



## Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Learning Means the World Curriculum

#### Reception

Reception class have enjoyed the new topic 'Food Glorious Food'. Children have been learning about healthy and unhealthy food, as well as learning about how food is made. Children loved finding out about how crisps are made. As a class we had lots of fun making our own healthy vegetable soup using the children's ideas. We made a delicious carrot, potato and onion soup. We also learnt that some vegetables grow underground and some grow above the ground. We now know so much more about how food is made and making healthy choices.

Well done Reception class for all your hard work this half-term.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about "The Arctic" and are able to locate where it is on a map and talk about the weather in the Arctic. We discussed lots of animals that live there, and we learnt about the Inuit people that live in the Arctic.

We performed Inuit throat singing, Inuit dancing and made our own igloos from play-doh. We also talked about the Northern Lights and made our own on the computers.



Year 1 have also been learning about past and present and within this topic we have talked about how things have changed over time. Year 1 found out that we didn't always have cameras and before we did if people wanted their picture taken it had to be drawn by someone else and they had to sit still when this was being done. Year 1 got to play with some old toys, and we talked about the similarities and differences between those and the toys they have at home.



## YEAR 2



Year 2 have been learning about Powhatan People in our Learning Means the World topic. We enjoyed finding out about their customs and traditions. During the topic we researched a famous Powhatan person called 'Pocahontas' and found out about her significant achievements. We also completed a time line of Pocahontas' life and talked about chronology.

Year 2 created their own landscape reflections based on the theme of light for the HPAN exhibition. Researching reflective paintings, we then discussed different techniques investigating shape and pattern, colour mixing and blotting to draw and paint to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination.

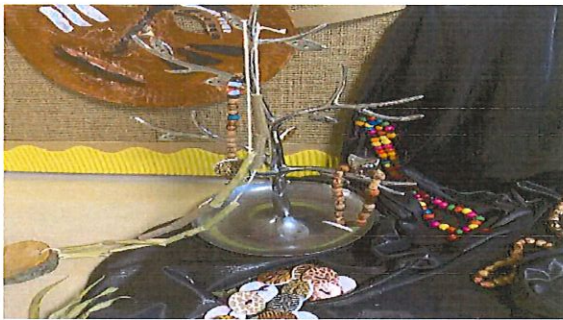
Well done Year 2 for your fantastic art work.



### Year 3

## Come Fly with Me: Africa

Year 3 have enjoyed our topic 'Come fly with me: Africa' this term and we learned all about the continent of Africa. We have studied the beautiful landscape of Africa, the big 5 animals as well as the history and traditions of this vast continent. We have made traditional jewellery and masks and learnt about the natural materials that are used. We also studied traditional music of West Africa which focuses on rhythm and 'Call and response'. We put this knowledge to good use when the 'Samba Bamba' man came in and learned how to shake, rattle and march to the rhythm.

