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The Heads Up

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I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a good week. Since my last newsletter to you all we have had an extremely busy couple of weeks which has seen a variety of different activities, challenges, visits and visitors. Throughout all of these experiences, the theme of 'perseverance' has continued to dominate and it has been really lovely to see this in action across the school. For so many of our children, they come across new challenges and difficult situations on a daily basis and I am always wowed by their determination. From our Preschool and Bluebells children, all the way up to Year 6, the opportunity to develop their perseverance is never far away and you should all be very proud of their efforts, just as we are. Last week, I went with the School Council to RAF Halton to watch a graduation ceremony and afterwards, the children talked about and recognised that perseverance isn't something that we just talk about in school, it's a crucial life skill which we will always need to rely on, whatever path we choose to take, particularly when faced with challenges. Well done everybody for your hard work and perseverance!

Mr Horsfield

World Book Day

Last Thursday looked a little bit different in school as we were invaded by a large number of colourful characters to celebrate World Book Day! This is always a really enjoyable day in school, not only because we can come dressed up, but also because we get to do a wide variety of activities, all aimed at encouraging and instilling a love of reading. We were all really impressed with the children's outfits this year, probably the widest selection that we have had for a long time! In particular, there were a large number of characters from graphic novels, such as Dogman, which we know are really popular with the children as they are frequently borrowed from our library. Well done to everybody who took part, including the staff! Hopefully you all received your £1.00 book token to spend on a new book and to continue the enthusiasm for reading here at Halton.





Water safety

On Friday we were joined by Adam Whitehead, a former Olympic swimmer, who came to lead an assembly all about swimming and water safety. It was a great afternoon, especially when Adam got some of the staff to take part in a 'swimming' competition. Well done Mrs Newman for winning! Thank you to Miss Lambie for organising this visit, we will always take the opportunity to deliver important safety messages to the children.

Running Club

I have been informed by one of our parents that the RAF Halton running club will be starting again and will now take place every Monday at 6.00pm, at the Nuffield Pavilion field. For more information, please see the advert further on in this newsletter.

Comic Relief

Next Friday is **Comic Relief** and for those who want to, you can come to school wearing red clothes in return for £1.00. If you don't want to wear red, you can wear your school uniform as normal. Thank you!



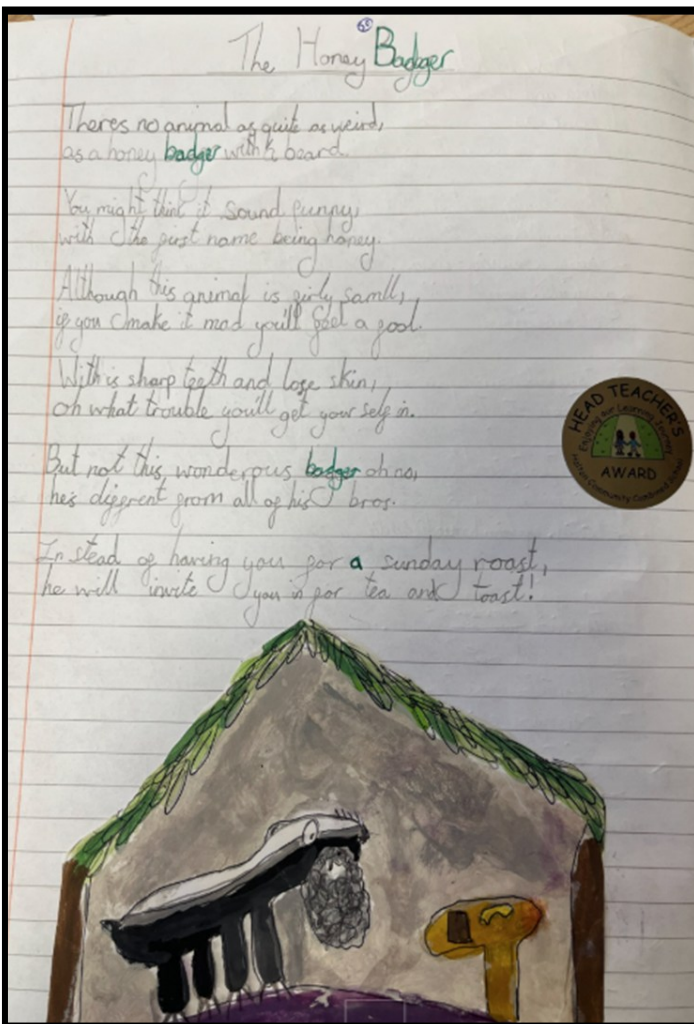
Fabulous writing

I do need to make an apology to Indie in Year 4, as in my last Heads Up I shared her amazing writing, but labelled it using the wrong child's name! Well done Indie, we are really proud of you!

