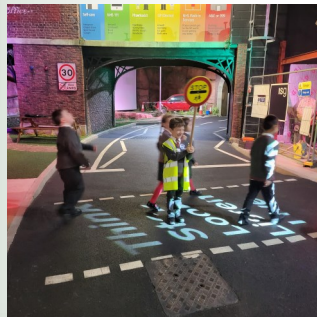




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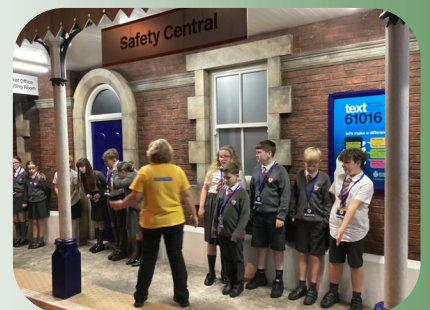
NEWSLETTER 20th October 2023

This week Year 2 and Year 6 have been to Safety Central.



The children have been learning about how to keep safe in everyday situations.

Safety Central said that the children have been a delight and well-behaved. A big well done to Y2 and Y6 for representing our school with your lovely behaviour.



Year 1—Room on the Broom



This week Year 1 have been reading "Room on the Broom". They have been making broomsticks in forest school and have made their own broom with plenty of room for the kind Witch and her animal friends.

Thank you for those children completing their 5 reading lessons a week. We can really see the progress you are making and the pleasure you are taking from it. Please do try to ensure your child is completing their weekly lessons. Reading Plus is such a good tool to teach important reading and vocabulary skills in a fun, personalised way.

**Reading Plus WORKS and we have the evidence to prove it.
Keep up the good work everyone.**

KS2 children should be accessing Reading Plus from home for at least 30 mins a week (15 mins x 2 is fine)



This week our class winners are

Year 5.

Well done to them.

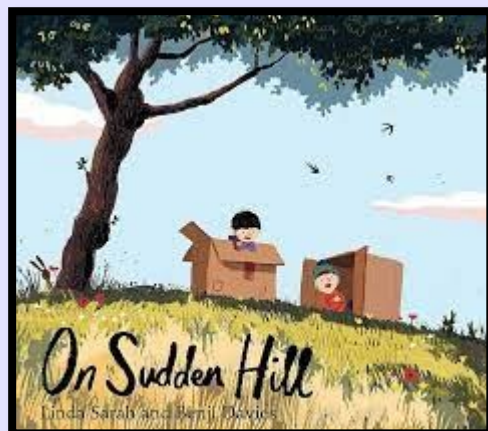
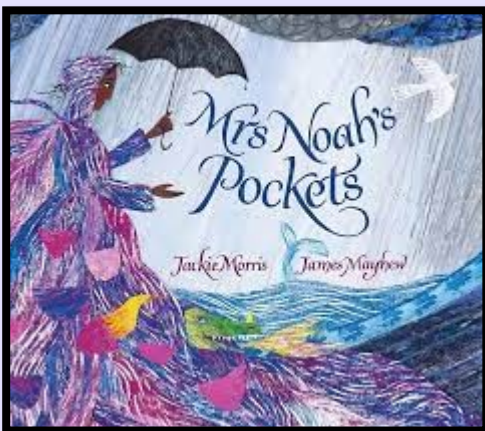
Our pupil competition winner last week was Lacey from Year 4 and this week is Daniel from Year 5. Our Phonics star pupil is Brooke from Reception.

Lots of parents are asking for recommendations for high quality books for their children. Our top picks for this half term are:

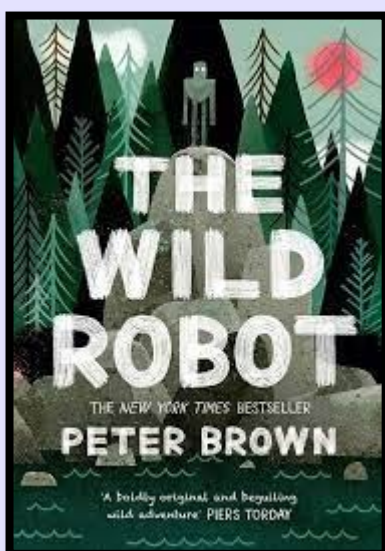
Reception



KS1



KS2



Awards—Congratulations to the following children

SMILE AWARDS



DOJO AWARDS



SUPERSTAR AWARDS



NEW LIBRARIANS



Student Council



Our Student Council met this week. They came up with some brilliant ideas for fundraising and other great ideas for the school.

