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Issue #05

The children have had a fabulous week, filled with learning, laughter and exciting activities. They've all done a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves!

Curriculum Spotlight

Each week, we celebrate one of our subjects in school. This week's spotlight is on **Computing** with our Subject Lead: Mr McCann

We have been working hard on some exciting activities in Computing this half term.

Year One explored programming using word blocks.
Year Two learned about information technology in the school and beyond.

Year Three developed their understanding of algorithms and began debugging programs.
Year Four are creating programs using repetition and variables to solve problems.

Year Five are exploring how selection and conditions affect program outcomes.
Year Six are developing more complex programs and considering how computing can be used to solve real-world problems.



Key Dates



9/2 - National Storytelling Week



9/2 - Children's Mental Health Week



9/2 - AIM Higher Math day for Y3 and 4



10/2 - Safer Internet Day



10/2 - Y3 Class assembly at 9am



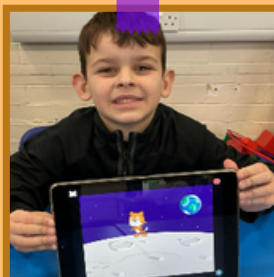
11/2 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science



13/2 - Strictly Victoria Road



13/2 - Y5/6 Football Girls Tournament



Classroom magic in Elm Class

Key Dates

✓ 13/2 - Finish for half term at 3:15pm

✓ 23/2 - Return to school at 8:45am

✓ 23/2 - Choir to Brindley for Halton Sings

✓ 25/2 - 27/2 - Robinwood for Y5 & 6

✓ 25/2 - Live Lessons

✓ 25/2 - Y6 Boosters begin

✓ 2 / 3 - Library Visits - all week

✓ 5 / 3 - World Book Day

✓ 9/3 - British Science Week

✓ 20/3 - Victoria Road's Got Talent

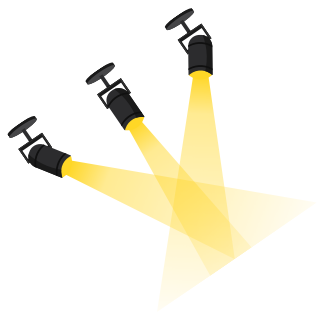
We have had a fantastic week in Elm Class!

In science, we have been investigating our senses by exploring salty, sweet and sour foods — with lemons causing lots of very funny faces — and experimenting with how different things feel, including mixing water at different temperatures.

In computing, we created digital artwork inspired by Kandinsky, using shapes and patterns on the iPads. We have also been busy strengthening our writing muscles through drawing and writing in different sizes, making huge chalk circles with both hands, and writing letters to our friends.

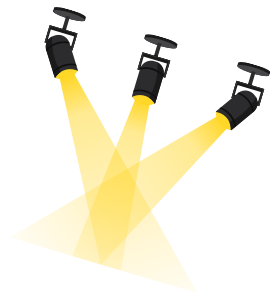
In PE, we explored different ways of moving such as rolling, jumping and hopping, and we have been working hard in Zones of Regulation and Hamish and Milo, learning about how it feels to be in the Red Zone and what our body feels like when we feel angry.





student shoutout

Who has been spotted this week?



CARE

- Y1 - Victoria A
- Y2 - Emily K
- Y3 - Serena A
- Y4 - Mabel P
- Y5/6 - Charlie H
- Y6 - Henry J



Good Work

- Y1 - Archie B
- Y2 - Ayda F
- Y3 - Lilly F
- Y4 - Tommy C
- Y5/6 - Isla E
- Y6 - Scarlett F



EYFS

- Exploring Elephant:
Ceylin G



staff shoutout



We must celebrate Mrs Neal who puts so much care, time and energy into supporting all of our children. She works incredibly hard every day, always going the extra mile to make sure each child feels safe, supported and able to thrive. Her kindness, patience and dedication don't go unnoticed and the difference she makes to our children and families is huge. We really want to celebrate everything she does and all the successes she's achieved.

A few reminders

Uniform

As we approach the end of the term, we've noticed a few slips in uniform standards. Please remember that children are expected to wear full school uniform, including black shoes. On PE days, children should wear their full PE kit, but again, this should reflect our school uniform policy and jewellery is not permitted.

All uniform can be obtained from Touchline Embroidery, Office Bridge and Gooddies Schoolwear.

