



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

November 9th, 2024

Diary Dates

Additions

November

- 10th Remembrance event
- 11th Anti-Bullying week
- Maths week**
- 12th **Odd Socks Day**
- 15th Children in Need
- 19th Individual photos
- 25th Book Fair begins
- 30th Xmas Lights On

December

- 6th PTA Xmas Fayre
- 10/11th YR Xmas Show-am
- KS1 Xmas Show-pm
- 17th Y3/5 Xmas Carols-pm
- 18th Y4/6 Xmas Carols-pm
- 19th YN Xmas show (am)
- Xmas Dinner/jumper day
- 21st Christmas break

January

- 6th INSET (pupils not in)
- 7th School re-opens
- 29th Chinese New Year

February

- 6th YR/Y6 class photos
- 10-13th Parents' evenings
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 15th Half-term break
- 24th School re-opens
- 25th *Young Voices* (choir)
- 28th Ramadan begins

March

- 3-14th Y6 Bikeability
- 6th World Book Day
- 21st Red Nose Day
- 26/7th *Mary Poppins* show

April

- 2-4th Y4 residential
- 5th Easter break
- 23rd School re-opens
- 23-25th Y3 residential

May

- 5th Bank Holiday
- 12th Y6 SATs week
- 23rd INSET (pupils not in)
- 24th Half-term break

June

- 2nd School re-opens
- 9th Y1 Phonics check wk
- Y4 Times Tables wk
- 12th Class photos YN, 1-5
- 18th Nursery Sports (am)
- 18-20th Y6 residential
- 19th Infant Sports (am)
- 26th Junior Sports (am)

July

- 1st Class swaps day
- 7-10th Parents' Evenings
- 16th Y6 Leavers' show
- 23rd Summer Break/INSET

We enter the second half term of the school year, and one of the busiest, with much to look back on already, and a raft of events rapidly upcoming, including an incredibly full few days just around the corner (Maths Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need all taking place in the week to come). The sound of Christmas rehearsals will also soon be heard around the building, we have a Book Fair taking place in late November, and football fixtures now being added to the sporting calendar: lots to look forward to!

Healthy Lifestyle

Our **onsite swimming pool** proved very popular with junior children just before the half-term break. All were able to access the pool at some point, Y3 children developed their skills in an intensive training programme, and less confident Y6 pupils were supported to improve in additional sessions (prior to further tuition in the summer term, offered at Northgate Arena to children not yet able to swim 25m unaided, available as part of our membership of the Chester School Sport Partnership).



For the third year running, we had the most competitors taking part in **MBNA's Mini Marathon** from a single school - and therefore retained the beautiful trophy. Well done to all our runners - staying healthy, and raising funds for Claire House by taking part.



MBNA Mini Marathon participants

Harvest Donations

Many thanks to all who were able to spare donations of food for our Harvest collection. The food collected was very gratefully received by the staff of the West



Cheshire Foodbank, who were helped to load up their van by the Year 6 pupils pictured.

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Anti-Bullying Week

In last Friday's assembly the children were reminded, in advance of Anti-Bullying Week next week, of the school's Anti-Bullying Code (below), and some characteristic features of bullying – this extract from our Anti-Bullying Policy (available [HERE](#)) defines some features of the behaviour.

'Bullying' is defined as persistent behaviour by an individual or group with the intention of verbally, physically, or emotionally harming another person or group. Bullying is generally characterised by:

- *Repetition: Incidents are not one-offs; they are frequent and happen over an extended period of time.*
- *Intent: The perpetrator means to cause verbal, physical or emotional harm; it is not accidental.*
- *Targeting: Bullying is generally targeted at a specific individual or group.*
- *Power imbalance: Whether real or perceived, bullying is generally based on unequal power relations.*

We are also celebrating Odd Socks Day on Tuesday, Nov 12th, in connection with Anti-Bullying Week.

A Bully-Free School is a Happy School!



