



School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and fantastic week we have had at school this week: it has been jam packed. On Wednesday I had the privilege of accompanying a group of lucky Year 6 children to the Catalyst Museum re-opening, we had a visit from a wide range of species from the animal kingdom in Year 1 and today Year 3 have been tingling my taste buds with the delicious looking Mediterranean salads that they designed in D.T to coincide with their learning in Geography. All in all it finally feels like school is getting back to some sort of normality and it is lovely to see how much the children are enjoying their learning.

Rehearsals have been in full swing this week for the KS2 nativity performances. The children have been so thrilled to be practicing their favourite Christmas songs and have been learning their lines in preparation for our recording. Year 5 and 6 will be heading down to St Luke's on Tuesday to record their performances ready to be shared with you just before Christmas. Years 3 and 4 will do the same in a couple of weeks, which gives them a little bit longer to practice.

Finally thank you very much to all of those who have contributed to the PTAs appeal for Christmas Hamper items. The children really enjoyed wearing their own clothes and we are sure the PTA will be overwhelmed by your generosity and be able to create some amazing hampers. In the final 3 Fridays of the half term we are asking that the children wear their school uniform and replace their school jumper with a Christmas jumper. The PTA are asking for a voluntary £1 donation on these days which will be exchanged for a virtual raffle ticket with your child's name on (save them losing the paper ticket). This raffle will be drawn on Friday 17th December and you will be notified if you have won. All children will be automatically entered into the PTA children's raffle for their class, which will be drawn on the same date.

Thank you for your generosity in helping us get into the Christmas Spirit. It is definitely overdue after a difficult two years.

Kind Regards,
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Lunchtime Awards

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Lunchtime Stars</u> <i>For beautiful manners and outstanding behaviour</i>
Reception	Sophia Cain
Year 1	Arlo Allen
Year 2	Summer Flinn
Year 3	Ellis Lamkin
Year 4	Violet Greason
Year 5	Poppy Parr
Year 6	James Briers



You are amazing!





This week's Award Winners are



Class	Awarded to....	Class Award for...
RL	<i>Felicity Young Max Fullerton</i>	<i>For having a go at our independent activity to find one more and one less. For working so hard on your letter formation!</i>
RH	<i>Charlie Thomas Isaac Makin</i>	<i>For being so creative and imaginative! For always trying your very best with your reading and writing!</i>
1L	<i>Alice Maloney Lewis Jackson</i>	<i>For being a wonderful friend to children in the class. For your lovely manners.</i>
1H	<i>Farrah Gbeira Rose Connolly</i>	<i>For your hard work and dedication Excellent attitude to learning</i>
2L	<i>Donovan Butler Yang Yang Wang</i>	<i>Using great vocabulary in his writing. Super progress in phonics.</i>
2H	<i>Abbigail Fife Henri Coady</i>	<i>For a positive approach to learning and approaching challenged with a smile on her face! For thinking more carefully about his feedback and trying to improve his work as a result</i>
3L	<i>Jude Haigh Sophia Stacey</i>	<i>For being a brilliant artist and for winning the best prize ever. For always working hard to show a good attitude to learning and promoting this to others in the classroom.</i>
3H	<i>Daisy Steventon</i>	<i>For always working hard to show a good attitude to learning and promoting this to others in the classroom.</i>
4L	<i>Narelle Kinsella Sienna Graham</i>	<i>For acting upon feedback in English this week, Miss Cameron has seen a great improvement in your presentation this week. For being brave to step out of your comfort zone, confidently demonstrating in Gymnastics</i>
4H	<i>Bobbie McCarthy Ruby Hart</i>	<i>For showing good ball handling skills in Tag Rugby For brilliant work in English and Maths</i>
5L	<i>Alex Lewis Erin York</i>	<i>For persevering even when things got tough For her outstanding contributions in our work on area and perimeter</i>
5H	<i>Jessica Davies Will Shiland Aimee Cooper</i>	<i>For demonstrating fantastic performance skills in her role as Grandad and putting her all into her part For fantastic expression in his reading. For not giving up when we make mistakes.</i>
6L	<i>Harry Jones James Pullen</i>	<i>For excellent extended writing in the style of a character. For excellent effort and singing when practising for our school nativity.</i>
6H	<i>Layla Gray Rebecca Coulson</i>	<i>For always demonstrating how to be a brilliant Lunt's Heath pupil. For a stunning piece of descriptive diary writing.</i>



We are so very proud of you all



News and Events

Bereavement Counselling

A huge congratulations to Jude Haigh in Year 3 who has won a Christmas Card Design Competition! Part of his prize is £400 worth of bereavement support training for the staff. This is such an incredible gesture and demonstrates his thoughtfulness in thinking about others in their time of greatest need, who the staff will now be able to support. We are all extremely grateful.

