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Positivity :: Respect :: Honesty :: Perseverance :: Loyalty :: Courage

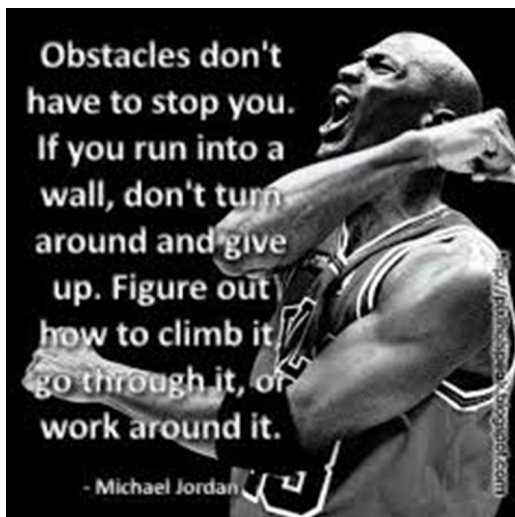
The Heads Up

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Friday 4th October 2024

I hope that you have all had a great week and that you are ready for the weekend. Whilst it is a bit of a cliché, time is flying by already this term and I can't quite believe that we are already in October. In our assemblies this week, we continued to think about our value of 'positivity', in particular thinking about how we can stay positive, even when we might have difficult **barriers** to overcome. We watched Chris McCausland's amazing dance on Strictly, as an example of a physical barrier that has been conquered. We also talked about the barrier of prejudice and how this has been overcome throughout history. The example we shared was that of Katherine Johnson, the mathematician whose work was crucial to the success of the first moon landing. The best examples though, were those shared in Friday's assembly, where our children were able to talk about barriers that they have faced and how these have been overcome throughout the week.



Kids Kapers job vacancies

We are currently on the lookout for some Play Workers to help us in **Kids Kapers** both in the morning and after school. The hours would be a split shift of 7.15—9.00 and 3.00-6.00 every day. Any parents of children in our school, we could accommodate your child in Kids Kapers whilst you work here.

If you would like some more information, or you know someone who would, please speak to Mrs Allen or contact the school office via office@haltoncc.school or 01296 622264.

Parent Consultations

Next week, on **Tuesday 8th** and **Thursday 10th October**, you will get the chance to meet with your child's teacher when we host our parent consultation evenings.

By now, you should have been able to book your 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher. The aim of this is to discuss how they have settled in to their new class and their targets for this term. If you have any queries regarding our parent consultations, please contact the office.

PTA News Save the dates

Friday 11th October—Quiz night

Thursday 17th October—AGM, 6.30pm

The PTA quiz is just a week away and you are still able to purchase tickets via Parent Pay. The ticket price includes food and on the night you will also be able to purchase drinks from the bar.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance and Punctuality

Bluebells: 95.71%

Year 1: 95.6%

Year 2: 99.12%

Year 3: 95.3%

Year 4: 96.74%

Year 5: 96.96%

Year 6: 95.53%

For the third consecutive week, well done to **Year 2** for having the highest attendance so far **this term**.



Sunday Football—players needed

I have been approached by two of our dads, who run a football training session every Sunday on our school field. They are looking for more players to come along to their sessions which take place every Sunday morning. If you are in Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to take part, please contact Matt or Scott using the contact details below:

Matt Scarlett - 07957 101633

Scott Little - 07984 12472



Key dates for this term

Tuesday 8th October – Parent Consultation Evening, 4.00pm-7.30pm

Thursday 10th October – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.40pm-6.00pm

Friday 11th October—PTA Quiz night

Thursday 17th October – PTA AGM at 6.30pm

Monday 21st October – Parent Forum, 6.00pm

w/c Monday 28th October – School closed for half term

Monday 4th November—Inset day, school closed

Tuesday 5th November—School and Kids Kapers reopen

Wednesday 4th December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December – School closes for Christmas holidays

The Great Halton Bake Off

Well done to Max in Year 3 who came into school today with this extremely tasty piece of homework! Year 3 were challenged to make a Stone-age artefact and Max made this delicious hill fort out of cake! Great job Max.

If anyone else decides to bake their homework, don't forget where my office is!

Online Safety— WhatsApp

With over 2.7 billion monthly users, WhatsApp is one of the most used messaging apps. Whilst it comes with an age rating of 13+, we know that there are many children in our school who regularly use WhatsApp as a way of communicating with their peers. Statistically, it is estimated that **37%** of children aged 13 or under use WhatsApp across the country.

Whilst there are many benefits of WhatsApp, unfortunately there are also a lot of risks, particularly from a safeguarding perspective. The potential for children to share inappropriate content, or to communicate with strangers, is extremely high and if left unsupervised, the risks are actually quite frightening.

Unfortunately, as a school we regularly have to deal with the fallout of incidents which have taken place on WhatsApp, often involving inappropriate language on a wide scale of severity. A common thread in these incidents is a lack of parental supervision, particularly late at night when the children are in their bedrooms. Internetmatters.org have produced a parental guide for WhatsApp, which includes advice on parental settings and how to set up appropriate boundaries for your child and the time that they spend online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/#whatsapp-safety-tips>

HALTON SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS...

QUIZ NIGHT 2024

DOORS AT
7PM
QUIZ STARTS
7:30PM

FRIDAY
11
OCTOBER

TICKETS
£12
PER PERSON
(INCLUDES
FISH &
CHIPS*)



BAR & PRIZES

TICKETS: IN ADVANCE VIA PARENT PAY

TEAMS: UP TO 8 PEOPLE PER TEAM - PLEASE TELL US TEAM MEMBER NAMES VIA PARENTPAY, OR WE CAN RANDOMLY ALLOCATE YOU.

FOOD: *VEGETARIAN AND GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE.