



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome

We have come to the end of another busy week at Halsnead! Well done to 4EW who put on a superb performance on Wednesday afternoon playing the Steel Pan Drums. Thank you for all who attended, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. 4/5/O and 5W will be performing in the Summer Term, please check the dates section below to find out when.

## Strive to Achieve

A graphic with a background image of a child writing on a piece of paper. The word 'Poetry' is written in a large, elegant, cursive font. Below it, the text 'BY YEAR 6' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text, there is a paragraph of text.

This week, our Year 6 children have been learning all about animal life in captivity. They compared life in the wild and life in a cage and created some powerful poetry. The poetry created across the year group was fantastic and three of the children have kindly agreed to share their work. Please find it on our website [www.halsnead.co.uk](http://www.halsnead.co.uk) under the tab 'Our Learning', on the 'Year Six' page.



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# Creepy Crawly

## VISIT

On Tuesday, Year 1 and the Nurture Group received a visit from some creepy crawly creatures, when the bug man came into school. All of the creatures were secretly covered to create an exciting atmosphere. Amongst the creatures was a snake, cockroaches, a tarantula and a mammal called a tenrec - which although looks hedgehog-like, is actually an ancestor of the elephant family! The children loved the afternoon visit and were very brave, taking turns to stroke and hold the different animals.



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## Dates for your Diary

Please note the following dates in your diary. You will also find a list of dates on our school website:

### March 2020

23rd Keeping Safe Online Assembly -  
Years 5 & 6

### April 2020

3rd School closes for Easter Holidays  
15th School opens for Summer Term

### May 2020

7th Nursery closed - Polling Station  
13th 4/5/O Steel Pan performance - 3.00pm

### July 2020

8th 5W Steel Pan performance - 3.00pm



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## PE Timetable Change

Please note a change in the PE Timetable. 1S will now do PE on Thursday afternoon NOT Wednesday afternoon. Other PE times will remain the same. Please see below for a reminder.

MONDAY AFTERNOON - 6D, 6O

TUESDAY AFTERNOON - 3K, 3R, 2H, 2P

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON - 1W

THURSDAY MORNING - RECEPTION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON - 1S, 4/5O, 5W

FRIDAY MORNING - 4EW

## Department for Education - Coronavirus Helpline

There is a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:  
Phone:08000468687

Email:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm

(Monday to Friday)

At present no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

See the poster attached for more public information.



## 4EW STEEL PAN DRUMS

# Performance

A big well done to 4EW who put on a fantastic performance playing the Steel Pan Drums on Wednesday afternoon. The children really showcased what they have been learning over the past number of weeks and sounded great! Thank you for coming along to watch, we hope you enjoyed the performance.



## Road Works

Please see attached at the end of the newsletter, information about a road junction improvement regarding Greenes Road/ Dragon Lane/ Windy Arbor Road commencing from Monday 16th March 2020.



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## Frogspawn at the Allotments

Frogspawn has been produced in the water feature at the school allotments. Many of our classes have been down to visit and have discovered how the life cycle of a frog begins and what it looks like. The Nurture Group recently visited the allotments and observed the frogspawn. We can't wait to now see it develop into tadpoles, and eventually fully grown frogs.





HM Government



# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

The best way to protect yourself and others is:



Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.



Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.

If you have recently arrived back from specified areas follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of areas and find out more at

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

# CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



# BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



# KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



**NHS**



**Knowsley Council**

Our Reference: GREENESJCT/MH  
Greenes Road / Windy Arbor Road / Dragon lane,  
Whiston

March 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

**Greenes Road/ Windy Arbor Road / Dragon Lane – Highway Improvement Scheme**

The Council has identified that at peak times the junction of Greens Road / Windy Arbor Road / Dragon Lane has congestion issues particularly with vehicles queueing on Windy Arbor Road and Dragon Lane. In addition further developments within the Whiston Cross and Halshead Park areas are planned to start in the summer which are expected to bring increased traffic flows at the junction.

To better control traffic movements the Council has secured funding to improve the capacity of the junction. An additional benefit of the scheme will be the improved pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction.

Please find enclosed a plan which shows the details of the proposed junction improvement. I would highlight that the plan may not show the final arrangement as the layout and features may change during construction.

The proposed works to improve the junction alignment and pedestrian facilities are proposed to start on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and are envisaged to be complete before the end of autumn 2020. Some delays and disruption is expected during construction and the Contractors involved will try to keep these to a minimum. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained at all times except where necessary to complete the works. The bulk of the works will be undertaken during week days but some works may need to be programmed for Saturday evenings or Sunday day times. Statutory undertaker diversion works will also be undertaken during the duration of the junction improvement works.

I hope that the above information explains the situation, however should you have any comments or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0151 443 5946 or [mark.hetherington@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:mark.hetherington@knowsley.gov.uk).

Regards,

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Highways and Transportation

