



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

Another brilliant week at school. Lots of great learning! This week we have launched Seesaw. Please log in this weekend and support your child in the completion of their homework, it is based on our school values. I can't wait to find out about your child's favourite one!

Robbie Respect



Colleen Collaboration



Andy Aspiration



India Integrity



Keiron Kindness



Rosie Resilience



A reminder, to please wear a mask when you are dropping off or collecting your child from school. Please see the letter attached from Knowsley Council for more information.

Strive to Achieve

Welcome to the World Matilda!

We have some very exciting news! We would like to introduce you all to baby Matilda! A huge congratulations to Miss Pickford and her family. We can't wait to meet your beautiful baby girl!

Both Matilda and Miss Pickford are doing well as Miss Pickford now begins her maternity leave.



The Heath Family (NW)
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School Admission Procedures for 2021

Please find attached at the end of the newsletter, the **School Admissions** posters on how to apply for a **Reception** or **Secondary** School place for **September 2021**. Please note that applications will be online (unless you haven't got internet access) and the closing dates, which can be found on the posters, are **15th January 2021** for **Reception** children and **31st October 2020** for **Secondary School** children.

Breakfast & After School Club

Payments for Breakfast Club and After School Club should be paid in advance via bank transfer. If you need school's bank details, please contact the office. Children should not attend without a prior payment.

Twitter

We use our school Twitter feed to send messages, important updates and share children's work. We would love you to follow us at **@Halsnead School** and **@halsnead_Head**

Please copy and paste the link below to find out more information about how to set up your own Twitter account.

halsnead.co.uk/assets/Uploads/twitter-set-up.pdf

Attendance for this Week

Week beginning **14th September 2020**.

Congratulations to **1K** who achieved **98.5%** attendance — well done!

Overall school attendance was **92.6%**

OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET IS: 97%

Year 1 - Mrs Kendall	98.5
Year 6 - Mr Owen	98.3
Year 3 and 4 - Mrs Elwill & Mrs Westoby	96.6
Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan	95.2
Reception - Mrs Wills	94.7
Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Olushonde	93.9
Year 2 - Miss Spencer	92
Year 3 - Miss Keenan	92
Year 4 - Mrs Redmond	89.1
Year 5 and 6 - Mr Doherty	85.1
Reception - Mrs Davies	79.4



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Nursery - Miss Lucas

Carter D: This week I have chosen Carter for Rosie Resilience. Carter has shown resilience this week through exploring our outdoors. He has asked for help when he has needed it, but recently he has started having a go by himself and he has come up with solutions to any problems he encounters. It has been lovely seeing you really have a go this week Carter. I am so proud of how you have bounced back after difficulties and didn't give up!

Bonnie M: This week I have chosen Bonnie for Andy Aspiration. Bonnie has shown a real aspiration to learn new things this week. She has shown a real interest in stars and space from our Twinkle Twinkle Little Star topic and has applied her learning to other areas of the environment. Bonnie, I am so proud of how you are aspiring to be a good role model to all your friends.

Reception - Mrs Davies

Finley R: He talks positively and thinks carefully before speaking just like Kieran Kindness.

Scarlett C: Scarlett always makes the right choices like India Integrity.

Reception - Mrs Wills

James G: James loves to play with his friends and take turns when playing, just like Robbie Respect.

Isabelle W: Isabelle is a wonderful class member who has great enthusiasm for learning, she is like Andy Aspiration.

Year 1 - Mrs Kendall

Nancy Mc: For showing Andy Aspiration in everything she does. She always strives to achieve in every lesson and she is a pleasure to have in class. Nancy has got off to the best possible start in year 1.

Lola F: For showing Kieran Kindness - Lola always takes care of others and she always goes out of her way to make others feel happy in class. She is always willing to work hard and makes 1K a nicer place to be.

Year 1 & 2 - Mrs Olushonde

Gabriella B: For demonstrating her ability to be like Rosie Resilience and keep on trying until she wrote the perfect letter 'k'. The whole class is so proud of you!

Nikita S J: For not giving up! You have been like Rosie Resilience as you remembered to include finger spaces between each word in your writing. Well done Nikita - we are all so proud of you!

