

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre

Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 7th February 2020



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

We are fast approaching the end of term and are frantically trying to cram in as much learning and enjoyment as we can. Please take note of the need to **buy tickets for the Valentine's disco by Monday**, please don't leave it and then your children have to miss out!

Tuesday this week brought our football team lots to be happy about as they went off to St Thomas' Lydiate for their league match, coming away with a 3-1 win. Well done for a fantastic performance and confident team effort boys, with a special mention for Ronnie W in putting on a strong performance and Louis L for those magical 3 goals ☺ I hope this is the New Year winning streak we have been waiting for!

The staffing team at Hudson have been paying great thought this week to our mental health work with children and safer internet provision, both very valuable aspects to learning at Hudson and the development of our children, ones we pay great attention to. I have detailed some fantastic advice for families at the end of the newsletter from the Children's Mental Health agency, please do have a read and see what you could adopt today.

Additionally, may I please ask you to complete the 5 Big Questions (link below)... it will take less than five minutes (honestly!) Then please share with colleagues, families and the wider community.

Big Five Questions: *Launched by the Duchess of Cambridge, the 5 Big Questions, aims to bring together the thoughts of individuals, organisations and businesses to build the healthiest generation in history by giving every child the best start in life.* <https://5bigquestions.org.uk/>

Next week we will be focusing in on safer internet in depth with the children - although they know the reasons why they need to be safe they don't always operate in the safest ways and need support from their trusted adults with this. As technology is rapidly changing, so fast it's very hard to keep up - this is an area we always need to come back to and upskill ourselves, yourselves and our children about. Many thanks to those families who have taken the opportunities on offer for further support and advice from our technical Hudson team. For families who did not take up this opportunity but would like support, please message your class teachers and we can get support organised through our Wednesday ICT Technician Christopher.

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- 1.30pm swimming for Hazelnut Class and Larch. (Children returning to school)
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with **Young Carers Team**
- 3.00pm School nurse drop in. Please come to reception if you wish to discuss anything with her.

Tuesday

- Am Sefton singing project for Chestnut class Y5
- 2.45pm Class council meeting

Wednesday

- 2.50pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 9.30 E Safety parent workshop

Thursday

- PM dance sessions with Lisa Harper
- PM Music lessons
- 2.30pm Whole school assembly with Miss Morrissey - **Safer Internet**

Friday - **OWN CLOTHES, NO DONATION!**

- 2.45pm Celebration assembly with our school team
- 3.30 - 4.30pm PTFA Valentine disco

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 our very own **Behaviour Charter Champions** are:

Little Acorns Classes (Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Spafford & Team): Lily D and Amelia S

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Kade Mc

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Thomas H

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Emily A

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Layton P

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Amelia D

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Ethan W

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Millie D

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Kieran H

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Nicole R

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 are:

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Pippa W

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Scarlett S

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Molly M

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Ellie Mae Mc

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Dylan W

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Lillie Mai H

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Frankie J

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Jack F

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

Our Hudson Reading Challenge and EYFS Nursery Rhyme Certification really helps us to reward those children taking Literature seriously. 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 - (3N) Joseph F, Rex J, Harley L. (2N) Elliot W, Jamie G, Leo G. (YR) Joe F, George G, Reuben Mc. (Y1) Ella W. (Yew class) Kanishka S, Kieran S. (Larch) Daniel M, Grace H.

Silver - (3N) Heidi J. (2N) Henry T, Emily L. (YR) Zachery LB, Libby D, Ruby K, Ryan L, Blake W, Matilda Mc, Pippa W. (Y1) Ella W. (Y2) Jennifer G, Charlie S.

Gold - (2N) Teddy W. (YR) Kade Mc, Tucker TH, Emily B, Scarlet B, Evelyn R, Isla S.

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassador of kindness is Kian Q in Silver birch class. Kian went out of his way to show considerable kindness for a child in distress in his class, alerting adults and ensuring he was reassured and cared for! Hudson is exceptionally proud of you!

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.

Experiences

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE TEAM - Administrator; Chris Cook

Parent App - If you do not already have the App then please provide me with a current email address which I will then send an invite to. It's now even easier to activate your app. You now only need the Connect Parent App to have a link to Class Dojo and ParentPay.

PGL - Boreatton Park House, Shropshire. Reminder that the 3rd instalment was due last week for our school residential. Please check your ParentPay account and check that the relevant forms are filled in. Letters will be sent out soon if you're not up to date. Any difficulties then please let me know.

Valentines Disco - ParentPay will be close on Monday 10th. No tickets will be available after this date so please don't miss out.

Sch nurse - Drop in for anyone with concerns or questions about their child's health. Monday 10th at 3pm, please call to school reception area.

Reminder Just a reminder that the school phone line is not available between 1.00-2.00pm daily. All answer machine messages are picked up at 2.00pm and visitors to school are still welcome during this time.

PTFA News (registered charity no: 1156873):

Don't forget next week is our Valentine Disco from 3.30 to 4.30 on Friday!! Parent pay will close for this event on Monday 10 February, after which no more payments will be accepted. On the day, only those children who are on the class list as coming to the disco will be brought along to the hall by class teachers, everyone else will need to be collected as usual, or will go to Willow Den as usual. Children who are coming to the disco should be collected from the main entrance at 4.30. If your child is going to Willow Den after the disco, please make arrangements with Willow Den staff to collect them at the end of the disco.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION NEWS - CORONAVIRUS

Advice for parents/guardians from the Department for Education

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link:

- <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

School thought for the week:

Find your brave!

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Parents & Carers

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Find your Brave**.

Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health.

What's it all about? Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone.

Finding your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

We all have times when we need to Find our Brave.

What can you do? Here are a few simple ways you can encourage your child to Find their Brave.

1. Remind your child that bravery comes in many forms and everyone is different. What's brave for them might not feel brave to someone else.
2. Chat with your child about a time when you've had to Find your Brave. It might have been something big or small.
3. Praise your child when they Find their Brave. Maybe they've kept going at learning a new skill or tried something outside of their comfort zone which boosted their confidence.
4. Point out examples of bravery in books and films to your child and talk about how trying out different ways of being brave will help them feel good.
5. Reassure your child that not feeling brave is OK too and that there are times when it might be more difficult to be brave.



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