



Wednesday 3rd
November 2021

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Halley House School,
Welcome back to the start of Autumn 2! There is, as always, a lot going on for all our community members this half term – trips, visitors, themed days and various performances for our children; workshops, FOHH meetings and parents' evenings for our parents and carers; focussed visits to school from members of our Advisory Board; and tours, stay and play and a range of events for our whole community. We hope you can join us for as many of these things as possible, starting with our Arts Award celebration assembly and FOHH Winter Fayre meeting this Friday morning. Thank you to all our Y6 families for setting a high bar with our first round of secondary transfer applications by ensuring these were not only carefully considered, but also all submitted on time! We hope you all get the offers you wish for in March 2022.

Claire Syme

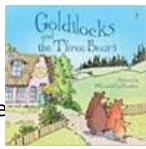
Monday Missions

Nursery

This term our new topic in nursery is Space. Please look at pictures and videos of the solar system and encourage your child to draw any planet of their choice - they could even create their own planet or moon!

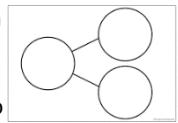
Reception

We are reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' in P4C this week, and as well as thinking about how we should treat others, we will also focus on all of the different sizes that are used throughout the book. Can you find and order things in your home that are big, medium and small?



Year 1

We will be investigating number bonds within 10 (and beyond) this week! Can you show an adult at home how to make and use a part-whole model to show all the different ways to make 5? 8? 10?



Year 2

Each week we debate a big question in our P4C lessons using the <https://bigdebateclub.com/>. Ask us what the question each week is and see if we can argue our point convincingly! We are learning about the Vikings in topic this half term. Next week we will be learning which countries the Vikings came from. Can you do some research and share your knowledge with the class?



Attendance & Punctuality

Week Ending	15/10/21		22/10/21	
Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Attendance	Punctuality
Apollo	95.1%	97.6%	100%	100%
Comet	94.8%	96.4%	97%	97.5%
Eclipse	91.3%	91.3%	92%	92.4%
Galaxy	82.8%	83.5%	94.8%	95.7%
Hawking	96.8%	97.6%	100%	100%
Herschel	87.5%	87.5%	94.8%	94.8%
Einstein	97.7%	98.1%	97.6%	98.8%
Jemison	95.9%	95.9%	93.5%	94.4%
Johnson	95%	95%	97.8%	97.8%

SUPER STARS!

Our Super Stars of The Week are:

	15/10/21		21/10/21			
EYFS						
Apollo	Starting after half term					
Comet	Charlie	Zidane	Laura	Liandra		
Key Stage 1						
Eclipse	Jasper	Hanah	Kelsie	Frances		
Galaxy	Sarah	Archie	Kaidy	Kingsley		
Key Stage 2						
Hawking	Terrell	Harlei	Abiel	Amayla		
Herschel	Leah	Cavalli	Ella	Leah		
Einstein	Zion -Levi	Mia	Freya	Muna		
Jemison	Logan	Ruth	Mon'ay	Victoria		
Johnson	TigerRose	Eleigh	Oscar	Anna		

Well done to everyone for being such good role models by showing our school values and trying your best!

Nursery welcome morning

We had a great session with our nursery parents at the end of last half term. The children were excited that their parents were there, playing alongside them and looking through all their achievements so far! We can't believe it's only been 7 weeks – we've managed to fit so much in! The nursery team would like to thank everyone for coming, and look forward to welcoming you back to future events! We recently added a display to our nursery stairs – it's an autumn display, made from a painted tree with the children's painted handprints as leaves. Whilst doing the activity, the children were commenting on all the colours they could see – oranges, reds, yellows and browns. Some of the leaves are falling from our display tree to represent some of the seasonal changes the children have observed in their local environment. I wonder what our tree will look like in spring? What colours do you think we will see?



Behaviour: Green Points

This half term we are introducing a revised green points system where children will work as a class to fill their jars with green gems! Each class will be working towards an end of term reward that they have chosen and the main aim of the new system is to encourage collaboration and team work, as classes can only earn green gems when they work together on their behaviour.

GREEN POINTS

Which class will fill their jar first?



