



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

It was fantastic to see so many children in their Christmas jumpers today, both in school and on Seesaw and Tapestry. Thanks to all the staff involved in making this possible.

Next week is the final school week of 2020 and we have lots of festive activities planned. We are really looking forward to the week! We have booked a virtual pantomime performance of Jack and The Beanstalk for the children. (Oh no you haven't - Oh yes we have!) Which they will watch on Wednesday afternoon. Children isolating can still watch this from home, the link will be sent on Wednesday morning and a Christmas treat will be delivered! Please do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns or are in need of anything whilst your child is isolating.

Please continue to help keep the school community safe by not sending your children to school if they or any member of your household is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 unless they have tested negative.

Strive to Achieve

KSSP PENTATHLON

Our children recently took part in Knowsley Schools Sports Partnership Pentathlon Competition. We are very proud to announce that there was not one, not two but TWENTY winners from Halsnead! These children will all receive a medal from KSSP. They have now been entered into the Merseyside Finals, we will let you know those results once we receive them. Please see the winners of each event in green, well done to you all!

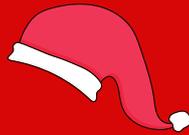
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Yr 1 Boy	Lennon B and Tom McC				Tom McC
Yr 1 Girl				Lola F and Mirna A	Gabriella B
Yr 2 Boy	Logan S			Leo F	Leo F
Yr 2 Girl	Evie G			Evie P	Alyvia F
Yr 3 Boy	Kian LV		Harrison D		
Yr 3 Girl					
Yr 4 Boy			Jake S	Jordi B	
Yr 4 Girl			Annabelle B	Anna Mc	
Yr 5 Boy	John Junior E				
Yr 5 Girl			Lyla Mc		
Yr 6 Boy					
Yr 6 Girl					



Christmas at Halsnead

We know that Christmas will be very different at Halsnead this year due to the current circumstances. Unfortunately, there will be no nativities or carol service but instead we have organised a few things to make the last week a little bit more exciting for the children.

Wednesday 16th December



Breakfast with Santa will take place in class bubbles this year, during school hours (9.00am - 9.30am). There will be no charge for this. The children will have their 'Magic Bagels' and a drink, whilst enjoying Christmas music. Santa and his Elf will pay a visit to each class bubble and wave from the door.

Thursday 17th December

This will be Party Day! Children can wear their party clothes to school and in the afternoon they will have a party in their class bubbles. Unopened, pre-packaged food can be brought in as usual on Monday 14th so that it can be quarantined until Thursday 17th.

Online Christmas Events

Please find attached to the newsletter more information about our online Christmas events and how you can sign up for them. If you need any assistance with this please contact school.

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **7th December 2020.**

Congratulations to 2S who achieved 100% attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **95.2%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: **97%**

Year 2 - Miss Spencer	100
Year 6 - Mr Owen	98.9
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Olushonde	98.6
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby	97.2
Reception - Mrs Wills	95.2
Year 4 - Mrs Redmond	95.1
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	94.2
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	94
Reception - Mrs Davies	93.1
Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan	91.6
Year 1 - Mrs Kendall	90.2

NURSERY NEW STARTER FORMS

Please can all Nursery forms for January new starters be returned to school as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact us on 0151 4778130.



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Christmas Bingo

11th December @ 7:00 PM

Registration Closes @ 6:00 PM

Link for the event will be provided on the day,
please log in 5 minutes before the start time.

£1/ticket

+5p transaction fee



LetsLocalise

Bringing Schools and Local Communities Closer



Prizes to be won!!!

Join us for our Halsnead Christmas Bingo on Friday 11th December 2020. The event will consist of one round and will last for 15 minutes. Come join us to see if you can get a full house!

Sign up here:

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/pam-event-detail?eventId=10721>

 LetsLocalise

Big Christmas ^{Online} QUIZ

Wednesday 16th December at 6pm

Ticket Price: £3 per family

- Individual prizes for winning families
- All ticket proceeds shared amongst the schools supported by the top 5 players

