

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

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HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new school year I hope you all had a wonderful, happy and memorable Christmas time with your loved ones. We have been truly amazed at the way the children have returned to school - they have been calm and thoughtful and keen to get back to normality and routine - the best start to the New Year in Hudson history ☺

This week we have all been taking part in learning around our pantomime visit to see Beauty and the Beast, the children have visited our learning area in the library for some writing inspiration and have listened to a variety of versions of the story, every class has done something different and I can't wait to see the work produced next week.

Today we have celebrated the successes of the children from last term with almost 65 children with 100% attendance and a well thought out Excellent worker and Behaviour champion for each class, find out who was chosen in our rewards section on the next page. I am sure we will have plenty more receiving awards at the end of this short 6 week first Spring term!

Next week there is lots more going on with trips out, evening events and the re start-up of tuition, homework and extended Learning Journey projects. Please ensure you speak to your class Teacher face to face or via Class dojo if you require any clarification, support or guidance.

Read on to find out about all of the classes new Learning Journey themes, and our plans for the coming year and a very successful 2019!

PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK AHEAD

Monday - Tuition 8.15am

- 2pm Swimming starts today for Chestnut and Larch class - children should return back to school by 3.40pm but if staff are notified children can be collected from the pool at 3.15pm
- 2.45pm Whole school Assembly with Miss Morrissey
- **Learning Journey homework will come home today**

Tuesday - Tuition 8.15am

- 2.45pm School Council Meeting

Wednesday

- 2.45pm Singing Assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 5pm Marketing Meeting
- 6pm Governors meeting - School and Centre Management

Thursday - Tuition 8.15am

- **Catalyst Discovery Centre visit for Elder, Oak and Hazel classes**
- 2.45pm Whole school Assembly with Mrs Craddock
- 3.30 - 5pm Special viewing of Beauty and the Beast (School fundraiser £2 - ParentPay)

Friday

- 2.30pm Whole School Celebration Assembly with our Teaching Team - a chance to celebrate learning and behaviour.
- Today Hudson University Club letters will be confirmed via letter to each child - please check their bag!

CELEBRATORY NEWS - EVERYONE EXPERIENCES EXCELLENCE...

Friday brings us smiles, and celebrations. This week join our team in giving due praise and recognition to our shining stars of excellence and champions of behaviour.

The children who have stood out exceptionally well for demonstrating aspects from our behaviour charter all term, our very own **Behaviour Charter Champions** are:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Chapman, Mrs Spafford & Team): Alannah G & Isabelle M

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Daisy W

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Luke W

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Sophie G

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): Connie R

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Isabelle D

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Mrs Dillon): Honey HMc

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Sophia L

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Kieran H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Mr Barker): Max T

We can also not forget to mention and give praise to those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning our EEE winners!** Those who have truly excelled and impressed this term are:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Chapman, Mrs Spafford & Team): Charlie O & Jacob H

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Evie S

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Mason C

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Blake L

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): Mason L

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Charlie K

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Mrs Dillon): Nathan E

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Charlie S

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Liam H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Mr Barker): Holly M

Be sure to ask your child to tell you all about the work they have displayed proudly in school and shared today.

Our new awards to celebrate are our Hudson Reading Challenge Certificate. This is a real challenge and we love to celebrate these achievements throughout the school year.

Those who have met the challenge this week are:

Bronze - No award winners yet!

Silver - No award winners yet!

Gold - No award winners yet!

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week's ambassador of kindness is

The Hawksworth Family in Larch class for going above and beyond for a friend in need - such thoughtful and generous behaviour. Hudson is so incredibly proud of you all!

Attendance and Punctuality are high agenda targets of importance for Hudson, we love to celebrate and praise those children who get 100% attendance each half term. Please help your child achieve this and encourage them to get to school on time each day to get the most out of all that is on offer.

SAFETY NOTICES

Please be aware that the parking outside of school is limited, but we need to be considerate of the neighbours and not park over driveways or on grass verges.

