

Friday, 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



Remembrance

The school fell silent at 11.00 am yesterday as part of our **Remembrance Service**. In it, we sang together, heard readings and poems, and offered thanks to all those who have given their lives for others. We also read the names of the local heroes from Halebank who lost their lives during the Second World War. It was a lovely service, which was led by pupils in Class 4, and a moving experience for all involved as we stopped to think of those who have given so much before us.

If you would like to join us for **Sunday's Remembrance Parade** in Hale, you are very welcome to represent the families of the school. I have already received confirmation from some children and everybody else is invited to attend (school uniform, please). Please arrive at **Aran Close** in **Hale** ready for a **10.30 am** start. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you for supporting this year's **Poppy Appeal**. The Pupil Parliament have been busy each day, selling poppies, wristbands and reflectors. Thanks to your kind donations, the school has raised **£151.06**. Thanks again.



The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

We continue with our weekly feature, *The 5 Ways to Wellbeing*, and today our Pupil Parliament will teach you the importance of connecting with others...

Connect

Hello, everyone! This is the second week of wellbeing. We are the other half of the Pupil Parliament: Poppie, Hayden and George. This week we are teaching everyone about staying connected with family and friends. Today's assembly was all about connecting: getting together and being part of a team. Spending time alone can be good but being with other people is fun, exciting and it makes you feel good. Remember to keep talking to your family and friends!

You could try these things over the next week:



- 😊 **Play with a friend**
- 😊 **Spend some time with a family member**
- 😊 **Go for a walk and a chat**
- 😊 **Call someone you have not spoken to for a while**

We'd love to see some photos of you getting connected. Please email these to Mr Harley at head.halebank@halton.gov.uk and we will put them on our wellbeing board in the hall.

Personal Development Strengths



This week's personal development strength is **empathy**. Please talk to your child about the importance of cooperating with and understanding the feelings of others. Maybe you could play some games together this weekend to promote turn taking and fairness. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated their ability to understand and think of others first:



Reception	Frankie: for always thinking of others
Year 1	Melissa: for thinking of other people's feelings
Year 2	Scarlett: for showing empathy and thinking of how other people feel
Year 3	Kaiden: for being kind and thinking about other people
Year 4	Scarlett: for showing empathy to classmates and being helpful
Year 5	Mea: for always thinking of others
Year 6	Ellie: for showing empathy in our remembrance work



Children in Need: 19th November

As usual, the school will be supporting Children in Need and this will take place on **Friday, 19th November** (I got it right this week!). We will use the theme of 'dress up or dress down' and hope that all the children and staff will enjoy coming into school in their own choice of clothing. If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code on the left using your smartphone or visit the [Children in Need](https://www.childreninneed.org.uk) website.

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READING CHAMPIONS



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Vinny	Isabella G	Millie	Sophia



Anti-Bullying Week: 15-19th November

[Anti-Bullying Week](#) takes place next week and it has the theme *One Kind Word*. The week will begin with an **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday**. Please encourage your child to come to school in a pair of odd socks; the brighter the better! It's a chance to encourage everyone to express themselves, and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique.

Throughout the week, we will all be participating in a range of activities and special assemblies. We will review the children's understanding of bullying and talk through the procedures in place to keep everyone safe in our school. Our anti-bullying policy, which can be viewed on the school website, consists of a [standard version for parents/carers](#) and a [child-friendly version](#) which the children contributed to. For your information, this is our agreed school definition of bullying which will be shared with the children (further details can be found in the policy):

What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person is hurtful or unkind to someone else, on purpose and more than once. Bullying can be done by one person or by a group of people and can be towards one person or a group of people. A useful way to remember bullying is

SEVERAL TIMES ON PURPOSE



- ⊗ **Hitting** or saying you are going to hit someone
- ⊗ **Touching** someone when they don't want you to
- ⊗ **Calling someone names**, teasing, using rude language or saying nasty things about someone to them or to other people
- ⊗ **Stealing or damaging** someone else's belongings
- ⊗ **Ignoring** someone on purpose or leaving them out
- ⊗ **Sending hurtful or unkind texts**, emails or online messages to someone or about someone

Breakfast Club

We are trialling a new way of entering the school for Breakfast Club and this will start next week. Rather than dropping off at the main entrance, please use the green side gate (next to Class 1) and walk around the back of the school building to the rear hall doors. We hope that this will mean that parents and children are visible to Breakfast Club staff and a proper handover can take place in the mornings. We are only trialling this change at this stage and we know it's a little further for you to walk. However, as the mornings are becoming darker, it is not always easy to see families arriving, particularly when office staff are busy in other parts of the school. Your feedback would be much appreciated.

Thank you for all your support this week. Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you on Sunday morning. Don't forget to send your 'connecting with others' photos. Thanks.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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Headteacher