Medical appointments and attendance

We know that it can be really hard to make medical appointments, so it is important to grab them while you can, especially at a time when there is a lot of sickness about. We are though seeing quite an increase in medical appointments taking place during the school day and which then take up a disproportionate amount of time (e.g. the appointment is at 10.00 and the children return several hours later or not at all). Where possible, we would encourage parents to try and make appointments outside of the school day, as in some cases this is impacting on attendance.

Speaking of attendance, you know that we are monitoring the children's attendance very carefully and where we have concerns we are speaking to parents about this. Soon, we will be sending out letters to parents of children whose attendance is of concern, particularly if it is below 90%. Nationally, this is seen as a real cause for concern and it is important that we work with families to help keep more children in school for longer.



Road safety

We would like to remind everybody again not use the staff car park as a shortcut, even at quieter times of the day. This is for your safety.

Outdoor learning

Over the past few weeks the children in Years 5 and 6 who have been out working with Mike have put in a lot of hard work and have shown high levels of perseverance! They have been very busy helping Mike to develop and repair our outdoor basecamp area by resetting posts and replacing the tarpaulin for the shelter which was damaged in the recent storms. We have all been very impressed with their determination and their teamwork skills and their hard work has meant that we now have a really lovely outdoor area which we can use for activities, for fires and to sit and observe the wildlife in the woodland behind the school. This week the children were able to see badgers and deer come up very close to the perimeter fence!



Internet safety – online wellbeing

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing.

You can:

- manage the content that your children see
- ensure the interactions they have are suitable
- manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities.

There are several things you can do to help support a child, including using specific apps and checking app settings. Other top tips for managing online wellbeing can be found on the NSPCC website by using the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Key dates

Fri 21st March—Wear red for Comic Relief (£1.00)

Fri 4th April—iRock concert, 9.30am

- school ends for Easter holidays

Wed 23rd April—School and Kids Kapers reopens for summer term

W/C 26th May—Half term holiday

Mon 2nd June—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Wed 11th June—Sports Day

Sat 14th June—Community Day

Mon 7th July—School closed for inset day



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Ages 4-11

(Preschool-Year6)

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BASE

• **FREE** **GIRLS** **FOOTBALL**

18:00 – 19:00

JOHN COLET SCHOOL 3G

TUESDAYS (TERM TIME)

AGES 7 - 16

VARIOUS SESSIONS AVAILABLE

- RECREATIONAL FOR FUN
- GRASS ROOTS DEVELOPMENT
- PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS
- POST 16 EDUCATION

TUESDAY **22 & 29** **APRIL**

SIGN UP TO SECURE YOUR PLACE





Jonathan Page play Centre

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES

Easter Playscheme



7-17 April 2025



During our first week of the Easter playscheme we will be looking at the insects that live in our garden. Does it fly? Does it have legs? What does it eat? Let's explore the creepy crawlies together! During the second week we will be creating Easter baskets, bunnies and having a giant easter egg hunt! If your child likes being crafty, playing with toys or enjoying the garden there is something for everyone during our fun packed two weeks.



BOOKINGS

We accept advance and last-minute bookings for the After School Club and Holiday Playschemes through our online booking system. To register and book sessions for your child please visit jppc.magicbooking.co.uk

All bookings must be accompanied by payment. We accept card, cash payments, childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare.

WHY NOT VISIT US BEFORE BOOKING?

If you and your child would like to see the fantastic facilities and meet our team before booking, please contact us to arrange a suitable date and time.

HOURS AND PRICES (per child, per day)

Full Day 8am-6:30pm - £35

Half Day 8am-3:30pm - £26

Playscheme is for all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday.



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