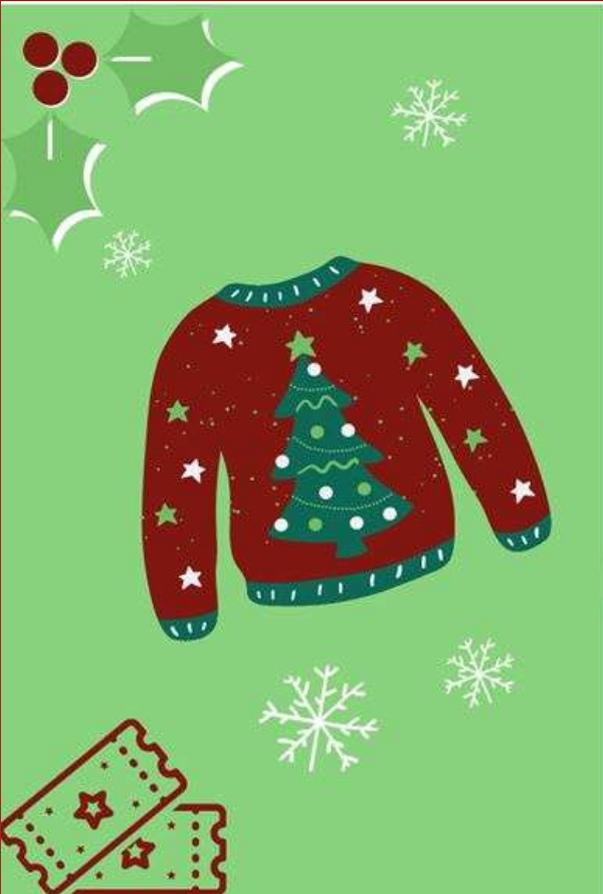
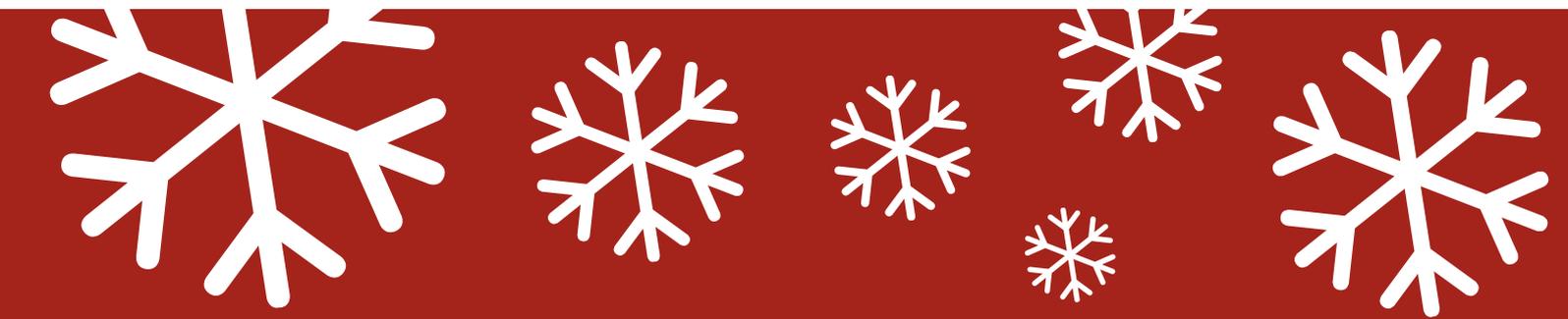
Fun for all
the family



Support
your School

Sign up here:

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/pam-event-detail?eventId=10660>



ONLINE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

£1/ticket
+5p transaction fee



Draw: 18th December @ 11am, make sure you get your tickets before 10am!

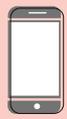
Amazing prizes!



Sign up here:

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/pam-event-detail?eventId=10725>





Online Safety Newsletter



Please find attached an Online Safety Newsletter for December. It is full of useful tips and information on how your children can remain safe whilst using the internet.

Labelled Uniform/Items



Please can you ensure that your child's jumpers/cardigans/coats etc. are clearly labelled with their full name. Thank you.

PE News - Knowsley ABC Knockout Championships

We have made it through to the quarter finals of the Knowsley ABC Knockout Championships after beating Ravenscroft. Now our six children from years 5 and 6; Lucah S, Iyla S, Moataz A, Phoebe B-S, Jessica W and Jamie C, will be competing in the quarter finals after Christmas against St Aloysius to try and make it to the semi-finals. Come on KS2 we can do this!

KNOWSLEY LIBRARIES FACEBOOK

Christmas Pantomimes

Join Knowsley Libraries Facebook for some virtual festive Christmas events!

A Trio of Festive Christmas Pantomimes (available to watch until end of December on Knowsley libraries Facebook)

Friday 11th December at 7pm

It's Christmas time - oh yes it is! and the magic of pantomime is coming to Knowsley Libraries Facebook. Join storyteller John Kirk for a trio of popular pantomime stories to get you and your family in the mood for Christmas. Suitable for families with children 3+.

We're Going on a Christmas Story Hunt!

Saturday 12th December at 12 noon on Zoom

Please follow this link to register to watch the live performance

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcuiorzkrHdAFTsJPY2rljvlvwQzSact2>

Join storyteller John Kirk for a special festive story hunt. This interactive scavenger hunt storytelling session is guaranteed to be 30 minutes of fun to get you in the mood for Christmas. This session will incorporate a popular pantomime story and is suitable for families with children age 3+ with a Christmas story at its heart.