Ridley Road Market

Children in Comet Class recently had their first school trip. We took a walk down to Ridley Road market, where we explored all of the different stalls and met the local traders. There were so many things to see and hear! We heard music from Jamaica and Afghanistan, saw clothing and materials from the Congo and smelt a range of fresh fish and meats (including a lamb's head!). Everyone had £1 to spend at the fruit and vegetable stall and we used our purchases to make fruit kebabs on apple day! It was a great morning and the children made us all very proud with their impeccable behaviour and manners.



Flu vaccine

Please ensure that you complete the form and return it to the office by the 17th November 2021. This form should be completed even if you do not wish for your child to receive the vaccine.

Year 6

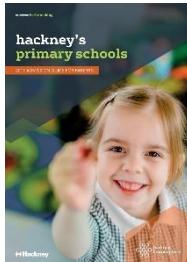


As the school celebrated National Apple Day, Year 6 got to show off their creative talents. Not only did we get to design our own arty apples but also carve and sculpt our own rotten apple monsters.



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Reception admissions September 2022



We are delighted to have returned to face-to-face, regular open mornings for Reception admissions in September 2022. Word of mouth from our existing school community continues to be our most effective way of spreading the word about our fantastic school so please do remind friends, family and

neighbours to apply if they haven't already! The closing date for application is **15th January 2022**, so please do also ensure any current nursery children and/or sibling applications from existing families are submitted before the deadline.

Nursery – Stay & Play



Remember to come along to our Stay & Play sessions for families with 0-4 year olds. Ms Mattison, our Nursery Manager, will be leading the sessions from 10-11am every Wednesday, so do come along and bring a friend! There will be activities, games, songs, stories and more! There will also be time for a chat and refreshing beverage for the adults! See you there!

Scopay

Please be reminded that ALL families must use Scopay to order your child's school lunches, even if you are not required to pay for them (e.g. your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, or is entitled to Free School Meals).

The meal ordering helps inform our ordering of ingredients and so that Jen knows how much to cook of each dish every day. Kitchen staff always build flexibility into the numbers, to allow for occasions such as children changing their mind on the day, spillages, etc, but families **MUST** place the order at least one day in advance, otherwise we will no longer be able to provide your child with a daily hot meal.



Arts Award: Discover – Assembly



Jane Smith will be in school for a special assembly this week to present the first batch of Arts Award Certificates. This is a thrilling moment for the children to have their hard work in the art room recognised by Jane, and a real arts qualification awarded by Trinity College and the Arts Council. The children worked hard with Jane on Zoom during the lockdown and in the still life sessions in the art room to fill in their artist Art Log. All the children have an



artist Arts log, and we are sure even more children will be gaining this award soon! We hope to see many of our families celebrating with us this Friday.

Parent Wellbeing Sessions

Our first parent well-being session, run by the Museum of Happiness, is on Tuesday 9th November from 2.30-3.30pm. You can view a video introduction from Vicky Johnson, from the MoH, using this [link](#). Please do come along if you can – we would love as many of our families to be involved as possible.



Black History Month

As part of BHM work across year groups, and across the curriculum, we have been working hard in the art room with our miniature portraits for our exhibition. We used the images sent to us by BHM, Black icons that children have been learning about in their year groups, and figures that children find inspirational to inform our artwork. The children worked on simple shapes with paint and then added the details. We practiced over two weeks and on the second week used some magnification to help with some of the finer details. The brushes we used were very small and our skills with acrylic paint are growing! Well done everyone – the artwork is absolutely fantastic, and the enthusiasm with which children are able to talk about the subject of their paintings, as well as their own and others' artwork is inspiring in itself! Our BHM celebratory



event on Friday 12th November will be a culmination of the work children have completed throughout October and into November.



Choir club

Choir club has had a fantastic start to the Autumn Term this year! Last half term, they learnt 'Roar' by Katy Perry and their confidence in singing grew! Alongside this, they have developed their knowledge of pitch and dynamics and played lots of singing games. This half term Choir will be learning 'How Far I'll Go' from Moana and 'I Just Can't Wait to be King' from The Lion King! We are currently practicing and preparing for a performance of 'Three Little Birds' at the HHS Black History Month fundraising event on the 12th November. They will be performing at 4:30pm in the hall. We would love you to come and watch their performance!

If you would like to try a choir activity at home, try this tongue twister!

The swan swam over the sea, swim, swan, swim!