VALUE AWARDS

Year 2 - Miss Spencer

Sienna L: For setting a fantastic example by always displaying our school values. Just like India Integrity, she always makes the right choices even when nobody is watching.

Jacob De: Jacob has been making excellent choices. He always listens carefully by tracking the speaker and spreads positivity by smiling at his peers.

Year 3 - Miss Keenan

Alfie H: - Resilience - For displaying amazing resilience when completing all of his work. Especially within English.

Indiah P: - Respect - For continually showing respect to both her friends and adults within the school. A true role model!

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Elwill and Mrs Westoby

Annabelle B: For being an amazing friend and class mate, displaying the Kieran Kindness value perfectly.

Scarlet L: For never giving up! Scarlet has become our very own Rosie Resilience! We are really proud of you - keep it up!

Year 4 - Mrs Redmond

Jordi B and Isabelle W: Both children have been perfect role models, showing an exceptional attitude to learning and behaviour this week - they have demonstrated all our values in class and around school.

Year 5 - Mr Lenaghan

Adam B and Demi S: Both children have worked so hard this week with their maths work and have written fantastic diary entries for English. They embed the school values in everything that they do and are an absolute joy to teach.

Year 5 & 6 - Mr Doherty

Lilly-Rose E: For having an incredible start to the year. You have demonstrated our Andy Aspiration value really well and your contribution during class discussions has been amazing. Keep up the good work.

Max L: For producing some incredible work this week. You have demonstrated great India Integrity skills, Keep up the good work, I am very impressed!

Year 6 - Mr Owen

Charlie S: Charlie is an ambassador for our school values - He always displays kindness, integrity and respect. But I have been most impressed with his resilience this week, allowing the class to look at his writing and provide constructive feedback!

Megha A: Megha is a delight to have in class and is always incredibly respectful towards adults and her peers. She has worked with a variety of people and always shows great support to her partners.



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

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 3372 / 5143 / 5142



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Parents of year 6 children

**It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7)
September 2021 Intake**

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting **www.knowsley.gov.uk**
CLOSING DATE 31st OCTOBER 2020

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2021.
- There is no automatic transfer – you can apply between 12 September 2020 and 31 October 2020 and you 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.
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18th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you about the concerning situation in Knowsley where we are seeing a significant increase in COVID-19 cases. Our current level of positive cases is higher than the North West average – a situation we do not want to see and we all need to take action to bring the number of positive cases down.

As you will know, COVID-19 easily spreads from person to person and we know that we have widespread community transmission across the borough.

There are additional measures that we need to put in place to stop the spread of the virus – they are essential measures that will help to keep our schools open.

The council has been working closely with schools to implement important safety measures to reduce any risks to children, however, we need your support too and we ask that you:-

- Wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises.
- Only one adult to enter the premises for drop off and pick up.
- That you arrive and leave promptly when dropping off / collecting your child – please do not congregate and maintain social distancing as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.
- Young people avoid congregating outside school and mixing with other schools and go directly home.
- All adults and pupils wear face coverings in all communal areas in secondary schools will be mandatory from Monday 21st September 2020.
- All staff wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground during drop off and pick up times.
- Ensure your household adheres to self-isolation rules – if your child tests positive, they need to self isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and other household members need to self isolate for 14 days. If you've been in close contact with someone that has tested positive, you need to self isolate for 14 days.
- If you or your child has symptoms (high temperature, new / persistent cough, loss of taste or smell), stay at home and book a test through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or ring 119. Only book a test if you display symptoms.
- Maintain social distancing – that's keeping a 2m distance from you and other people.

- Limit social interactions with other people and remember, it's now illegal to socialise in groups of six or more.
- Continue with regular hand washing.
- Those traveling on dedicated school transport adhere to the mandatory wearing of face coverings that applies to public transport.

I have also attached a guide which sets out when to keep your child off school and for how long.

Inevitably, we have had a small number of positive cases amongst pupils and staff in schools. Schools acted quickly and all necessary steps have been taken in line with Public Health England advice and as a result a number of Knowsley schools have had to send class bubbles home to self isolate.

This is an ever-changing situation in which we find ourselves in. We will endeavour to keep you updated as new information and guidance becomes available.

In the meantime, we need to continue to work together and for everyone to play their part in stopping the spread of this virus.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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