Wraparound Club

Our before and after school club runs each day from 7.15am until 8.45am. It is staffed by our own staff

and costs £4 for the morning session. The children get a good choice for breakfast which includes cereal, toast, beans on toast and sometimes a croissant can be spotted! The children have plenty of activities to keep them busy during breakfast club.

Our after school club runs from 3.15pm to 6.00pm, Monday - Friday. Costs are £10 and £8 for sibling discount.

There is a variety of after school activity clubs which change termly as we try to offer a variety for different age groups.

Clubs can be booked through our online booking system.

World Book Day

World book day is fast approaching and we wanted to let you know of our plans to celebrate. World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and its aim is to promote reading for pleasure and to offer every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Promoting a love of reading is one of our main priorities at Victoria Road Primary school so children will be taking part in a range of activities on this day. Throughout the week, we are aiming to take all children to visit the Curiosity book shop to spend their free World Book Day voucher. This is classed as a local area walk so we do not need any further permission; however, if you do not want your child to go, please do let your class teacher know.

We are asking all children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas.

We will also be hosting our 'Secret Reader' for the week. This is where a mystery guest (a parent or guardian) comes into school to read a story to their child's class. If this is something you would like to take part in, please let your child's class teacher know on Dojo. This will be great to spark excitement and interest in reading.

Halton Healthy Schools Parent/Carer News

Support Healthy Habits at Home

You can find helpful tools, articles and local resources by visiting . A great place to learn more about supporting your child's well-being.

<https://padlet.com/HaltonHIT/halton-healthy-schools-parents-news-kxkmsfbkonytivbs>

Support for Young Carers from Halton Carers

We currently support approximately 700 young carers between the ages of 4-17, both individually and as part of their family. You can refer yourself to us to be registered as a young carer or a professional such as school teacher or GP can refer you.

Once you are registered our Carer Support Workers will visit you at home or school, or somewhere else to identify the impact that caring has on you. They will offer services that will enable you to have some for yourself. We will address any instances of inappropriate caring by arranging suitable support for the cared for person.

As many young carers can be disadvantaged by their caring role we encourage them to discuss their feelings and aspirations for the future. We link closely with schools, colleges and GP practices to ensure that the extent of your caring role is understood by other professionals and does not limit your life chances. If you are a young carer you can access our fun day trips with other young carers or as part of your family, funding towards a break, group activities and confidence building courses.

Young Carers registered with ourselves can access our:

- Information & Support
- Young Carers Group
- Personalised Carer Break Fund
- Young Carers Trips
- Training
- Holistic Therapies
- Newsletter

We can also with consent, refer onto other services in Halton for support.

Visit www.haltoncarers.co.uk for more information

Halton Family Hubs: Support for You and Your Family

Halton Family Hubs are friendly, accessible places where families can get face-to-face support and information from a range of services, all in one place. Whether you're expecting a baby, raising a toddler, or supporting a young person, the hubs are here to help.

Family Hubs bring together services from the Council, NHS, and community organisations. They aim to make it easier for families to find the support they need, when they need it.

Who Can Use a Family Hub?

You can use a Family Hub if:

- You are pregnant
 - You are a parent or carer of a child aged 0 to 19, or up to 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities
 - You are a young person aged up to 19, or up to 25 with SEND
- Support is open to all families living in Halton, whatever your circumstances.

What Support Is Available?

The range of support available can vary depending on the hub, but many offer:


- Activities for children under 5, including play sessions and sensory groups
- Midwifery and health visiting services
- Infant feeding advice, including breastfeeding and weaning support
- Perinatal mental health support for parents before and after birth
- Parenting courses and workshops, designed to build confidence and share experiences

Across all hubs, the goal is to help parents and carers nurture their children and give them the best possible start. This support helps to improve health and education outcomes across Halton.

Where Can I Find a Family Hub?

There are several Family Hubs in Halton, based in both Runcorn and Widnes. There are also additional community locations where some services are delivered.

To find your nearest Family Hub and see what's on offer:

 Visit: www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/family-hubs

 Or contact your local hub directly for more information:

- Kingsway Hub (Widnes): 0151 511 8822
- Ditton Hub (Widnes): 0151 511 8444
- Upton Children's Centre: 0151 257 2450
- Warrington Road Hub (Widnes): 0151 511 8366
- Brookvale Hub (Runcorn): 01928 797160
- Halton Lodge (Runcorn): 0151 511 5050
- Windmill Hill (Runcorn): 01928 717132