PARENTAPPS CONNECT - APP



To ensure that you receive the full benefits of Parentapps and do not miss any vital communication from school, please download and use the Parentapps app and don't rely on reading the Parentapps emails alone. Emails are sent from Parentapps to inform you that there is a new notification on the app. Links and attachments will always open via the app but may not work via email. To download the app, please visit App Store if you are on an Apple device or Play Store if you are on an Android device and search 'Parentapps Connect' or alternatively contact school and we can send you another invitation.



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VALUE AWARDS

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



Nursery - Miss Lucas

Oliver G: Just like Andy Aspiration, Oliver tries hard in everything he does! Oliver has shown he is a real role model to his friends, loves learning and always displays our school values in and out of Nursery. I am very proud of you Oliver, keep up the brilliant work!

Skyla C: Skyla has taken on the role of a mini teacher in Nursery! She works with her friends to create amazing structures in our building areas and helps her friends read stories. Skyla has shown a 'can do' attitude and started helping adults with putting on coats for the other children. I am so proud of your team work Skyla, keep it up!

Reception - Mrs Davies

Autumn D: Autumn has shown resilience when practicing writing her name.

Max B: Similar to Andy Aspiration, Max has tried his best at every challenge he has faced.

Reception - Mrs Wills

Isabelle W: For showing great resilience when writing. She tries super hard to use her known sounds to write words and is gaining confidence blending and reading words.

Oscar S: Oscar you are so like Andy Aspiration. You are trying really hard to ensure you take great care with all of your work. You always strive to achieve and you are a great role model to others.

Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

Sofia-Lilly H: For showing integrity in PE and letting other children have a go by saying she's had a turn.

John F-B: For working hard and being super focused in RWInc.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Olushonde

Taya M: You have had a fantastic week! You have shown determination to improve your handwriting, you have worked hard to understand symmetrical lines and you have used conjunctions in both speaking and writing. We are all so proud of you Taya - well done!

Tom McC: You have shown such commitment to learning at home and your contributions to Seesaw have been absolutely brilliant! You are making such huge progress because you work so hard to learn at home and you give 100% commitment to learning in school. Keep it up Tom!

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Summer-Mae B: For being a superstar all week! Summer has shown resilience in maths and has worked very hard to complete her work.

Nevaeh C: Nevaeh has been very resilient this week with all of her work. She has listened carefully to the success criteria in order to complete the activity. She has also been a superstar in phonics by beating Mrs Eddleston in her challenge!

VALUE AWARDS

Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Mia McG: - Kindness and Resilience - For always trying her best and never giving up when the going gets tough.

Jake H: - Resilience - For continually trying his best in everything he does and striving for the best presentation throughout all his books!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

Sienna S: For being such a fantastic role model within our class, demonstrating all of our school values, every single day. You are a delight to have in our class. Well done Sienna.

Jake C: For developing an excellent - I can attitude. You have shown our school value of resilience during this term and we are really proud of you. You have produced amazing work that we are all so proud of. Keep it up!!

Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

Ava McM: Ava - Wow! You're on a roll, Ava! You are growing in confidence. You are developing a real positive attitude to your learning and showing greater resilience each day. It is a pleasure to see your smiling face and a treat to see you enjoying your learning! Keep up the hard work.

Aingel G: Aingel - #proudteacher! You have been a shining example of Rosie Resilience these past couple of weeks. You are finding your voice in class, being braver and not giving up! Well done.

Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

Taylor McN: We have been so impressed with Taylor's attitude towards his learning this week. He has produced some fantastic work in English and has made a real effort to contribute to class discussions. A very impressive week from him - well done, Taylor!

Taylor C: Taylor has been growing in confidence in 5L and has become a more active member of our group discussions. She has worked hard in all of her lessons and always shows our kindness value each and every day. Well done, Taylor!

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Sammy W: For upholding all of our school values at all times. Your attitude to learning is infectious and you always strive to achieve. Well done Sammy, keep it up!

Olivia G: For showcasing fantastic 'Rosie Resilience' when faced with challenges. You have worked so hard on fractions this week and your ability to tackle challenges is fantastic. Well done Olivia, keep it up.

Year 6 - Mr Owen

Daniel S: For showing all of our values this week when representing Halsnead in front of our inspirational guest!

Megha A: Megha was also an amazing ambassador for our school when giving feedback from 6/0 to our incredible guest. She spoke confidently and eloquently!

Online Safety Newsletter December 2020

Twitch

Twitch is a live video game website. Users can search for a game and then watch the game being played live (or via playback) by another user. You should be 13+ to access Twitch, although according to their Terms of Service, users between the ages of 13 and 18 may use Twitch under the supervision of a parent or guardian.

As you can search for any game, your child might end up watching games that are not age appropriate, for example Call of Duty (18+). Twitch also streams live which means it is difficult to censor the chat so they may also hear unsuitable language.