Animal Magic in Year 1

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Animal Magic, Anna and her friends to our school on Wednesday. There was a distinct buzz of excitement as we waited with anticipation to meet our special visitors...and we were not disappointed! We are currently learning why meerkats live at the North Pole and we learned all about how some animals adapt to their habitats. We tickled a tortoise, ogled an owl, stroked a snake, marvelled at a meerkat and charmed a chameleon some were even brave enough to hold a snake! We talked about how these animals are adapted to live successfully in their natural environment. These wonderful creatures have helped us to understand more about hot and cold places in Geography. Thank you, amazing animals!

Catalyst Museum Opening

On Wednesday, we were delighted to have been invited to the Catalyst museum for the grand opening of their newest exhibit sponsored by the Hydrogen Alliance. The interactive exhibit, which allows the children to consider how we can reduce carbon emissions by the year 2050, is one of many new exhibitions in the multi-million pound refurbishment of the gallery room. The children were thrilled to be a part of this opening and we would strongly recommend a trip down to our families of any age.

Year 3 Mediterranean Salads

Despite the terrible weather today, Year 3 brought a taste of the Mediterranean into our school today through their fantastic salads. They have used their knowledge from their work in Geography to inform their D.T work through designing salads that include the ingredients that would be available to them if they lived in this hot climate. They have developed their skills through slicing, cutting, chopping and combining flavours that they felt would complement each other. I am sure if you ask nicely they will let you sample what they have created if you can wrestle the 'Subway' box from them and you never know you might have a future chef in the making to help you to make tea.

Year 5 and Year 6 Advent Recording

On Tuesday 30th November, Year 5 and 6 will be walking down to St Luke's Church to record their nativity performances.

Year 5 will be walking to the church in the morning, returning in time for lunch.

Year 6 will be walking to the church in the afternoon, returning in time for the end of the school day.

They will need to have any costumes that they have been asked to wear in school on this day, or if they do not have a character role a Christmas jumper to wear with their uniform. **The children should come to school on this day in their school uniform NOT their PE KITS.**

Please complete the Evolve form you have been sent to give your child permission to walk to the church.

Year 5 Robinwood

Year 5 children will be going on their Residential to Robinwood next Friday 3rd December. There will be a coach outside school at 8am and we aim to have departed by 8.15am. Please be mindful of your parking especially with all the current roadworks as the bus will need to be able to get around the school, especially the tight corners as it is a big coach.

Parents of children in Year 5 attending Robinwood please look out at the start of next week for a Covid letter with information regarding our trip. We request that all children attending take an LFD test the night before/morning of the trip. If your child displays any symptoms then they should not attend the residential.

Flu Vaccine

The Halton health team and school nurse will be visiting school on Thursday 2nd December to complete any of the Flu nasal spray vaccinations for children who were absent on their previous visit.

After School Clubs

The children really enjoyed being able to attend after school clubs this week. Please see below for a reminder of the dates that these clubs will run:

Year 1

Monday – Fundamental Movement skills with Mrs Redman

Wednesday – Creative Art Club

Year 2

Wednesday - Creative Art Club

Wednesday – Gymnastics Club

Year 3

Monday – Playground Football Club

Monday – Creative Art Club

Year 4

Friday – Playground Football Club

Friday – Creative Art Club

Year 5

Thursday – Playground Football Club

Thursday – Creative Art Club

Year 6

Thursday – Playground Football Club

Friday – Creative Arts Club

The clubs will run straight after school until 4:15pm for junior clubs and 4:00pm for infant clubs. Infant clubs will be collected from the infant playground by an adult. Junior clubs will be collected from the junior playground by an adult.

Archery Morning Club – 8am

Tuesday 30th November

Tuesday 7th December

Swimming Class 4L

As Class 4L have only had 2 swimming lessons we have decided that this class will continue with their swimming lessons after half term on the below dates:

Monday 29th November

As Monday is their last swimming lesson we are hoping that this can be a survival lesson. Therefore we are asking that the children bring a pair of pyjamas that they can wear in the swimming pool. This will be dependent on the swimming instructors availability but we are asking them to bring them incase. But Kingsway cannot confirm until the day that this will definitely go ahead.

Swimming Class 4H 2022

Class 4H will start their swimming lessons on: Monday 6th December and Monday 13th December and they will then continue their lessons in the Spring Term:

Monday 10th January

Monday 17th January

Monday 24th January

Monday 31st January

Monday 7th February

Monday 14th February

PTA NEWS

PTA 100 CLUB

In the last academic year Lunt's Heath Primary School PTA continued the 100 Club and prize money was been received by a number of lucky winners. You have been sent an Evolve to you to offer the opportunity again to participate. The next draw will be held in November and then each month until July. To purchase one number for the academic year is £10 which covers entry into all the draws in this academic year. This can all be paid through gateway and consent given through Evolve. You can buy multiple numbers to own in the draw.

We have extended the 100 club allocation until 1.12.21. This is your final chance to purchase a number – don't miss out!

Christmas Jumpers

We are inviting the children to wear their Christmas jumpers with their school uniforms on:

Friday 3rd December, Friday 10th December, Friday 17th December

On these days we are requesting a voluntary £1 donation on each date, which will exchange for a virtual raffle ticket (to prevent the children from losing these). The draw will take place on Friday 17th December.