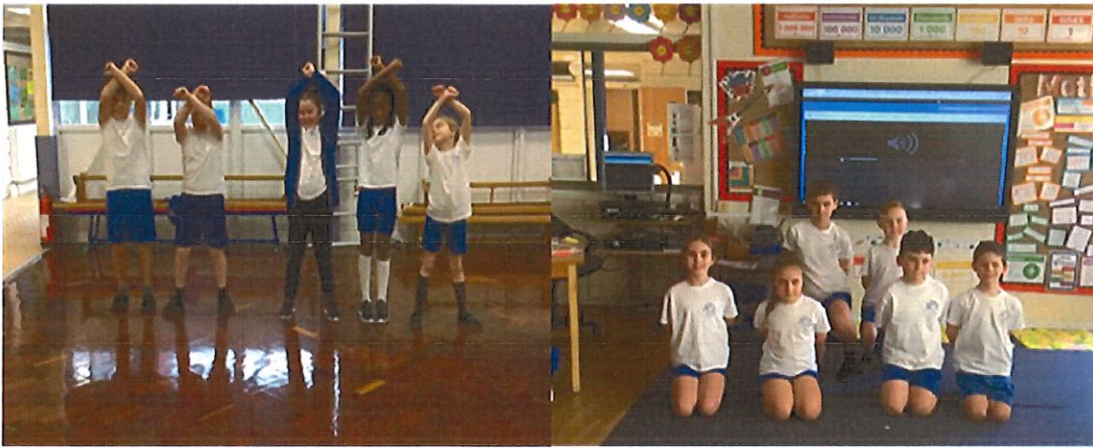


We researched and produced fact files for 8 African countries in the form of a power point presentation and presented this to the rest of the class and learned all about the ancient kingdom of Benin in West Africa. We also held a mock trial exploring and discussing the messages and morals of a traditional African tale from our English book 'African Tales'.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 have been working super hard learning all about slavery – past and present during our Dimensions Cry Freedom topic. We have looked at the history and origins of slavery around the world and looked at some key figures involved in the abolition of slavery. The children have shown such maturity when looking at all aspects of modern-day slavery, including child labour. We have researched the famous graffiti artist Banksy, looking at his powerful artwork. The children particularly enjoyed exploring their creative side and further examined slavery through dance. They created their own dances exploring differing motifs that portray both the idea of being bound by slavery and the longing for freedom.



## YEAR 5

This half term we have been finishing off our topic on the continent of North America. This involved us learning about line dancing, and then creating our own line dances.



We then moved on to our study of the Ancient Egyptians.

'Pharaoh Queen' is a Dimensions unit with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Hatshepsut. She is famous for being only the third woman to become pharaoh in 3000 years of Ancient Egyptian history and the first to attain the full power of the position. We have been learning, all about her achievements and ongoing legacy.



Our art work has been inspired by the book 'Shine' by Sarah Usuquo. We have been working with a variety of media, such as: pencil, tissue paper, paint and oil pastels.



We have also started our swimming lessons, and are delighted to have made super progress in just a few weeks.

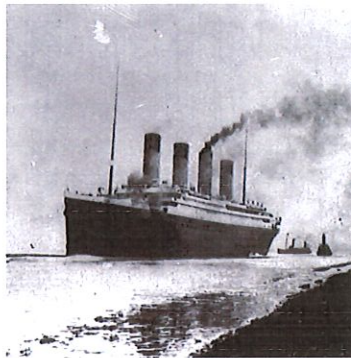


## YEAR 6

Our Learning Means the World topic for the last 3 weeks has been The Rescuers. We began our topic with a set of co-ordinates and then using Google Earth discovered that these represented the location of The Titanic at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. They found out all about the roles played by Molly Brown and Harold Bride in the rescue effort as the ship hit the iceberg and began to sink.

We learnt about communication on board The Titanic and how the survivors from the Titanic owed their lives to the newest communication technology – wireless telegraphy. The value of wireless communication at sea was dramatically demonstrated by the Titanic.

They enjoyed learning about all the reasons why people believed the Titanic sank and produced some high-quality writing making links in their English lessons.



## Tobacco Education

Halton Healthy Schools Team came to work with Year 6 on tobacco education. It was so interesting, and the children were horrified to find out that there are 4600 chemicals in a cigarette. They learnt all about the dangers of smoking and saw for themselves the tar that builds up on lungs when people smoke, and the damage smoking causes to people's mouths.

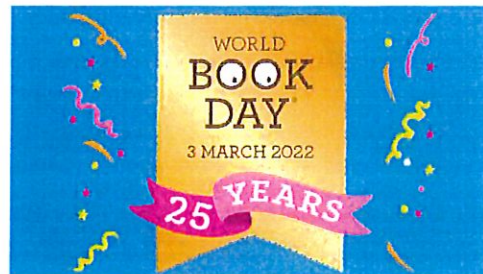
Thank you to Halton Healthy Schools Team for an informative, beneficial afternoon.



# Knights gift to Our Lady's

Pupils and staff from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary school in Widnes were the beneficiaries of a substantial donation from the Knights of St Columba to help them develop further facilities at the school.

Deputy Head, Mrs Helena Donnelly said, 'A huge thank you to the Knights of St Columba for their very generous donation of £1000 to help us here at Our Lady's develop our school grounds to facilitate more learning outside of the classroom. We intend to rewild some of the grounds as well as grow our own produce and design a sensory garden. The money will help us to do this and we are very grateful.'



World Book Day this year will be held on THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH.

We will be celebrating 25 years of the event a little differently - in the style of a SLUMBER PARTY!