Privacy Settings

Set up appropriate privacy settings for your child, including switching off messages from users your child does not follow. You can learn more here:

<https://help.twitch.tv/s/article/twitch-account-settings#securityandprivacy>

Chat

Twitch gives users the opportunity to interact with others through the chat facilities. Whilst Twitch set out what their standards are, language can be mature plus they could potentially be chatting with people they don't know.

Block users

Ensure your child knows how to block or report users and content when using this service. More information can be found here:

<https://help.twitch.tv/s/article/how-to-file-a-user-report>

More support/information

- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/twitch/>

Among Us!

What is Among Us?

Among Us is free to download and is rated 9+ by the App Store due to infrequent/mild horror/fear themes and infrequent/mild cartoon or fantasy violence. You play with 4 – 10 players whose task is to prep their spaceship by completing a series of tasks. However, one of the crew is an imposter who is trying to sabotage the game and kill the other crew members.



What do I need to be aware of?

In-app purchases - In app purchase are available priced from £1.99 - £2.99.

Play privately – games can either be played publicly or privately. To just play with people you know, set it to “private” and share the room code with them (this is the safer option).

Chat facility - If your child is playing a ‘public’ game (or even in a private room with people they don't know) then due to the chat facility, they may meet and chat with people which always creates an element of risk.

Inappropriate behaviour - If someone is being rude, then only the host can ban that player from the room so you are reliant on the host.

Parental Controls

There is the ability to censor chat to filter bad words out (although there may be words that get through the filter)



Further information

You can read more about Among Us here:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews/among-us>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/is-among-us-multiplayer-game-safe-for-children/>

TikTok

Direct messaging

What is TikTok?

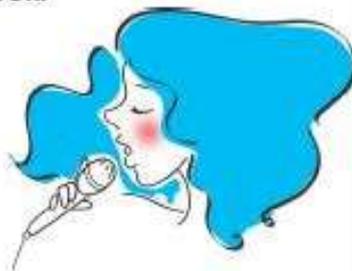
You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

Users can watch musical clips, record 60 second clips (it includes lots of lip synching and dancing), edit them and add special effects.

Is your child using TikTok?

TikTok have created their top 10 Tips for you, which provides a really useful overview of settings to make TikTok a safer environment:

<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/tiktoks-top-10-tips-for-parents>



Privacy settings

Find out about TikTok's privacy settings and choose the most appropriate for your child. It is safer for an account to be set to private (therefore only people your child chooses to accept can follow them) although you would still need to talk to your child about only accepting requests from people they know in real life. You can also set whether or not people can comment on their content.

Reporting

As with any app/website your child is using to interact with others, ensure that they know how to delete, report or block another user as well as know how to report any inappropriate content that they come across:

- <https://support.tiktok.com/sv/privacy-safety/block-accounts-sv>
- <https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/report-inappropriate-content-default>

Direct messaging/commenting

TikTok has a direct messaging element so users can chat to each other (TikTok now automatically disables Direct Messages for registered accounts under the age of 16) as well as the ability to comment on each other's content.

There is a risk on TikTok that cyberbullying can occur, or a user can receive unwanted attention from a stranger. TikTok have produced this list of available settings to reduce the risk of this happening

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully?lang=en>. It is important that your child understands that if they come across anything that they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable then they should speak to you or another trusted adult.

Family safety mode

TikTok have created Family Pairing to help you keep your child safe whilst using TikTok. Family Pairing allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's account.

Further information

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/anti-bully>

Sharing videos and images

Net Aware have produced the following article to help those who may be worried about their child sharing videos and images online through apps like TikTok and Snapchat.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/should-i-be-worried-about-my-child-sharing-videos-and-images-online2/>

WhatsApp: disappearing messages

WhatsApp have introduced disappearing messages. If enabled, a user can send a message that will disappear after seven days. WhatsApp advise users to only use disappearing messages with trusted individuals because of the risks of sending disappearing messages. For example, users are still able to take a screenshot of a disappearing message before it disappears and then share with others.

You can find out more information here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/general/chat/s/about-disappearing-messages>

Monitoring Apps

Would you like to monitor what your child is doing online? The best app to use will be dependent on what devices your child is using but this helpful article from Internet Matters reviews the top monitoring apps for you:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/monitoring-apps-parents-guide/>



Knowsley Council



Parents of pre school children

**It's time to apply for a school reception place
September 2021 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE 15th JANUARY 2021

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2021.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery – everyone must apply between 12 September 2020 and 15 January 2021 and must complete the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Access the online portal at home or in a Knowsley One Stop Shop or library.
- To read a full copy of the Knowsley Primary Education, Information for Parents booklet or to read about specific school admission policies and procedures, please visit the school admission pages on the Knowsley website – www.knowsley.gov.uk

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

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