This can be extremely hazardous and you could be fined, it is also causing the residents great stress!

We are a community school that thrives on building respectful relationships with our community.

In the Maghull Community pages of social media the school is being badly advertised for careless community parking, please help to eradicate this.

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Lunchtimes

The school has grown considerably over the last few years and we are struggling to provide a calm lunch experience in the dining room when all of the children eat together. After a discussion with our Teaching Team and the School council we have decided that we will now operate a staggered lunch. The children will get the same length of lunch time seating and play but will be in Key Stage groups within the dining room environment. We are going to give this a try and hopefully it will help to create less noise and allow children to eat comfortably with friends and get high quality support from adults supervising them.

School morning snack

School snack will no longer be available at Hudson starting next week, any families that have paid the entire term in advance will be credited on ParentPay. Unfortunately funds are not coming in regularly and budgeted learning resource money is now being spent on snack which is just not productive. There are so many children who request snack and are not turned away when they are hungry but we can no longer sustain it. From Monday we are asking that **families provide (if they wish) their own morning snack of a single piece of fruit only**. I would like to thank Marion for being our snack maker for the past few years - I know the children will miss their toast ☹ Willow Den Breakfast club is still available daily as a drop in service from 7.45am and breakfast is provided within this charge.

School Logo

Sefton is undergoing lots of changes to save money and has started a move to a model of 'Locality' working which you may of heard of in the local press. One of the main effects of this on school is that the Children's Centre will now operate in a different way meeting the needs of a wider age range of community members and offering different types of services for just our own central Sefton residents. The Centre will no longer be a Children's Centre but a Family Wellbeing Centre and because of this we need to change our school logo. Over the last few months I have worked with the children and staff on ideas for this and have sought the help of one of our families to help in its design. The change will hopefully come in September, so please do not invest in any uniform unnecessarily. There is an abundance of lost property and nearly new items which we will sort out for families who are in need of replacements. More information will follow in March.

Parking outside residents houses in Moorhey Road

A long standing item on the newsletter has been about curtesy to our local residents and respect for highway law. Throughout our Christmas activities I had to interrupt events on a few occasions to have cars moved for safety purposes and this cannot continue. This week there were a number of resident complaints and they have now began taking photographs, which I fear will result in police involvement and prosecution. Please avoid this by being reasonable and sensible with your parking. We encourage the children to be good healthy citizens, please try and park and walk away from resident drive ways or bus/ambulance routes as these obstructions are causing even greater disharmony.

Beauty and the Beast Fundraiser - Thursday evening next week

Miss Marl and Mrs Whitelaw will on Thursday after school showcase a viewing of Beauty and the Beast to mark the end of our winter themed writing experience. Children can pay £2 each via ParentPay to attend in the school hall. This cost includes a drink and popcorn.

Living Streets - Please keep on walking to school - we are up to our fourth badge now - the children love them! **Just 3 times per week a short park and stroll** ☺

PE kit reminder - Outdoor kit may be necessary in this weather: trainers and dark tracksuit bottoms

Playground bikes, scooters and balls - Most recently children have been very active biking and scooting to school which is excellent, for the safety of everyone though can we push these items on the playground (lots of people being crashed in to) and please NO case balls!

School absence requests - Families are calling in or e-mailing holiday requests, however a school absence request needs to be made in the form of a letter and completed form from school. Please collect these in advance from the school office. Many thanks



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New Learning Journeys have begun...

Little Acorns - How many colours in a Rainbow?

