



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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National ROAD SAFETY WEEK

This week is national Road Safety Week. To mark this occasion, the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in a number of specially arranged workshops with Michelle Simpson (Halton's Road Safety Coordinator).

These sessions have involved the children in Years 3 & 4 focusing on 'stepping out' - and giving greater thought to where they walk when they are outside and reminding them of how to cross the road safely (using what they have learned from the workshop). Michelle will be returning to our school next week to take the children out, in small groups, to cross the roads near school to see if they have remembered what they have been told, and check that they can do this properly.

The children in Years 5 & 6 focused more on road safety whilst cycling, and considered the dangers and how best to keep themselves safe when they are out on their bike.

It seemed as though the children in all of these classes found these workshops very useful and interesting. We hope by regularly reminding the children about road safety - and avoiding dangerous situations - it will prevent pupils from our school needlessly getting seriously hurt when they are out walking, crossing the road or cycling on the road.



Winter Arts Week

The Road Safety Workshops have not been the only special events going on in school this week. If you have had the chance to pop your head into any of the classrooms, you will see that the children have been learning a whole host of art skills; and combining these to produce some spectacular winter artwork.

The children have been using inks, oil pastels, tissue paper, paint, crayons and different types of paper and pens to produce their masterpieces - which will help to transform our school into a winter wonderland between now and Spring.



Some of these pieces of art were shared during our Family Assembly today.



FOHL Christmas Craft Night

A lot of time, thought and consideration has been given to the FOHL Christmas Craft Night that is taking place on Tuesday.

We are inviting parents of those children who have signed up to come along and decorate a Christmas decoration, mug, snow globe or tealight holder to work alongside their child - to help them to make a gift they can be really proud of. A large group of volunteers will also be on hand to demonstrate what needs to be done and share ideas.

Once you have made your gift and Christmas card, you will be free to leave. However all children who are not able to be accompanied by a family member will need to be collected from the school at 4.45pm.

We hope this will be a special family event that will get everybody in the Christmas spirit - as Christmas time approaches.

Year 2 Parents and Carers School Lunch



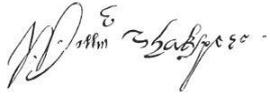
On Wednesday (28th November), the parents, carers and grandparents of the children in Year 2 are all invited to come into school to have a school meal with their child / grandchild.

The doors will be open from 11:40am and the children in Year 2 will come to join you for their



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school dinner at 11:45am. If you would like to come along, please return the slip – with payment of £2.50 per extra meal – that was sent home with your child yesterday.



Year 6 Class Assembly

On Friday, we will be holding our first Class Assembly of the school year, as our Year 6 pupils take to the stage to showcase what they have been learning this year - which will focus primarily on the work they have produced as part of their English project on William Shakespeare's play Macbeth.

All parents, grandparents and other family members of our Year 6 pupils are invited to come along and watch.

We will also use the time the children are all together in the school hall to present our weekly certificates and celebrate the children's achievements. Therefore, if you usually attend our family assembly, please be aware that this will take place at 9.05am next week - rather than 2.40pm. This may mean that some people who are not usually able to join us may be able to come along next week. We hope so!



Non Uniform Day

On Friday (30th November), we will be having a non- uniform day in school - and are asking each family to make a £1 donation towards our Christmas Bingo and Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Bingo will take place on Thursday 6th December. Doors open at 5.30pm and the evening will start with a tombola - which will run until the bingo (which will consist of 5 games and 2 fliers) starts at 6.00pm. Children, as well as adults, are invited to attend - it is a family event. However, we do ask that all children are sat with their parents (or other family members) throughout the night and are quiet during the games.

The Christmas Fayre will be taking place, after school, on Friday 14th December. Nearer the time, we will be requesting any donations of toys, games, puzzles, bric-a-brac, cakes, biscuits, raffle and tombola prizes, and any other items which we could try to sell to raise money for the school. We will also



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be putting together a series of coloured hampers together to create some great raffle prizes - but will create these from the £1 donations received on our non-uniform day this year.

If you would like to volunteer at, or help to plan, either of these events, you are most welcome to attend a planning meeting at the school on Friday 30th November at 9.45am (immediately following our Year 6 and Family Assembly).



Children In Need

We have had lots of sponsor money sent into school this week – however, we have been told by a number of families that they are still collecting money and this will be brought into school next week.

So we can send off all of the money raised by the children and families from our school early next week, could we please aim to have all sponsorship money handed in by Wednesday next week – so we can announce the total amount raised (and send a cheque for the full amount off to Children In Need). Thank you!

Runcorn Food Bank

Thank you to everybody who has already sent in a donation to Runcorn Food Bank.



Any further donations can be brought into school between now and the end of next week (Friday 30th November); as we will be delivering these food items to the food bank at the beginning of December. Please do not bring in any fresh fruit, vegetables or chilled food!



Winning House

The winning House this week is BRIDGE!

All of the children in Bridge are invited to come into school on Monday dressed in their own clothes, out of uniform, hopefully adorning something that is red to signify their victory.