NO BULLYING

**Our
Anti-Bullying
Code**



NO BULLYING

It's every child's right to be happy at Huntington

What to do if you feel you are being bullied
(or if you think somebody else is being bullied)

- ✓ Tell an adult you trust or
- ✓ Tell a sensible friend who will take you to a trusted adult for help

What NOT to do if you feel you are being bullied
(or if you think somebody else is being bullied)

- * Don't try to deal with it yourself
- * Don't be unkind or bully back
- * Don't keep it to yourself

Odd Socks Day We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Tuesday 12th November 2024



#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

Children In Need

We are looking forward to another visit from Pudsey this coming week! On Thursday, he will be visiting school, and bringing with him a range of *Children in Need* products that pupils can buy to raise further funds – more details to follow.



Sustainability Conference



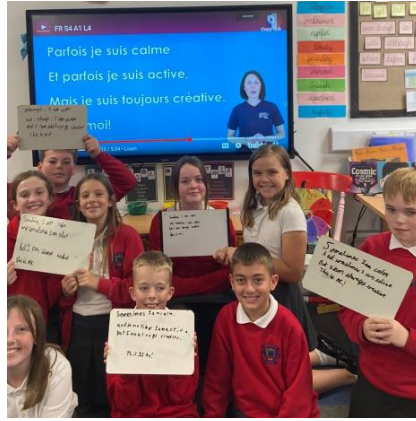
Attendees at the conference – our pupils at right

Ten of our Year 6 children attended the Cheshire Schools' Sustainability Conference at Abbey Gate College on Friday 8th November. There were informative talks on sustainable planting, biodiversity and sustainable food choices, and they heard how other local schools are undertaking exciting projects to support and improve sustainability. Our pupils left the event feeling more inspired than ever to take action in helping our school and the wider community live more sustainably, and will be working with our Eco Council to implement change throughout the academic year.

A sample of recent school activities



WW2 Mood Board



New French scheme in KS2



Y6 making a Steady Hand game



Y4 Romans at the amphitheatre



Nursery in Forest School

Maths Week and Families Project

Next week (Nov 11-17) is national Maths Week in England. This is a celebration of all things maths, which sets out to raise the profile of the subject whilst, at the same time, encouraging children to pursue maths by promoting a more positive and inclusive approach. This is in order to allow children from all social and economic backgrounds to access and enjoy the wonders of mathematics, which are many!



In school the children will be tackling various challenges provided by the organisers, and junior pupils are signed up to TTRS England Rocks, a national competition.

In addition (!), as explained in the letter distributed last week, we are delighted at our successful application to work with the independent charity National Numeracy on an exciting project which encourages children and families to do maths together. As part of the project, we will be introducing National Numeracy's Family Maths scrapbooks and activities - these will help children and families to explore everyday maths at home together, linking the maths that children are learning at school with life outside the classroom. Look out for the scrapbooks coming home next week, and further information via school channels.



Behaviour Awards

The winners of the KS2 individual behaviour prizes for the last half term are as below - and well done to all the other children whose behaviour has been excellent:

Y3 Birch: Jude Rawcliffe	Y3 Hazel: Maira Deshnoor
Y4 Hawthorn: Bethany Wilson	Y4 Lime: Phoebe Owen
Y5 Larch: Avery Leung	Y5 Rowan: Rupert Hughes
Y6 Alder: Ben Lightfoot	Y6 Sycamore: Scarlett Ellis

Pupil Participation

Our new School Council has been elected, and are pictured below.



The Sports and Eco Councils have also begun their work for the year – their members are:

Sports Council

Y3 Teddy Linekar, Lewyn Williams
Y4 Ben Evans, Bryony White
Y5 Leo Griffiths, Sarah Hennessy
Y6 Elliot Collier, Annie Knights

Eco Council

KS1 Everley Alexander, Jack Cuddihy, Ezra Stern
Y3 Claudia Baxter, Oscar Bedson
Y4 Cameron Ross, Daisy Wilson
Y5 Oscar Cameron, Leo Flowerday
Y6 Ewan Benson, Cody Grant

See our [Children's Councils](#) page on the website for more details.

