



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Non-Uniform Day and Easter Bingo

On Friday (23rd March), we are inviting all of our children to come to school dressed in their own clothes, out of uniform, in return for bringing in some chocolate (a chocolate Easter Egg, a chocolate bar or a box of chocolates) for our Easter Chocolate Bingo.

We will be holding our Easter Bingo on Wednesday, 28th March. The doors will open at 5:30pm – and the evening will start with a chocolate themed tombola. *You are welcome to come along and just partake in the tombola if you wish!* The bingo will then start at 6:00pm.

The entrance fee for the bingo is just 50p – and this includes a drink part way through the evening – and then just 30p a book (for 5 games). There is then the chance to take part in a quickie round and a bonanza for an extra 30p per ticket; and there will be a separate raffle for an Easter Themed Hamper kindly donated by Kara Shaw.

Our bingo evenings are a great opportunity for you to come along as a family, have a fun evening, win lots of great prizes and to support the school to raise money for events that enrich the children's learning in school.

If you bring your children along – which we hope you will do – it is important that you sit as a family and to ensure that everyone is quiet when the bingo numbers are being called.



Easter Raffle

This year - with the considerable help and hard work of the parents and grandparents who came along to the recent 'Friends Of Halton Lodge' meetings (FOHLs) – we have also been able to organise an Easter Raffle; with a wealth of great prizes.

This team of adults have been asking local businesses and shops to donate raffle prizes – to support the school in raising money for the benefit of the children who attend Halton Lodge.

To date, we have had the following prizes donated:

- 2 Carvery Style Sunday Lunches (by Quigley's Bakers)**
- 2 Free Pizzas (by Domino's)**
- 2 Complementary Cineworld Passes (by Cineworld)**
- £25 Farmhouse Inns Dining & Carvery Gift Card (by Evenwood Farm)**
- Wash & Blow Dry (by Hair by Hanna Richards)**

Eyebrow Wax / Tint (by Mirror Image Hair & Beauty Salon)

- Whole Chicken (by Shaw's Butchers, Runcorn Old Town)**
- £40 Wheatsheaf Voucher for Wheatsheaf Wacky Warehouse (Chester Rd, Frodsham)**
- 2 One Week Family Swimming Passes at Runcorn Swimming Baths (by Halton Leisure)**
- Family Of 4 Ice Rink Pass (by Planet Ice, Widnes)**

Each of these prizes will be combined with an Easter Egg (donated by the Co-op) to form a great selection of prizes; and we hope to be able to announce even more great prizes before we start to sell the tickets on Thursday.

Members of FOHLs will be outside school – selling raffle tickets - on Thursday and Friday next week, followed by Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the week after. *Tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5 tickets.*

The raffle will be drawn during Family Assembly on Thursday 29th March – after which the prizes may be claimed!

Studybugs – A New Way To Report Your Child's Absence



Our school office is open from 8:30am until 4:00pm throughout the week. Therefore, we appreciate that it can be difficult for some families to leave a message to inform us that your child is ill. *We do ask for parents and carers to contact the school before 9:15am if their child is going to absent from school – but it is ideal if we are informed before 8:45am so we can inform the class teacher before the start of the school day.*

To assist with this – and to help parents receive the right medical advice regarding any medical treatment that their child may need – we are trialing the use of an online app that you can use to report your child's absence called Studybugs.

You can either download the free Studybugs app – or register on the Studybugs website (<http://studybugs.com/about/parents>) – to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. ***Please remember, for those pupils with an attendance of below 95%, medical evidence will still need to***



provided when your child returns to school for the absence to be authorised.

Top 3 reasons for using Studybugs:

- It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is safe and accounted for (when they do not arrive at school).
- It's quick and easy to register (and use) – and automatically reminds you to keep us posted if your child is absent for more than one day.
- You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.



Easter Holidays

Over the Easter Holidays we will be having some work done to the school building. This means that it will not be safe to have children on site – so there will be no TBSports Camp during the next school break. We hope to be able to welcome TBSports back during half term at the end of May. Here are some details of the Halton Sports Development Easter Holiday Programme.



