



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everybody who made a donation towards, or took part in, our MacMillan Coffee Morning earlier today. More than anything, we hope that you enjoyed your time in school and taking part in this event – in support of a very worthy charity.

In total, the event raised £206.43.

Can I take this opportunity to also thank the team of parents and staff members who helped to serve all of the drinks, cakes and biscuits. Nearly two hours of continuous service could not have been easy!

Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop

If you were wondering why so many of our oldest pupils arrived at school wearing togas and sandals at the beginning of this week, this was because on Monday (23rd September) Year 6 took part in a variety of workshops, all about The Ancient Greeks.



During the sessions – delivered by Mr Morris from *Portals To the Past* - the children had the opportunity to be a 'hoplite' (an Ancient Greek foot soldier), to take part in a democratic vote and to try out different Olympic events.

Overall, the children thoroughly enjoyed the day – which proved to be a great way to start their topic week. I'm sure they will have learnt so much by the end of the week – and will now be genuine Ancient Greek experts!

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 1st October (at 3:30pm)



The first PTA Meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, from 3:30pm, to plan the school events that the PTA will be helping to organise and support between now and Christmas.

All parents, grandparents and carers of any child who attends our school automatically become a member of the PTA – so everyone is invited to attend. Please consider coming along to share your thoughts and ideas – and see if you can help with any of the upcoming events.

Mako Digital Arts CIC Workshop

On Thursday 19th September, Paul and Jack (from Into Film), spent the afternoon with the children in Year 6 to talk to them about the dangers of Loan Sharks. They told them what a loan shark was; and how tempting it can be to get money from them (especially when we want something expensive but cannot afford it).



As a class, they discussed what a loan shark looked like and the children thought that they would be able to identify a loan shark if they came to their door (as they would not look

like nice people). But they were wrong! Loan sharks can look nice and can be male or female!

Paul set the children a task - to design a piece of artwork to encourage members of the public to avoid loan sharks – and the children spent some time, using the iPads in school, to create their designs. Our pupils' designs will be viewed by a professional graffiti artist, who will utilise some of the children's ideas – along with the ideas of the children from three other local schools who have also taken part in this project – and combine these to create a large piece of graffiti art that will be painted onto the floor of Widnes Outdoor Market.

In October, all of the children who have been involved in this project will be invited to Widnes Market, to see the piece of art being created and to take part in a variety of activities (including helping to paint, design and make pin badges, and designing and making a poster). The BBC is going to be filming the event and it is anticipated that the event will also be live streamed on social media.

Individual School Photographs

This week you should have received your child's 'Your School Photos', with an envelope, detailing how to place an order.



If you would like to place an order, please complete and return the form to the school office on, or before, Friday 4th October.

Autumn Term Parents' Evening



To avoid a clash with any of our family's plans to celebrate Bonfire Night, we have decided to move the scheduled Parents' Evening on Tuesday 5th November.

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening will now take place on Monday 4th November and Wednesday 6th November.

Aldi's Kits For Schools

When you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you'll be given a Team GB athlete sticker to send into school.



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If we are able to complete a poster with 300 stickers, our school will receive a free school sports kit (and be entered into a prize draw to win one of twenty £20,000 cash prizes!

If you know anybody who shops at Aldi, could you please encourage them to take one of these stickers and send them into school. *For each sticker brought into school, we will add 2 house points to your child's House Points total.*

We currently have just over 100 stickers – so any extra stickers would be very much appreciated!