



# HALE PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



INFANT WEEKLY TROPHY	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2							
	Dylan	Harrison	Albert							
JUNIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6						
	Owen	Max	Poppy	Hudson						
WORD MILLIONAIRES										
MISS BERYL KINDNESS AWARD	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2							
	Otis	Ameer	George							
	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6						
	Tallulah	Naava	Georgia	Selin						
NUMBOTS	RECEPTION	YEAR 1								
	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>								
	Preston	HannahZara								
TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS - these children earned the most coins on TTRS in their year group this week.	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 4	YEAR 5		YEAR 6		
	Ameer	Alaria	3K	3L	4L	4M	5G	5R	6O	6P
			Elisa	Selene	Freya	DavidJedidiah	Amelie	Zero	Faris	Athena
REC	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4		YEAR 5	YEAR 6			
BRONZE CERTIFICATES	Edward D, Preston, Arlo, Fabienne, Rysa	Sofia, Theo, HannahZara	Elle, Otto	Lucas	Annabelle, Ruby, Oliver, Monty, Ged, Maddox, Kannan, William, Juliet, Georgia DavidJedidiah		Ibby	Molly, Prithvik, Faris, Musa,		
ATTENDANCE	Congratulations to Years 3K & 4L, both classes had 100% attendance this week.									





## MRS HOPE

Mrs Hope, after many years of fabulous service, is leaving us at Christmas to further her career in Mindfulness. This, therefore, will sadly be her last Christmas concert for Hale Prep. Mrs Rodgers will join us as the new drama teacher in April but cannot join until then. Therefore, we have asked Mr Peter Birch, a very experienced drama teacher, to step in for the spring term. Mr Birch is the Principal of the Garrick Academy of Performing Arts, Altrincham (a Saturday drama academy for pupils aged 5 to 18). We will all be very sorry to lose Mrs Hope as a colleague, but we wish her every success in her future ventures.

## YEAR 5 BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP



Last Friday, the Y5 had the pleasure of creating a Bollywood style of dance as part of their geography topic on India. Sonja, the dance instructor, brought energy and enthusiasm to the session, where the children learnt dance moves and brought the routine



to life with style and pizzazz! It was a great way to end the week.



## FINAL CROSS-COUNTRY RACE – Report by Mr Busby



We had another fantastic turnout of runners at the final cross-country race of the season last Saturday at John Leigh Park. Congratulations to all runners, especially to Daniel Li, who finished 1st, Alexander Barker, who finished 3rd in the Boys' B race, and Francesca Burke (2nd in the girls' B race).



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you for all the donations sent in for tomorrow's Christmas Fair. Given the forecast for tomorrow's weather, all activities will be held inside the main building or in one of the outside classrooms.

The PTA has worked very hard to put the day together for the children. There will be many fun activities—a games room, craft room, pamper room, Santa's Grotto, and tombola stalls. There will also be food and drinks for both children and parents. Thank you to those who have pre-booked entry tickets. Of course, it is possible to pay on the day. We hope to see many of you there.

## BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES TO LEARNING

The behaviour and attitudes to learning at HPS have always been high; visitors regularly compliment us on the manners and respect our children easily demonstrate.

Recently, in form time, the children have been working on articulating a list of these behaviours. After several drafts, all the pupils and staff agreed upon a final list of five expected behaviours.

It will serve as a blueprint for expected behaviour, and as children grow and find boundaries, they can also be positively redirected to them when necessary. More importantly, however, it is an opportunity to reward those who are always incredibly well-behaved. Form treats can be celebrated when recommendations have been made.

## FOOD DONATIONS – from Mrs Busby

As part of our ethics programme this year, each year group is engaging in a community action project. On Monday morning, the children in Year 4 will present a whole school assembly explaining that this year, food donations from Hale Prep will be made into Christmas food parcels and then delivered to those families less fortunate than ourselves.

Every day next week, Year 4 pupils will visit each of the classes, collecting in any donations. On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, we are inviting all the children to wear a festive jumper to school – in return for a donation of food.

Year 4 would like to thank you in advance for your donations.

## POPPY APPEAL

This week, the Royal British Legion confirmed the total raised by the sale of poppies and other items. Thanks to your generosity, we raised the amazing amount of £476.95 for this year's poppy appeal. Thank you for helping us to support the RBL.



## FOOTBALL – Report by Mr Connor & Mr Cunningham

The girls' and boys' football teams each played friendly matches against St. Hugh's on Tuesday. Although the results didn't go our way, the children demonstrated a fantastic attitude in the games.



The girls were 5-1 down after struggling in the first half. Although the score stayed the same, they played with much more enthusiasm in the second half.

In an even first half, St Hugh's took two of their chances and led in the boys' game at half-time. Although our boys



persevered and battled until the end, they could not overturn the lead and lost 4-0. However, this was a much improved performance compared to their previous game, and the children demonstrated moments of skill and teamwork to show how they are progressing as a team. Player of the match was Andrew Barron.



## JUNIOR THEATRE TRIP

On Tuesday, all the junior children travelled by coach to The Octagon Theatre, Bolton, to watch a performance of 'Jungle Book'. It was an excellent show that the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed.





## YEAR 2 COMMUNITY ACTION – Report by Mrs Kara

I'm thrilled to share the success of Year 2's visit to Halecroft Grange care home this morning. The Christmas songs they sang brought so much joy to the residents. The children's enthusiasm and festive spirit made a real difference to everyone there. The residents and carers were genuinely touched by their brilliant performance; it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage with the community meaningfully.

A huge heartfelt thank you to all the staff, parents, Halecroft Grange Care Home and, of course, Year 2 for making this happen efficiently.



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS – Report by Mr Cunningham

Thanks to everyone who has encouraged the children to participate more in TTRS and Numbots. There are class winners this week instead of year winners in recognition of the improved participation from the children.

The classes that made it to round 2 were announced in assembly this week. Round 2 is now live and will end on Thursday, 12th December, at 8:45am. See next page for more details..



### Hale Prep TTRS and Numbots Tournament

After a great response this week, and an increase in participation on TTRS and Numbots, the following classes have made it through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

This round began at 3:30pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will end on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8:45am

Every child should contribute to their team by earning at least 500 gold coins in a week. Whichever class wins the tournament, those children who earned at least 500 gold coins each week, will receive the prize.

Those classes who are out, should keep practicing as it is part of the maths homework each week.