- A stall at the Christmas Fair to raise money to buy toys for a children's charity.
- A Christmas Disco.
- Children In Need 17th November — Own clothes day (Pudsey items optional). £1 per child donation.
- Monthly "Treat Friday" (eg: Milkshakes and Cookies)
- PJ day.
- Maths and Art Clubs
- Get the football nets fixed.
- New books for the library.
- Start the allotment again.



School closes on Wednesday 25th October at normal time and re opens on Monday 6th November.

Also a reminder to Year 6 parents/carers to apply for Secondary School as the closing date is coming up.


www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Admission to Primary School September 2024

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form online at [School admissions website](#), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk
- All online applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16th April 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on the 16th April 2024
- Don't leave it too late – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15th Jan 2024**

Closing date for Primary School Applications: 15th January 2024



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Admission to Secondary School September 2024

If your child is in Year 6 they are eligible to apply for Year 7 class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form online at [School admissions website](#), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk or at any Halton Direct Link Office
- All online applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 1st March 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on 1st March 2024
- Don't leave it too late – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 31st October 2023**

Closing date for Secondary School Applications: 31st October 2023



HALTON HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Fit 4 Life Bite Size Sessions

START WELL

Join us for our online parent/carer workshops:

SLEEP & SCREENS
 Are your children sleeping well at night? In this session we will explore how the length and quality of sleep can affect us and our children. Pick up new tips and ideas to promote good quality, restful sleep. We will also look at how screens affect our children, and share ideas for managing screen time better.


FUSSY EATING & SNACKING
 Are your mealtime struggles? It's easier said than done to get children to try new foods. In this session we will share tips and techniques to encourage your child to eat more variety. We will also talk through the signs to food aversion. We'll share healthy snack ideas so we look at alternatives to sugary snack favourites.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SUGAR
 Would you like to be more active as a family? Children love to be active but as they grow, their attitudes towards physical activity may change. We have some great tips and information on overcoming barriers, how sugar affects our body and the effects of these fat on our brains.

These workshops are for parents and carers. Choose from the following sessions:


45 Minute - Online Workshop		
Fussy Eating & Snacking	Sleep & Screens	Physical Activity & Sugar

To see available dates & to book your place please scan the QR Code, visit <https://halton.me/parent-carer-bitesize-sessions-booking-form/> Or email hif@halton.gov.uk



For more information call the team on: 0300 029 0029 or visit www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk

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Events for the diary December 2023

Friday 1st December
Christmas Fair (after school)

Friday 1st December
Own Clothes Day

Thursday 7th December
Christmas Bingo.

Tuesday 12th December
Reception and Year 1 Christmas play

Wednesday 13th December
Years 2 and 3 Christmas Play.

Thursday 14th December 6pm St John Fisher Church
Years 4, 5, 6 Christmas Play.

Tuesday 19th December
Breakfast with Santa.

Wednesday 20th December
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day.

More information will follow nearer the time.

School closes at 1.30 pm Thursday 21st December

For Your Information

Data Collection and Permission forms

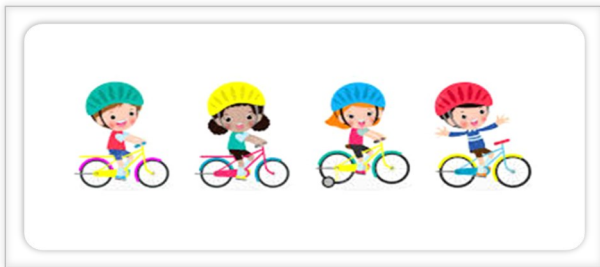
Please ensure that you return these to school. Even if there are no changes to be made on the Data sheets can you please sign, date and return it.

Dolce—School Grid lunch accounts

Please ensure that your account is up to date if you are intending to order a hot lunch as the system will block the order if the account is in high arrears.

Leaflets from sports, dance and drama clubs

We are often asked to pass on leaflets from external clubs. We do this to help support the local community but they are not affiliated with or endorsed by the school.



It is lovely to see the children cycling to school but can we just remind everyone to dismount at the gate and walk their bikes down safely to avoid any accidents.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL AT DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

Can we please ask that you do not park or manoeuvre outside the gates when dropping off/collecting. As you can appreciate the school is situated in a side road which makes parking difficult so we would ask that you park elsewhere rather than risk manoeuvring on Edward Street.

We understand that you are all busy and have places to go of a morning and evening but please lets not wait for a child to be hurt.

Please be courteous to our neighbours on Castle Street when parking.