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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Halebank with us welcoming a visiting artist to work with all the classes, holding a wellbeing coffee morning for parents and performing with the Young Voices Choir at the AO Arena in Manchester. The event on Tuesday night at the arena was amazing. Our children performed so well and it was a fantastic experience for them to be involved in. I was very proud of each and every one of them. A huge thankyou to Mrs Bennett, Mrs White and Mrs Jackson who gave up their own time to accompany the children to the arena and make sure that everyone got home safely afterwards. Thank you too to Mrs Price our music teacher who worked tirelessly to help the children learn all the songs and prepare for the big event.

https://www.google.com/search?q=young+voices+2023+manchester+jan+31st&rlz=1C1GCEU_en-GB&sxsrf=AJOqlzVLC83IUhE0GSil8CfW1fJ3xldyvQ%3A1675420805936&ei=heTcY4PmOlfPgQbapbGwAg&ved=0ahUKEwjDvPLvPh8AhWHZ8AKHdpSDCYQ4dUDCA8&uact=5&oq=young+voices+2023+manchester+jan+31st&gs_lcp=Caxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAQAzlFCAAQogQyBQgAEKlEMqUIABCiBDIFCAAQogQ6CqgAEFcQ1gQQsAM6BQgAEIAEOgYIABAWEB46BQgAEIYDOgUllRCgATolCCEQFhAeEB06BAghEBVKBAhBGABKBAhGGABQnBBY9yVg9yhoAXABeACAACACIAGYCYZlBzQuNC4wLjGYAQCGAQHIAQJAAQE&scient=gws-wiz-serp#fpstate=ive&vid=cid:fb858d41_vid:HL4gDkJsfh8

Our next performance will be at the Brindley in Runcorn. Letters will be going out tonight and we are prioritising Year 2 and Year 6 pupils for this event as they did not attend the Young Voices Concert. Andrew Curphey is helping us to prepare for this performance and we are loving it!

Year 1 and Reception [pupils will get the opportunity to perform later in the year at the Infant Music Festival.

It has been internet safety day this week and the children have been learning about how to stay safe online. Below is the link to top tips for parents.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

In response to parent requests we are hosting a Sleep and Screen Time Workshop in school on March 16th at 9am. This will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments will be served and there will be time afterwards for you to visit your child/children in the classroom.

Jewellery/ False Nails

NO jewellery or false nails are to be worn at all in school except for stud earrings and a watch in KS2. False nails make it difficult for children to write and use all the learning resources and is also a health and safety concern

There are to be NO SMART watches in school as these can be used to record and take photographs and this is a safeguarding concern

No earrings are to be worn for PE – this is a health and safety issue and is a Halton rule. Please remove your child's earrings before they come into school on the days they have PE, as Staff are not allowed to remove or put earrings in for pupils. Newly pierced ears or earrings that cannot be removed for medical reasons (please speak to staff at school if this is the case) must be covered by plasters which staff will NOT put on, so please do this at home before they come into school.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with this

Attendance

Our school attendance is becoming worryingly low again. Almost half of our pupils have attendance over 95% which means that half have very poor attendance which is bringing the whole school attendance down. I will be making phone calls to the parents of all pupils with below 90% attendance at some point this month.

Last week whole school attendance was 89.1% which is a long way off our target.



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

| If your child's attendance during the school year... | Your child would have lost approximately... | or they would have missed approximately... |
|--|---|--|
| was 95% | 9 Days from School | 50 Lessons |
| was 90% | 19 Days from School | 100 Lessons |
| was 85% | 29 Days from School | 150 Lessons |
| was 80% | 38 Days from School | 200 Lessons |
| was 75% | 48 Days from School | 250 Lessons |

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

| If in a school year, your child is late every day by... | Your child would have lost approximately... | or they would have missed approximately... |
|---|---|--|
| 5 Minutes | 3.5 Days from School | 20 Lessons |
| 10 Minutes | 7 Days from School | 41 Lessons |
| 15 Minutes | 10 Days from School | 55 Lessons |
| 20 Minutes | 14.5 Days from School | 82 Lessons |
| 30 Minutes | 22 Days from School | 123 Lessons |

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Willow class won the best attendance treat. Their attendance of 92.2% won them an extra 10 minutes playtime.

Willow Class have also won the award for tidiest classroom. A great week for Mrs Bennett!!



STARS OF THE WEEK



| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|------------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| Theo | Alice | Darcie-Rae | Georgia | Molly | Isabella | Mea & Coby |



READING CHAMPIONS



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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cherry Class | Willow Class | Beech Class | Oak Class |
| Bobby | Dottie | Annabelle | Jack M |

WRITING CHAMPIONS

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Cherry Class | Willow Class | Beech Class | Oak Class |
| Naya | Lily-Mae | Pippa | Kody-Leigh |

MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONS

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| Cherry Class | Willow Class | Beech Class | Oak Class |
| Andrew | Jessica G | Lacey | Emily |



February 6th–10th Children's Mental Health Week

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

February 6th Gymnastics Event in Warrington

February 13th HPAN Art Exhibition at Runcorn Shopping City

February 17th Break Up

February 27th

First day back Spring Term 2

February 28th

School CLOSED due to strike action (TBC)

March 1st

Parent's Evening

March 2nd

World Book Day

March 16th

Sleep and Screentime Workshop/Coffee Morning

March 21st

Overnight Visit to The Catalyst Museum – Year 3 / 4

Our prayer this week has been written by one of our pupils in Oak Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for our learning and teachers.

Help us to understand the work in the year ahead

Please help us to understand that if we try we will always succeed in one way or another

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend. Thank you for helping us to help your child/ren. Together we care the most!



Mrs C Warner
Headteacher

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