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NEWSLETTER
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In our celebration assembly this morning the following children were congratulated and presented with certificates:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Kestrels	Harry for his positive contributions to all lessons all week!
Ravens	Miya for having a much more confident attitude to her learning and taking part much more actively in lessons. She is reaping the rewards as a result.
Robins	Ethan S. for being an enthusiastic contributor to all lessons and showing excellent listening and memory skills, which helps other children as well as himself.
Falcons	Lucy for being a good organiser, role model and all-round star in all she does!

SUPERSTAR LEARNER OF THE WEEK



Kestrels	Isla for independent maths work. She worked out a lot of sums correctly!
Ravens	Lewis for demonstrating fantastic effort and determination in order to achieve his goal of swimming unaided.
Robins	Aimee-Leigh for a consistently conscientious attitude to learning, especially written work such as her science experiment write-up.
Falcons	Harrison for organising trials for the athletics team and recording the results.

Enjoy and Achieve – Aiming High

Mrs Goodwin is very pleased with the progress that Year 2 have made in their phonics this term. ***They will be tested officially in the week beginning 22nd November and the results will be submitted to the DfE.*** Any child who does not achieve a score of 32 out of 40 will be tested again in June, but we would obviously like as many children as possible to pass the threshold this time! It will be very helpful if parents could help their children to practise their phonics skills at home, using the resources we have provided.

All of Year 1 will be given the Phonics Screening check in June 2022 as usual.

Mr Smith is very pleased with the progress that Year 3 and Year 4 are making in their swimming lessons. At the beginning of term, the non-swimmers group was much larger than the swimmers group, but now there are more children who have learned to swim unaided. We are impressed by the determination shown by our pupils.

Remembrance

We observed the 2-minute silence yesterday and watched a few minutes of live broadcast from the Cenotaph in London. We encouraged the children to think about all those who have sadly died in wars around the world over the years, and every child behaved impeccably.

A few of our Year 6 pupils will be laying a wreath of poppies on behalf of the school at the Runcorn war memorial this Sunday afternoon, and we are very grateful to Mrs Lewtas for organising this. Mr Fletcher invited the children to suggest what message could be written on the card and Kaiden's message was selected:

"To all our armed forces, thank you for defending our country. This wreath is for you. Now you may rest in peace as our country is free."



Anti-Bullying Week (15th – 19th November) – “One Kind Word”.

The behaviour in our school is extremely good, and a lot of kindness is shown between children, but it is important that our pupils understand what bullying is and how they can overcome it. Teachers will give some focus to the subject during the week.

We invite all children and staff to join in “**Odd Socks Day**” on **Monday 15th November**. “There’s a serious message behind the fun: let’s pull on odd socks to show we’re ALL unique and different, and let’s be kind to each other and respect each other’s individuality.”

Children in Need

We know how much our children like dressing up for a good cause and so they are welcome to wear their spotty and/or Pudsey outfits on **Friday 19th November**, for a donation of £1 per child. (If children do not wish to take part, they will wear school uniform as usual.)



Cinema Trip

We have been able to book free cinema tickets for the children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 next Thursday morning. The film is “Abominable”, which is rated U.

We will walk up to the cinema from school, so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat as usual. Staff will supervise the visit and we hope that all of the children will enjoy this annual treat!

Family Learning

Two different family learning courses started this week for parents and carers of children in Key Stage 2. The first is focusing on wellbeing, and the second on online safety. The children always really enjoy being able to learn alongside their parents and it has been really good to welcome parents and grandparents into school.

The course leaders always enjoy coming to Hallwood Park, so thank you to those who came for your active participation.

Extra Holiday Date – Wednesday 22nd December 2021

The government have allocated an additional bank holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022 to mark the Queen’s platinum jubilee. As this falls within the school’s half term holiday, we have been asked to identify one more day of holiday during the 2021-22 year.

Hallwood Park Primary School will, therefore, take the extra day’s holiday on Wednesday 22nd December 2021. ***This means that the end of term will now be Tuesday 21st December.*** We will adjust the term dates page on the website as soon as possible.