



Huntington Community Primary School Newsletter

February 23rd, 2025

Diary Dates

Additions

February

15th Half-term break
 24th School re-opens
 25th *Young Voices* (choir)
 26/7th Bags2School (PTA)
 28th Ramadan begins

March

3-14th Y6 Bikeability
 6th World Book Day
 7th *Girls' Football Day*
 19th Piano concert
 20th Internet Safety Talk
 21st Red Nose Day
 24th Cross Country event
 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 hope that you have enjoyed time with your children over the half-term break, and they are ready to return to school with lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Early Years Adventure Play area

Reception and Nursery children will be excited to learn that a brand new adventure play area is being installed for them on the grassed area immediately opposite Willow/Oak classrooms. This development has been part-funded by the PTA to the tune of £5000, for which we are very grateful, with the remainder of the money coming from the school's ring-fenced capital development funds, accumulated over the last few years for this purpose. We know the children will love using this new area.

Construction has been delayed somewhat by the poor weather over the half-term break, despite a prompt start on the first Monday, so there will still be a building team onsite until, in all likelihood, Wednesday. The construction area has been fenced/taped off, but parents of young children in particular are asked to ensure that, before and after school, everyone keeps their distance from the work space.



Girls' Football Day with Chester FC

Before Christmas we signed up to take part in the FA's 'Biggest Ever Football Session', as part of their 'Let Girls Play' initiative. This has now been arranged for Friday, March 7th, when we will be welcoming coaches from Chester FC and Calvin Williams, Chester FC Women's team manager, into school to work with girls in YR-6 throughout the day!



Google Classroom Passwords

To improve ease of access to Google Classroom in school, all pupil passwords were changed over the half-term break to something more memorable than the previous random letter/number choices. Please don't try to use Google

Classroom again until you have received the new password details, since you will not be able to gain access.

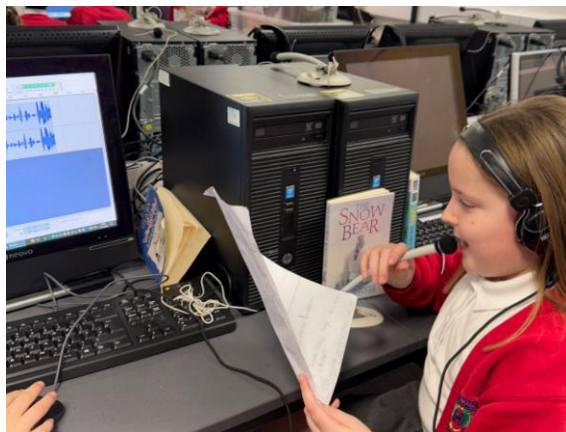


Google Classroom

A sample of recent school activities



Making fruit kebabs in KS1



Y4 recording podcasts



Animals Take Over (KS1)



Carnival Dance (Y4 PE)



Making glue (Y5 Science)



Spreadsheets (Y6 IT)

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: Juna Nugent
Y4 Hawthorn: Lydia Hay
Y5 Larch: Louie Jeffs
Y6 Alder: Mya Hooper

Y3 Hazel: Savir Bhugra
Y4 Lime: Zack Payne
Y5 Rowan: Ana Silveira
Y6 Sycamore: Maisie Gamble

Golden Table

Congratulations to the children who received Golden Tickets for their behaviour at lunchtime over the last half-term, and were rewarded with a seat at the Golden Table on the last Friday (some shown below).



PTA

Our PTA will soon be distributing a newsletter, but in the meantime many thanks to them for their continued efforts on behalf of the school, and please note the following information:

Bags2School collection: families can drop off unwanted clothes at the school office on 26/27th Feb. Last drop-off is 9am on 27th Feb (<https://bag2school.com/>)

Children's Mental Health Week

Lots of activities took place during Children's Mental Health Week (Feb 3-7), including the *Dress to Express* fundraiser as well as classroom sessions to support this year's theme of *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*. Happiness Heroes and Zones Ambassadors were also appointed, to help fellow pupils develop their skills.



Breathing Techniques KS1



Identifying Character Strengths Y6



Notes from the Office

After-school clubs

Please can parents sign up and pay for after-school clubs promptly – this ensures maximum access for pupils, and reduces the administrative burden for staff.

Uniform Policy

A reminder that the school's uniform policy is available [HERE](#) – but note particularly that it includes the following about earrings: *One pair of stud earrings may be worn.*

Therefore, hoop earrings are not permitted (for safety reasons, amongst others).