The children are invited to come into school prepared to read or create a fascinating story for a sleepover. The children can come to school dressed in their Pyjamas / onesie / dressing gown, and will be taking part in all kinds of creative and exciting activities that celebrate the wonderful world of books and imagination.

The kitchen staff will also be preparing special 'Sleepover party' food for lunch on that day.



Our Lady's special lunch times presents...

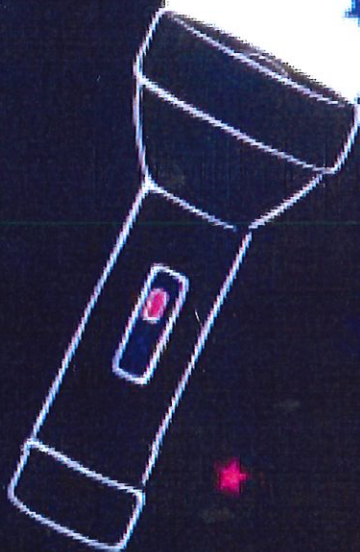
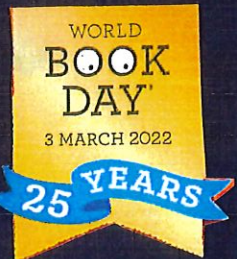
# Slumber Party

Yummy!

To celebrate World Book Day  
A very special party lunch...

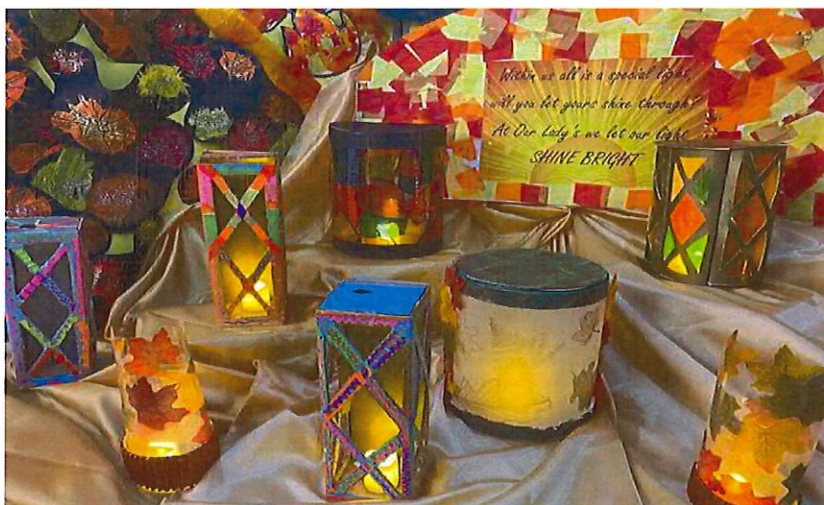
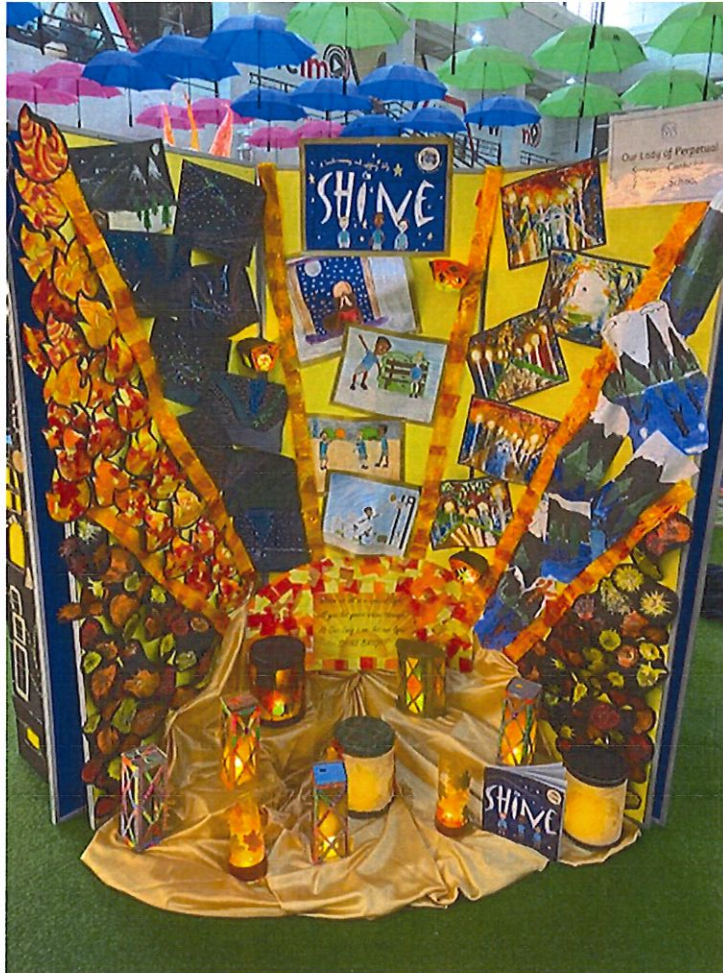
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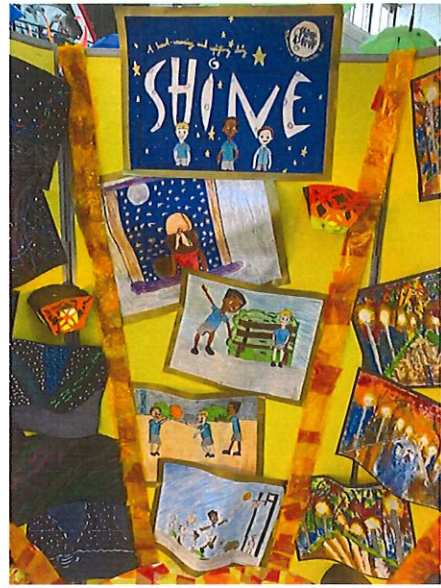
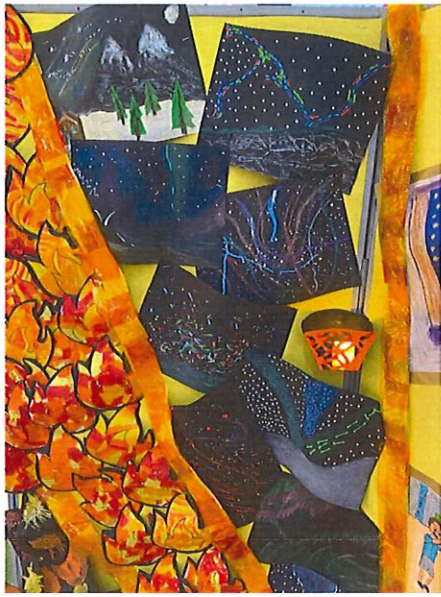
Ask your teacher



