



THE HALE HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR HALE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Each newsletter I find myself writing about how busy the last few weeks have been and now realise that we are just always a busy school!

The half term started with an INSET day for all school staff. In the morning we took part in a range of sessions at the Liverpool University Central Teaching Labs. The sessions were arranged for us by one of our Parent Governors. They focused on developing our scientific knowledge as well as exploring further ways we can get children to work scientifically. The afternoon involved all staff completing a Reading for Pleasure Challenge that we will be sharing next week with the children.

Our whole school trip to Chester Zoo was a great success. The children were all a credit to the school and their families. The art work and poetry inspired by our trip can be seen on our twitter feed and soon on our new library display.

Please note that my email address has changed to head.hale@haltonlearning.net

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

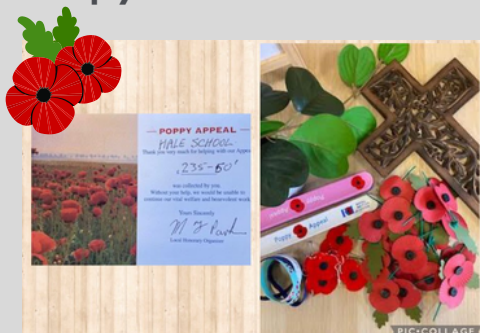
Mrs Fenton



Rock Stars and Odd Socks Day

The children all looked fantastic and were very keen to get on with the challenges that had been set on both TTRS and Numbots.

The anti-bullying sessions/assemblies were well attended by parents and were hopefully useful. Remember that on our website the parent area contains lots of information about about how to keep your child safe online.



Thank You



ATTENDANCE MATTERS.
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Attendance across the school is currently 94.2% our school target is 96%.



Toy and Cake Sale

Thank you for your support the total raised for Children In Need was £175



The curriculum here at Hale CE

Our curriculum builds progressive core knowledge and key curriculum concepts using a range of learning skills and subject skills. Our curriculum should lead to pupils being able to recall and describe the knowledge and concepts in familiar, unfamiliar, local and global contexts.

Aims

To encourage our children to be aspirational so that they reach their true potential in a safe and secure environment.

For all of our pupils to acquire and develop a deepening knowledge and understanding of global Christianity, alongside the other principal religions that are represented throughout our multi-cultural world.

Children will develop their language, vocabulary and communication skills.

Develop our children's 'cultural capital' by providing a wide range of experiences and opportunities.

Develop children's curiosity and creativity and problem solving skills.

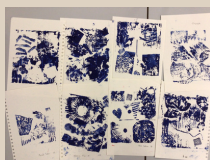
Ensure children have a strong understanding of, and exposure to, diversity and British Values Foster and promote a love a reading.

Recent Pupil Voice linked to the curriculum offer here at Hale CE for Art and Reading highlighted the following:

Art

Children across the school were able to name a range of Artists that they had studied Alma Thomas, Van Gogh, Picasso, Joseph Holston. The children have enjoyed drawing and then painting, shading, colour mixing, using clay and collage.

Many children said they liked art because they learn something new every lesson. They enjoyed learning about different styles, techniques as well as being able to show their own creativity.



Reading

Children in KS1 shared that they all enjoyed reading and could name a range of books and authors that have been shared with them in school. All members of the KS1 staff were listed as people who read to or with the children.

All KS2 classes like the school library and feel that they will find a new popular book there. The children would like a range of comics in there too, such as The Beano, The Dandy, Marvel and Animal magazines. The children knew that recommendations would be purchased if possible by the school.



Our twitter feed @hale_school and our website (curriculum in action) has lots of pictures and examples of activities and children's work from across the school.

Christian Values

Hope



Christmas at Hale CE

2nd December	Christmas Jumpers/Non uniform Day	Please send in items for the Christmas Hampers. (Some hampers will be raffle prizes others will be distributed to local families in need).
14th December 2pm	Christmas Performance Years 1, 2 and 3	Tickets available 7th December from the school office total of 3 tickets per family available across the 2 performances.
15th December 9.30am	Christmas Performance Years 1, 2 and 3	
16th December 9.30am	Christmas Performance Year 4, 5 and 6	Tickets available 7th December from the school office total of 3 tickets per family available across the 2 performances.
16th December 2pm	Christmas Performance Year 4, 5 and 6	Tickets available 7th December from the school office total of 3 tickets per family available across the 2 performances.
19th December	Christmas Community Day	Children and staff only – full uniform
19th December 2.15pm	Reception Christmas Sing-a-long	3 tickets will be sent home with each child.
20th December	Christmas Party Day including Christmas Lunch	Christmas Jumpers or party clothes
21st December Last Day of Term – School Closes 1.15pm		

Tickets for performances are allocated per family. We understand that our families are all different but we ask that each family works together to ensure those with parental responsibility have a ticket before they are shared with wider members of families.

Everyone attending performances will need to have a ticket.

Supporting learning at home

All children are expected to read every school night. For those children in KS2 this can be a mixture of their reading/library books and Reading Plus.

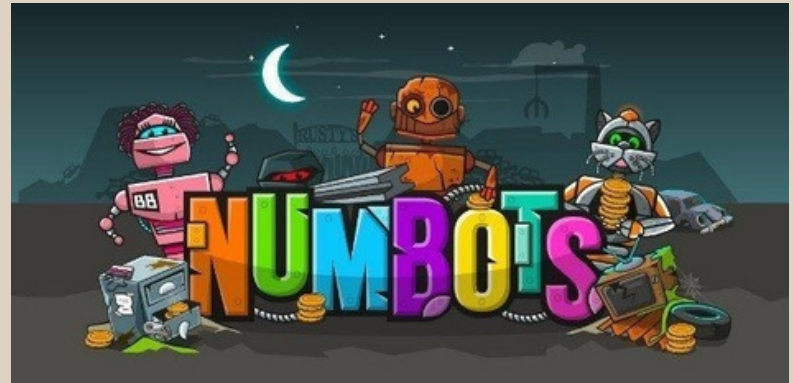
Please ensure you record when your child has read.

On a Friday we will invite children who have not read at home during the week to a break time reading session where they will have the opportunity to read.

The children in KS2 should be able to access Reading Plus independently at home - they all do this regularly in school.

Daily practice of at least 5 minutes will help your child to have greater success in Maths.

Children should be able to access this independently once they have become familiar with it.



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Please visit our website to see our recent updated information about how we teach children to read through the DFE validated "Little Wandle" here at Hale CE. The information is in the curriculum area and includes parent videos.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