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high... How many colours are in a rainbow? What happens when you mix red and blue? It's time to discover the colours of the natural and man-made worlds. This half term, we'll take off our socks and stomp through the colours of the rainbow. We'll scatter powder paints, add water and let our feet do the mixing! We'll learn how to identify the colours of the rainbow, how colours can mix together to make new colours, and about the relationship between light and colour, by exploring exciting toys. In our literacy lessons, we'll read vibrant books, match colourful rhymes and make multi-coloured marks. Can we write our names using all the colours of the rainbow? Using our mathematical skills, we'll count colourful pom-poms and respond to numbers. Getting creative, we'll make rainbow rice and brightly-coloured jellyfish, and we'll construct a colourful den. We'll also go on a colour hunt, carry out colour investigations and sing a rainbow! At the end of the project, we'll reflect on our favourite parts of the project, make delicious rainbow smoothies out of colourful fruit, and create rainbow bunting out of funky fabrics.

Maple class - Why do Zebras have stripes?

Hamjambo! Why do zebras have stripes? Where do lions live? It's time to discover amazing Africa and the wild animals that live there. This half term, we'll be visiting the safari park and learning all about the animals with some very interesting facts. We'll learn where Africa is and what the landscapes, people and wildlife are like across this stunning continent. Who are the Maasai? What is camouflage? Where is the Serengeti? Let's find out! We'll learn about what school is like for African children, use our senses to explore a 'market stall' of African foods and make African-style pancakes to fill with delicious ingredients. We'll use our imaginations to explore African animals, record animal noises and write our own call and response songs. Using sticks, we'll make African-themed marks in soggy soil, and create an African landscape using sand, rocks, gravel and driftwood. In mathematics, we'll count and estimate animal numbers and in literacy, use labels and captions to identify animal traits. Then we'll get creative, tapping out syllables on drums as we talk and trying our hand at African printing. At the end of the project, we'll make a book out of the photos we've taken. Then we'll write a funny story about wild animals in unusual settings and play in the wild outdoors, pretending to be our favourite African beasts.

Yew class - Will You read me a story?

Welcome to the magical world of fairy tales! Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? How many bowls of porridge did Goldilocks eat? Let's find out more about our favourite stories, and discover some new ones. This half term, we'll watch a pantomime to see the characters come to life! Back at school, we'll play imaginatively with a model castle and small world characters. We'll look at different character types, and decide whether our favourite characters are 'goodies' or 'baddies'! Using different materials and shapes, we'll build castles and bridges. We'll read lots of stories and look at the ingredients that go into a fantastic fairy tale. We'll be brave explorers and hunt for missing items from fairy tales. Reading *The Elves and the Shoemaker* will encourage us to be busy elves and decorate shoes in our workshop. Contemporary versions of fairy tales will inspire us to write stories, and we'll create story maps to retell familiar tales. Our mathematical skills will help us to count the buttons on gingerbread men, and estimate how many beans Jack has got! After reading *The Enormous Turnip*, we'll plant seeds and learn how to care for them. We'll also test the right materials to make a bed for a princess, and houses for the Three Little Pigs. At the end of the project, we'll look back at photographs of our amazing experiences. We'll also attend a fairy tale tea party and dress up as our favourite characters.



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Sycamore class - Moon Zoom

The countdown has begun. Are you ready for blast off? This term, we'll travel through space to learn about the Solar System. We'll investigate an alien crash site, write an incident report and try to find the aliens who have landed. Where could they be? We'll make models of the Solar System and design spaceships, space buggies and space-related toys. Books and photographs will help us to learn about the first lunar landing and the astronauts who venture into space. Floor robots will be programmed to move around an alien landscape, and we will compose space sounds and dances. We'll also explore satellite images, investigate rockets and use ICT to communicate our ideas and present our work. At the end of our project, we'll share our learning in a variety of different ways. We'll read our exciting science-fiction stories aloud, sing space-themed songs and create an exhibition of our space models. It will be out of this world!

Silver birch class - The Scented Garden

Let's tiptoe through the tulips together and discover the sights, sounds and smells of the garden. This half term, we'll visit a florist's shop or a garden centre. We'll find out how to look after plants, ask the experts questions and appreciate the flowers. We'll write an information book about plants, follow instructions, enjoy the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and write stories of our own. Discovering our green fingers will be fun when we plant and tend a pizza garden of herbs. We'll also learn about the different parts of a plant and create our own 'planting and growing' action rhyme. Our senses will help us describe and sort a range of smells and we'll make beautifully scented products. We'll look closely at a wide variety of plants, create detailed, observational drawings and press real flowers to use in collages. At the end of our project, we will have become plant experts! We'll create a presentation about plants, share the information books that we have made and design a fantasy garden.