## HPAN Art Exhibition

Our Lady's Primary School have been very creative and have made some fantastic artwork based on this year's theme of 'Light' for the HPAN Art Exhibition. Please visit Runcorn Shopping City to see all the amazing artwork children have created.





### Yr5 Swimming

Unfortunately, Kingsway Leisure Centre have changed our swimming day from a Wednesday to a Thursday. Our new day will commence when we return after the February half term break. Please remember to bring in your swimming kit and your £1 towards the cost of the coach on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.



### Bikeability – Yr6

This term Year 6 have been undertaking their Bikeability course. The course enables them to ride their bikes safely on the road - almost like a driver's licence for bikes! They learned where on the road to ride and how to use hand signals to indicate as well as many other safety elements of riding along with traffic. The instructors' feedback was excellent with very high praise for all the children's abilities, behaviour and manners. Well done to all of them they are a credit to Our Ladys!



### Old underwear for Reception Children

Do you have any spare underwear for children in KS1 that you could donate to school? Unfortunately, the supply we had has not been returned when used and our supplies have depleted.

Items required, socks, vests, underwear.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

### Children late

Please could we remind Parents/Carers that if your child is late into school in the morning, you must bring your child into school and sign them in on the EntrySign System. Thank you.

### One Way System

Could we remind parents/carers that there is an unofficial one way system in operation around the school during drop off and collection times?

When approaching school by car please do so via Ash Lane and vacate the vicinity out through Oakfield Drive.

Can we also ask you to ensure you park up in a safe place and **NOT** across our neighbours' driveways or on the white lines?

Thank you for your co-operation.



### Polite reminder - Snack/Dinner Account

Please could we ask that you check on your child(ren's) snack/dinner account and top up over the half term break ensuring you have credit.