To book your place contact:
Telephone: 0151 511 7869
Email: jenny.illidge@halton.gov.uk

April	Activity	Venue	Time	Age	Cost
Tuesday 3 rd	Multi Sports	Phoenix Park, Runcorn	1pm – 3pm	7yrs+	FREE
Wednesday 4 th	Table Tennis Multi Sports	Victoria Park, Widnes	1pm – 3pm	7yrs+	FREE
Friday 6 th	Freestyle Football	Frank Myler Sports Pavilion, Widnes	10am – 12noon	7 – 12yrs	FREE
Friday 6 th	Freestyle Football	Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn	1pm – 3pm	7 – 12yrs	FREE
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Tuesday 10 th	Multi Sports	Phoenix Park, Runcorn	1pm – 3pm	7yrs+	FREE
Wednesday 11 th	Table Tennis Multi Sports	Victoria Park, Widnes	1pm – 3pm	7yrs+	FREE
Friday 13 th	Freestyle Football	Frank Myler Sports Pavilion, Widnes	10am – 12noon	7 – 12yrs	FREE
Friday 13 th	Freestyle Football	Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn	1pm – 3pm	7 – 12yrs	FREE

Venue Details:

Frank Myler Sports Pavilion, Liverpool Road, Widnes, WA7 4AL	Grangeway Community Centre, Grangeway, Runcorn, WA7 5HA
Victoria Park, Birchfield Road, Widnes, WA8 7SU	Phoenix Park, Castlefields Avenue, Runcorn, WA7 2NY

You **MUST** book your place on these sessions, if we have less than 8 people booked onto a session, or the weather makes the session unsafe to take place, we reserve the right to cancel the session.

Please note we reserve the right to cancel or substitute for other activities

In addition to the Sports Developments Easter activities, there are a number of sports clubs throughout Halton who will be operating. For a list of sports clubs in Halton, please either contact the Sports Development Team on sports.development@halton.gov.uk or you can go to Active Halton's Website at www.activehalton.co.uk and select the Club Halton link.

Please note due to the school holidays some normal sports/activities sessions may also be cancelled/changed.

Leisure Centre's Timetables can also be found on the Active Halton Website, or ring:

Kingsway Leisure Centre: 0151 495 2200
Brookvale Recreation Centre: 01928 712051
Runcorn Swimming Baths: 01928 572114

www.activehalton.co.uk



FREE Fit 4 Life Families Programme

The next **Fit 4 Life Families** programme, at Grangeway Community Centre, starts next month. The programme is aimed at families who want to make changes to their diet and activity levels, improve health, achieve a healthy BMI and have fun being active together.

The programme runs once a week, over 4 weeks, after school hours and is **FREE OF CHARGE!**

The programme details are as follows:

WHO IS IT FOR: Families with children aged 4-13 years who want to eat better, snack healthier, feel good and have fun as a family getting more active.

DATE: Thursday 26th April 2018
(once a week for 4 weeks)

TIME: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

VENUE: Grangeway Community Centre

COST: FREE

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL – Call the Health Improvement Team on 0300 029 0029 or email HIT@halton.gov.uk

Fit 4 Life
Family Fit 4 Life
FREE fun sessions for children and families who want to get healthier or are concerned about weight gain.

Learn about:

- Healthy eating
- Food labels and portion sizes
- Importance of physical activity
- Snacks and treats
- Healthy swaps

And join in with fun games and activities.

Sessions are aimed at children aged 4-13 and their parents or carers, but the whole family are welcome!
For more information and to book your place call 0300 029 0029 or email HIT@halton.gov.uk
Places **MUST** be pre-booked.
www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk

Winning House

The winning house this week is **PRIORY**.



This means that all the children who are in Priory are invited to come into school on Monday, dressed in clothes of their choice - but sporting something that is yellow - to celebrate their success.



Bugsy Malone

A new date for our production of Bugsy Malone has been set. The children will be showcasing their talents on Thursday, 24th May – with the show starting at 5:30pm.

Tickets will go on sale after Easter.



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