Elder class - Mighty Metals

Mighty metals are everywhere! From earrings to rockets, metals have shaped the world we live in today. This half term, we're going to become fantastic physicists, exploring the world of forces, metals and materials. At a playground, we'll explore the forces that help us to slide and swing. Then, we'll bring toys from home to investigate how they work. We'll look closely at levers and explore how they help us to lift heavy objects. In maths, we'll have fun investigating where we need to sit to make a seesaw balance. To learn more about forces, we'll make spinners, play with parachutes and make magnetic games. We'll also investigate iron, think about why some metals rust and discover the properties of different metals. Using pots, pans and other metal objects, we'll compose a metal musical extravaganza and use our artistic skills to create embossed patterns and pictures. At the end of the project, we'll invite you to see what we've learned. We'll also answer tricky quiz questions and make fantastic metal jewellery.

Oak and Hazel class - Potions!

Poisonous potions, aromatic brews, vapour or a sticky goo... Welcome to the amazing world of potions! By reading an extract from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, we'll learn all about mysterious potions, and write a safety label for Alice's bottle. We'll sort everyday items into solids, liquids and gases. Using our investigation skills we'll explore capacity and the properties of liquids. We'll also design fabulous bottles for magical potions. Becoming super scientists, we'll investigate chemical reactions and states of matter. We'll research the use of anaesthetic and learn what life was like without it! The play, Romeo and Juliet will inspire us to write scripts, and we'll think of an alternative ending for this tragic tale. We'll write spells with magical, strange or gruesome effects - what ingredients will we use? It will be great fun to make chocolate hearts and bath bombs! We'll also create canvas art on a large scale! At the end of the project, we'll invite you to visit our class of potion masters. We'll even make delicious potion treats for you to taste!

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Larch Class - Heroes and Villains

There are so many heroes and villains in the world - who would you like to know more about? Is it someone from the past or the present? Is your hero a famous person or someone you know, like a nurse or a firefighter? This half term, we'll meet Cruella de Vil to interrogate her about her wicked plans. By reading parts of 101 Dalmatians, we'll learn all about Cruella's character. Then, we'll learn the song Cruella de Vil, make a Cruella sock puppet, models of Dalmatian dogs and a flipbook animation of the story. Cruella won't be very impressed! We'll learn songs about the infamous Bonnie and Clyde and write dialogue for them. When we're listening to film music, we'll consider how sounds are used to make characters appear more villainous. Using fairy tales, we'll examine the difference between right and wrong and write our own. We'll also research historical heroes using a variety of source materials and put song lyrics about our favourite heroes to familiar tunes. At the end of the project, we'll write comics about our everyday heroes. We'll enjoy performing our songs about heroes and invite you to view our work in a gallery.

Chestnut class - Revolution

Let's hop on a steam train and travel back in time to the Victorian era! During this half term, we'll use non-fiction books to research Victorian education and people, including famous inventors, reformers and Queen Victoria herself. Then, we'll write non-chronological reports and biographies using a range of source materials. We'll write on slates, learn the three 'Rs' and take part in cooking, sewing and woodwork lessons, just like a child in a Victorian school. We'll make popular Victorian dishes and play with Victorian toys. 'Drill' activities will have us following instructions to march, stretch and jump in formation. We'll learn about crime and punishment and find out what life was like in a Victorian slum. How things have changed! We'll discover what happened during the Industrial Revolution and learn about significant inventions. Copying the style of famous Victorian paintings, we'll experiment with block printing techniques. At the end of the project, we'll stage an exhibition to showcase the work we have done.

Have a fantastic weekend, have fun but stay safe, Niki Craddock and Team



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