As previously mentioned, there has been an addition to the SchoolComms this year and that is a reminder is automatically generated if your account goes into debit.

**For the snack account, it will automatically send you a reminder to top up when it goes below £5.00 if it goes over £6.00 you will have to supply a snack for your child as they will not receive snack until it's topped up.**

**For the dinner account, it will automatically send you a reminder to top up when it goes below £12.50. Again, you will have to supply a packed lunch until your dinner account has been topped up.**

Should you require any further information/assistance regarding schoolcomms, please contact the school office.





# Holiday Activity with food Programme

## 21st - 24th February 2022

### For young people aged 8+

#### Windmill Hill, Runcorn

- WA7 6LN
- Monday 21st February
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Hot Meal Provided

- Multi Sports
- Graffiti Art Workshop
- Bush Craft Workshop

#### Upton Rocks, Widnes

- WA8 4PF
- Tuesday 22nd February
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Hot Meal Provided

- Altru Drama Workshop
- Pot Gang Workshop
- Multi Sports

#### Upton Rocks, Widnes

- WA8 4PF
- Wednesday 23rd February
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Hot Meal Provided

- Altru Drama Workshop
- Arts & Crafts Workshop
- Multi Sports

#### Murdishaw, Runcorn

- WA7 6JW
- Thursday 24th February
- 2pm - 6pm
- Free Hot Meal Provided

- Altru Drama Workshop
- Arts & Crafts Workshop
- Multi Sports

Register by scanning our QR code



## Free half term holiday activities across Halton

We wanted to let you know about some of the FREE activities available to the children, young people and families in your school during February Half Term. Thanks to funding from the Department of Education, there are a number of food and activity clubs this half term - at locations across Halton - which are completely free for eligible FSM children. For further information, please visit:

<https://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/haf.aspx>

### Free Fit 4 Life app now live!

Fit 4 Life has gone digital! If you would like your family to eat better, sleep better and be more active, then download the app to start your 12-week programme.

The programme will help you to set good habits and routines, manage snacking and sugars, increase activity levels, sleep better, manage screen time, plus lots of top tips and recipe ideas.

For more information, [click to visit our web page](#).

Then download the app via the Google Play store or Apple App Store or scan the QR code and enter invite ID **F4L-SN**.



## Bite-size Sessions

To book a place on online sessions email [HIT@halton.gov.uk](mailto:HIT@halton.gov.uk)

### Parent/Carer Bitesize Workshops (via Microsoft Teams)

New dates are now available for our popular bitesize workshops for 2022.

Sessions are free, delivered online, and last up to 1 hour. Sessions available include:

- Sleep & Screens
- Fussy Eating
- Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing

<https://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/fit4lifeparents.aspx>





# FUTSAL

**Fun Futsal sessions are coming to Kingsway for all ability's aged 7-11.**

**What is Futsal? Futsal is the FIFA-recognised form of small-sided indoor. It is played between two teams who each have five players on the pitch at any one time, with rolling substitutes and a smaller ball than football that is harder and less bouncy.**

**Have fun, get active and meet new friends every Wednesday 4pm-5pm starting 9th Feb**

**Pre-booking is required and there is a charge of £2.10 per child**



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# Had enough of struggling to make ends meet?

If you want to make choosing between heating and eating a thing of the past, we're here to help!



Anyone who is not currently working can join Citizens Advice Halton's **GROW employability support programme**.

As well as 1-2-1 dedicated employability support (e.g. boosting your confidence, learning new skills, new CV, job search support) we can help you get access to:





- ✓ Income maximisation advice
- ✓ Aldi shopping vouchers and Foodbank vouchers
- ✓ Gas / Electricity fuel vouchers (if you're on a pre-payment meter)
- ✓ Budgeting advice and fast-track debt advice
- ✓ Grants to replace essential white goods (e.g. broken fridge/cooker)
- ✓ Confidence building support & access to training and learning

 0151 257 2449 (leave a message and we'll call you back)

 [GROW@CAHalton.org.uk](mailto:GROW@CAHalton.org.uk)

 [www.haltoncab.org.uk](http://www.haltoncab.org.uk)



What is happening Next Half Term?	
Date	Event
18 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
28 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 
1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for Easter break 
19 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day – School Closed
27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer 
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September	School reopens