



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Parents' Evening

If you are yet to return your Parents' Evening appointment time request slip, could you please do so on Monday (as the original deadline was today – Friday 7th February).

If you do not return the slip, we will allocate one of the remaining available time slots; as it is important that every child has the opportunity for their work, effort and progress to be discussed with their parent and/or carer at this point in the school year.

TT Rockstars / Numbots Leader Board

Here are the results for this week:

Numbots

Highest Number of Minutes Played this week:

Year 1 - 1st = Henry (Runner-Up = Holly)
Year 2 - 1st = Harry (Runner-Up = Isabelle)

TT Rockstars

Highest number of coins overall:

Year 2 - 1st = Evie (Runner-Up = Logan)
Year 3 - 1st = James (Runner-Up = Ellis)
Year 4 - 1st = Mia (Runner-Up = Jack M)
Year 5 - 1st = Hayden (Runner-Up = Ethan)
Year 6 - 1st = Tre (Runner-Up = Ella)

Fastest speed:

Year 3 - 1st = Isabella (Runner-Up = Ellis)
Year 4 - 1st = Danny (Runner-Up = Evan)
Year 5 - 1st = Ethan (Runner-Up = Hayden)
Year 6 - 1st = Grace (Runner-Up = Ella)



Year 4 Class Trip to The Catalyst Museum

On Wednesday, the children in Year 4 went to the Catalyst Museum as part of their study of the local area – where they completed a workshop based in the glass-walled Observatory Gallery - to find out more about the history and geography of the area surrounding the museum.

The children used the landscape outside as a stimulus, along with the interactive tablets within the gallery, to find out key facts about this part of Halton; whilst practising and reinforcing a range of mathematical and English skills.

The children impressed the staff at the museum with their knowledge of Runcorn and how the geography of the areas has changed over the last 100 years. The children also learnt about the ways that people who lived and travelled in this area used to cross the river Mersey (including the Ferry Man), and took part in a role play activity to help them recall this part of our local history.

Year 6 DNA Workshop

On Wednesday, three students from Liverpool University Guild came to our school to lead a workshop for the children in Year 6.



The purpose of the workshop was to inform the children about DNA, what it is and for them to fully understand that all living things have DNA.

The children were then shown how to extract the DNA from a strawberry – which some of the children described as being like tiny frog spawn while others described it as white goo – and were able to take their sample home.



Year 3 Residential Visit to The Delamere Centre (Foxhowl)

This week, the children in Year 3 went for their residential visit to The Delamere Centre in the heart of Delamere Forest.

After spending some time touring the centre, and sorting out their clothes and luggage in the dormitories, the children had their lunch before embarking on a long walk through the forest to the Visitor Centre and back.

During their long walk, the children looked for wildlife, practised their map reading skills and helped search for the numbered posts (to check they were on the correct route).

After having some time to play, the children then returned to the forest to build dens using logs and a variety of other natural materials they were able to find.

Once they had eaten their evening meal, the children went outside for a camp fire – where they also got the chance to toast marshmallows and sing a few songs – before heading back inside to sit and enjoy doing a few quiet activities with their friends before it was time for bed.

Once all of the children were awake, the children were given a substantial breakfast before returning to their dormitories (to pack up their belongings and strip their

beds) prior to going outside to complete a number of activities with the Forest Ranger.

After learning how to do orienteering on the course around the centre, the children moved into the forest and used a fairly steep section of the forest to practise their newly acquired skills in groups.

Having such an active morning left the children with just enough time to eat their lunch outside on the benches and have a short play on the adventure playground before their coach arrived, to bring them back to school.

All of the children seemed to have a wonderful time and all returned to school a little tired and weary after their two days away.

A huge 'Thank You' must go to the staff who helped to plan, organise and lead this trip – namely Miss Stephens, Mrs Ellis, Miss Simcock, Miss Clemson-Banks and Mrs Duckworth. The children were also joined for their walk through the forest by Mr Ellis – who can often be seen volunteering around the school grounds – keeping the flower beds and grass bank free from weeds and tidy.

I hope that everybody who took part really enjoyed themselves.

Destiny Dance

Tonight's Destiny Dance is the last one until after half term. There will be no Dance Club next week (on Friday 14th February).

If your child attends Destiny Dance, could you please encourage them (and support them) to practise their lines over half term as – when we return to school – all rehearsals will be without scripts; so they can focus on their acting skills and stage directions.

SSAFA

If you start wondering why the children in Year 6 arrive at school in Fancy Dress on Tuesday next week, this is because (as part of the PSHE unit of work that the children are studying this term), the children have decided to organise a fund-raising event for the SSAFA.



The SSAFA is an armed forces charity and the children have decided to adopt this charity because they want to help individuals and families who have suffered or been injured whilst serving in either the army, navy or royal air force.

The children, together, put forward around 15 charities for consideration and when it came to vote the overwhelming decision was that this was the charity that the children wished to support and fundraise for the most.



RG Coaching – February Half Term Sports Camp

RJG Coaching will be running a Football, Gymnastics and Dance (Sports) Camp at our school during the Half Term Holidays.

The camp will run for 4 days – Monday 17th February; Tuesday 18th February; Wednesday 19th February and Thursday 20th February - from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The cost is £40 for 4 days (or £12 per day).

All children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink.

The children are promised to have a fun packed week, with lots of fun sessions, opportunity to learning new skills and to make friends with children from different schools. There will also be medals and trophies to be won too!

All of the coaches have been DBS checked and are first aid trained.

To book a place for your child, contact Ronnie on 07712621727.



Mother's Day Surprise Room

If your child/children would like to take part in this year's Mother's Day Surprise Room that will be taking place on Thursday 19th March, please complete the form below and return it to school - with the correct money in a sealed envelope - by 6th March.

Alternatively, write all of the information requested below on the front of an envelope - that includes the correct money – and hand this in at the school office. This will help us to ensure that we have time to purchase the correct number of gifts and no-one is disappointed on the day.

Thank you in advance - your support is very much appreciated!

2020 Mother's Day Surprise Room



Child(ren)'s name.....

Class(es).....

	Price	Quantity	Total
Gift for mum	£2.50		
Gift for grandma	£2.50		

I have enclosed a total of £.....

These gifts are for:

Please write the names as you would like them to appear on the label.