid text! He has also been a role model to others around school. He continuously upholds our values and is an all-round superstar! Well done, Oliver, keep it up!

**Harrison D:** Harrison has had a great week. He showed great resilience when he had to ups kill his writing. He has also impressed me with his determined attitude. Well done, Harrison, keep it up!

## Year 6 - Mr Lenaghan

**Ella D and Isabelle W-** These girls have quietly gone about their work this week, putting in a conscientious effort to ensure their writing is of a high standard and showcases their talents as excellent year 6 writers. Well done girls, keep it up!