PTA

Our PTA have arranged two events for this term – the upcoming Quiz Night and the after-school Christmas Fayre on Friday, December 6th (3:30-6pm).

Quiz night details

Friday 15th November, 7-10pm. Teams of up to 8 people, cash/card bar available. This is an adult only event - **purchase tickets through School Spider by midday on Monday, November 11th.**



Huntington CP School
PTA Chester

2024 Christmas Fayre

When: 6th December 3:30pm – 6pm

Where: Huntington CP School

Come and join us for an evening of festive fun and support us at our annual Christmas Event.

"FREE ENTRY"

Parentkind
Member Association

SPORT

The sporting calendar began with touch rugby festivals for Y4 and Y6 pupils, hosted at Chester Rugby Club and organised by the Chester School Sport Partnership (CSSP). Our pupils really enjoyed themselves, winning the majority of their games and further developing the skills they have been practising in PE lessons.



Y6 Rugby Squad



Y4 Rugby Squad

Touch Rugby Squads

Year 4 Finley Abraham, Louie Bainbridge, Defne Bulu, Lydia Hay, William Hughes, Rebecca Peers
Marcus Scutter, Dexter Shingfield, Blair Stein

Year 6 Tilly Connolly, Doga Gurdas, Isla Holgate-Stedmans, Francesca Krausgrill, Niall Lahive,
James Robinson, Finlay Shingfield, Jack Swadling, Ben Tong, Leo Weston, Bill Williams, Joanna Wong

A further CSSP event took place just before the half-term break, with Y6 pupils competing in a Quicksticks Hockey tournament. Our pupils adapted very well to a different form of the game ('proper' one-sided hockey sticks and a different ball), and really developed their skills during the afternoon.

Finally, the first of several ESFA football tournaments took place yesterday at Christleton High, with our Y4 girls' squad performing with great enthusiasm and teamwork against other Chester schools. They enjoyed excellent, good-spirited support from family members (commented on favourably by the organiser) and were in contention for a place in the final until the last group game – an excellent effort on a very enjoyable afternoon.



Y6 Hockey Squad



Y4 Girls' Football Squad

Y6 Hockey Squad

Elliot Collier, Phoebe Lodge, Freya McHugh, Leslie Pickstock, Finlay Shingfield, Jack Swadling

Y4 Girls' Football Squad

Viha Biradar, Ava Gough, Elizabeth Hunter-Jones, Summer Lewis, Sophia Smalls, Blair Stein,
Georgie Taylor, Bryony White

Playground Leaders

Year 5 pupils received training from CEPD staff just before the half-term break, enabling them to support younger children with playground activities over the coming year. Our new Playground Leaders listened and learned well, and will be starting their roles in the near future.



Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Door Barrier Safety

Following an accident involving a young pupil on one of the door barriers positioned around all the external doors, we have attempted to avoid any future such incidents by additional regular messaging to pupils and, in the absence of a commercially-available solution to reduce the risk, adding deterrants to the barriers to discourage pupils playing on them (latex bands above the bar near ground level, to discourage standing on it, and cable ties on the top edge, to discourage holding onto it), in addition to foam padding on the lower bar to lessen any impacts.

Additionally, can we please ask that you discourage your children (pupils here or otherwise) visiting the site from playing on the door barriers.

Staff Car Park

Recognising that some members of the school community, both pupils and family members, have mobility issues which require closer access to the school building, we may issue (on request) permits to use the staff car park on either a temporary or permanent basis. These permits must always be displayed on car dashboards when parking here.

Currently the permits in use are numbered as follows: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21.

If you have been issued a permit in the past that is not listed here, likely on a temporary basis, then please contact the school if it is still needed,

Anyone parking in the Staff Car Park without displaying a permit is likely to be challenged from now on (unless assisting the school with transporting pupils to school events offsite (e.g. sports fixtures)).

*Kind regards,
Mr Rose*