All children will be given a raffle ticket for a separate children's raffle organised by the PTA.

We thank you for your support, we will be using the proceeds of the raffle to fund Christmas events for the children.

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Thank you to all the amazing artists who entered our EYFS & KSI Art Competitions

What is Geography?

The winners are:

RL - Florence

1L - Yuvan

1H - Arabella

2L - Heidi

2H - Erin

Congratulations!



Thank you to all the amazing geographers who entered our KS2 ODDIZZI QUIZ Competition!

School Champion - Finley Y6

Year 3 Gold: Charlotte, Ted

Year 4 Gold: James L, Giles

Year 5 Gold: Tallulah, Jayce

Year 6 Gold: Finlay, Lily

Listen out in the New Year for our next ODDIZZI Competition!

School Day Timings

Reception

Arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish **3.10pm**.

Key Stage 1

Years 1 and 2 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50am** and finish at **3.05pm**.

Key Stage 2

Years 4 and 6 arrive between **8.40 and 8.50.am** and finish at **3.10pm**.

Years 3 and 5 arrive between **8.45 and 8.55am** and finish at **3.15pm**

Jewellery

Ear rings must be plain silver or gold stud ear rings only – children will be required to remove any all other jewellery.

Hair

All long hair must be tied up. This is in the interest of health and safety.

PE Days

Class/Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	INDOOR		OUTDOOR		
Year 1		INDOOR		OUTDOOR	
Year 2	INDOOR			OUTDOOR	
Year 3	OUTDOOR		INDOOR		
4L	Swimming (Wear PE Kits)		INDOOR		
4H	OUTDOOR		INDOOR		
Year 5			OUTDOOR		INDOOR
Year 6		INDOOR			OUTDOOR

Communicating with School

If you need any information or answers to questions please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher first. Please appreciate that teachers are busy teaching their classes every morning and are not available unless it is an emergency. However teachers are available to meet after school. Face to face conversations are always best but if this is not possible then phone the office and request that the teacher returns your call after school closes providing brief details of your enquiry.

Health and Safety

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FROM PHE AND HALTON REGARDING COVID-19 AND SCHOOL.

COVID-19 Guidance

CHANGES TO NATIONAL SELF-ISOLATION GUIDANCE

From 16th August, people who are under 18 years and 6 months, *or* who are fully vaccinated, will no longer legally need to isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, you are advised to get a PCR test, unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days.

However, anyone (regardless of age or vaccination status) who develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms ((high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell) must get a PCR test as soon as possible, and isolate until the result is available. People who get a positive PCR test must then continue to isolate as usual.

What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test can be arranged via the www.nhs.uk website, through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119 (NHS Test & Trace) if you do not have internet access. **Please see below for information on local test centres.**

If your child has any of the above COVID-19 symptoms, they should self-isolate immediately and should not attend school.

Please phone the school to tell us that your child has COVID-19 symptoms and you are waiting for a COVID-19 PCR test result.

What should I do if my child's COVID-19 PCR test has come back positive?

Anyone with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should self-isolate until the latest of:

- 10 days after the start of their symptoms, or
- 10 days after their test day if they are asymptomatic

Self-isolation means your child should not go to school/nursery, attend any out-of-school activities or visit a friend's house. They should not visit any public places, use public transport or go out to exercise. You should not have visitors into the home except for those providing essential care.

Please phone the school and tell them your child has a positive COVID-19 PCR test result and forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk It is really important you let school know if your child has COVID-19, so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.

What should I do if my child is a contact of someone with COVID-19?

If your child is aged under 18 years and 6 months and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell), they do not have to self-isolate as a contact of COVID-19.

They are advised to have a PCR test before returning to school unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. Please forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk.

Children aged 5 and under do not need to take a PCR test unless they live with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) test?

If your child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test, they should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Please forward the email with the PCR test result to sec.luntsheath@halton.gov.uk.

Other people who live in the same house do not need to self-isolate whilst you wait for the PCR test result, as long as they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years and 6 months or are fully vaccinated.

What should I do if my child is unwell but doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms?

Your child should not go to school if they are unwell. If you are worried, speak to your GP or a pharmacist, who will be able to advise you how long your child should stay off school/nursery. Otherwise we would recommend they stay at home for 48 hours or until the child is well. At the moment children do not need to get a PCR test if they do not have any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Lunt's Heath Primary School and Halton Borough Council will work together to keep you updated throughout the term, as needed. More information and advice can also be found on our website and Halton Borough Council website (www.halton.gov.uk).

Dropping Off & Collecting Children

The roads in the immediate vicinity of the school become very congested at the start and end of the school day. We seek your help in keeping this area safe.

Please do not:

- stop or park on the zig-zag lines;
- park on the pavement or on bends;
- park in or walk through the car park. We ask that you act considerately and respectfully to our neighbours.

Please do:

- walk to school as often as you can;
- park away from the school and walk;
- consider residents and not block their driveways.
-