Choir club is every Friday 3:45-5:00pm.

Music Tuition

This term's music sessions will shortly be coming to an end and we would like to be able to offer keyboard, guitar and drumming again for the spring term. This will be available to book from w/b 29th November on SchoolsBuddy, so please do sign up!

Voices from PSHE

In Voices from PSHE, we hear from Halley children about what they have been learning in their PSHE lessons. This week, Zion and Ottoline in Year 2 talk about a few of their recent lessons that are helping them to think about their behaviour and the concept of fairness.

'We have been learning all about consequences,' - Ottoline.

'And seeds! Oh no, that's in science. We have been learning about consequences and rewards... and seeds!' - Zion.

To build on this at home, ask children whether they think that adults have any consequences or rewards in life. How do we decide these and who makes sure everyone follows the rules?



Firebird Dance Update

Since the last newsletter, Jemison class have been working hard in small groups to choreograph their own retelling of the story. The children performed their dances to the rest of the class, who were an amazingly respectful audience! Everyone had lots of positive feedback for their friends. Our next challenge is to choreograph a class dance to perform to a different year group.



New staff members



Academic mentors

We are delighted to welcome both Samuel Barfoot and Mhairi Campbell-Coleman to the Halley House School Team this half term. Sam and Mhairi are joining us as full time Academic Mentors, through the National Tutoring Programme (NTP), to support with reading (Sam) and maths (Mhairi) in Key Stage 2. They will be spending the majority of their time working with Years 5 and 6, although will also be spending time with some children in Years 3 and 4. They will deliver tutoring sessions with small groups (of 2 of 3), as well as supporting in core lessons. Both Sam and Mhairi are really looking forward to getting started, so please do say hello at the gate!

Learning support assistant

We are also delighted to welcome Harprit Johal to our EYFS Team. Harprit will be working part-time in our Reception class, providing direct support to allocated children, as well as supporting across the provision.

FOHH Meeting – Friday 5th November, 9am

Sepi (Nilou, Y1) has very kindly offered to help coordinate a Winter Fayre and/or event for our children in the latter half of this term. There will be a meeting this Friday at 9am for anyone interested in helping out – all contributions are very welcome and we would love to see as many people as possible on Friday so that we can all share the load! Our children **really** appreciate all the extra resources, activities and experiences that are provided by our parent group every year, so please do consider coming along.

Mobile phones – Y6

If your child uses a mobile phone to come to school, they should be handed over to the school office, where they will be kept safe and secure in a lockable cabinet until the end of the day. Please note that children in all year groups should be dropped off and collected by a responsible adult (18 years or older), for safeguarding reasons. The only exception is when a parental request is made for a child in Year 6 to go home alone, when written confirmation from the headteacher will be issued, if agreed. Please note children travelling to school by themselves is entirely at parental risk.



Extended schools – quick reminder!

Please remember to book Extended Schools provision through SchoolsBuddy so that we can always ensure we have appropriate resourcing for every session. Thank you!



Autumn 2 2021

Monday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for Y6 first instalment for Tolmer's Camp residential
Wednesday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
Friday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHH Meeting re: Winter Fayre, 9am Whole School Arts Award Assembly, 9.15-9.35am Sports for schools (Antonio Infantino) £2 Donation
Monday 8th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halley Day in school
Tuesday 9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focussed Adviser Visit – Safeguarding Parent well being session 2:30 -3:30pm
Friday 12th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month evening in school, 4-8pm Represent your country for BHM £2
Monday 15th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair opens
Wednesday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am Focussed Adviser Visit – Curriculum & Assessment
Thursday 18th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focussed Adviser Visit – Disadvantaged & Achievement for All
Tuesday 23rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT - Y3 to River Thames Boat Trip
w/c 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception 2022 Admissions Open Morning, 9.15-10.15am
Tuesday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental team in school for YR and Y1 (fluoride)
Friday 10th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRIP/VISIT - Y2 to St Barnabas Church TRIP/VISIT - YR to St Barnabas Church for Nativity Walkabout PERFORMANCE – Y5 & Y6 Samba performances, 2-3pm
Wednesday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day £2 contribution
Friday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Autumn 2. School finishes at 2pm



EMOTIONAL LITERACY



Growth Mindset



Discussing actions
and consequences



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Discussion and Debate

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