Punctuality

Please can everyone try to get to school on time: this would save the admin staff having to escort multiple children to their classrooms at a busy time of the day. The school day starts with the bell at 08:45, except for Nursery children who start at 08:55.

World Book Day

Themed lunch and dressing up as a book character on Thursday 6th March. Lunch can be booked on *ParentPay* as of now.

Ofsted Consultation

Ofsted has been in the news as they have set out their proposals for school inspection and have launched a consultation. You can read their proposals, and contribute to the consultation, using the links below:

Ofsted's press release:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-sets-out-proposals-for-fairer-education-inspections-and-new-more-detailed-report-cards>

Link to the open consultation for parents, carers, professional and learners to share their views:

[Improving the way Ofsted inspects education - GOV.UK](#)

SPORT

Sportshall Athletics

The Chester School Sport Partnership arranged a Sportshall Athletics event at Ellesmore Port Sports Village in January, and we were delighted to come first on the day (and fourth overall of the schools competing over the two days). Nineteen Y6 pupils took part in a range of activities, from javelin and standing long jump to relays and hurdles, and the team supported each other well throughout.



Sportshall Athletics events: standing long jump, relay, chest push throw, vertical jump



Y6 Sportshall Athletics team with their medals

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Serena Abbinante, Elliott Collier, Jack Enright, Olivia Evans, Rome Evans, Maisie Gamble, Cody Grant, Doga Gurdas, Isla Holgate-Stedmans, Emilia Hughes, Annie Knights, Francesca Krausgrill, Oscar Edge-McCaffrey, Zak Roberts, Finlay Shingfield, Jack Swadling, Mira Tunc, Bill Williams, Joanna Wong

Football

A team of Y6 footballers enjoyed representing the school in a recent round-robin event at Christleton High, beating Mickle Trafford 4-1 and drawing 1-1 with both Cherry Grove and Oldfield. Our goalscorers were Keanu (4), Ben (1) and Jack (1), but the whole team contributed well, with great saves from our keepers, a solid defence from Oscar and Spencer throughout, and lots of attack and defence from our midfielders.

Y6 Boys' Football Team

Taha Adnan, Ewan Benson, Ben Collinson, Oscar Edge-McCaffrey, Keanu Goncalves, Leslie Pickstock, Spencer Ryan, Jack Wilmott



Y6 Footballers at Christleton High

A team from Y4 also played their first league match of the season, achieving a resounding 11-2 victory against Lache, which was all the more remarkable since Lache were winning 2-0 after five minutes - proof that perseverance pays off!

Y4 Football Team

Finley Abraham, Spencer Best, Ben Conway, Luke Demko-Edwards, Jack Dunlop, Tom Howard, William Hughes, Zack Payne, Rebecca Peers

Netball

Our Y6 netball team took part in the area tournament at Blacon High School this week, competing against 13 other schools. The teams in each group of seven all played each other once, with just the winner of each group progressing to the final. Unfortunately our group included a very strong Queen's team who beat all-comers, but we finished second in the group, winning three matches and drawing two. Our girls were able to demonstrate their considerable skills and knowledge of the game, despite the bitter cold, and put in impressive performances throughout: an excellent effort, and many thanks to Miss Carpenter for coaching them.



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Serena Abbinante, Tilly Connolly, Olivia Evans, Maisie Gamble, Emilia Hughes, Annie Knights, Ruby Knott, Grace Peers, Mira Tunc, Joanna Wong

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Road Safety: 20mph zone request

Previous expressions of concern to CWAC about road safety in the vicinity of the school contributed to the introduction of the 40mph zone on the B5130 from Old Hall, intended to reduce the speed at which drivers enter the 30mph zone near the school. However, continued concerns led the school to write to CWAC again recently, requesting that a 20mph zone be implemented.

This request was not successful, unfortunately, although CWAC did state they would share with the police our concerns regarding the speed of vehicles approaching the school, and that some vehicles have been observed not stopping at the red lights at the pedestrian crossing. **CWAC also suggested that any incidents of dangerous driver behaviour witnessed by parents, such as not stopping at the red lights, should be shared with Cheshire Police so that they are aware of the frequency of this.**

A commitment was also made for the visibility of the crossings and speed limit signs to be checked, and the same for the school flashing lights and their operation and timing.

Road safety in the vicinity of schools remains a high profile issue, and was recently raised in the House of Commons by one of our local MPs, Aphra Brandreth. We hope to be able to report positive steps in the future.

Playground Safety

Please remember that the school's adventure play areas are not to be used before or after school by pupils or other children. Younger children especially will need regularly reminding of this. Thank you.

*Kind regards,
Mr Rose*