



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

This week has been as busy as usual but also quite exciting as we look towards the future and planning what we would like to develop in school with the support of PACT over the coming year.

Tuesday was the celebration of our Teaching staff as part of World Teachers' Day. As well as staff room treats, they were treated to more from parents and then even more on Wednesday. The recognition for all our staff who go above and beyond, was very gratefully received. Thank you.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to see parents at the annual PACT AGM. As well as sharing the events coming up including the disco and Halloween trail, we shared our vision to develop the school grounds especially the 'caged' areas on the field. Our hope is to terrace these areas for seating and sensory areas to be used throughout the day for educational activities and for downtime at playtimes and breaks. This will be a huge project and require landscaping but we are optimistic we can begin work in these areas in the Spring/Summer term. Thank you to all those that make PACT and these events for our school community possible.

This week we have seen a return to almost 'normal' numbers in classes and amongst staff as the return to school germs work their way out and cases of COVID also drop. This is allowing us to ease restrictions from Monday 11th October however we will still be vigilant and of course implement strategies to limit the spread of any infection as necessary. Once again, thank you all with your patience and support during this time.

Stay safe and have a great weekend!

Mrs Bodman-Knight



This weeks stars are:

Demeter - Kevin

Apollo – Louie

Poseidon – Amelie

Athena – Teagan

Ares – William

Zeus – the star of the week was away so we are keeping it a surprise until next week!



PACT Committee Members

At the AGM we said thank you and goodbye from the Chair position to Emmett Swinburn. He has led the PACT ship for the past few years and possibly during the most turbulent times! He will still be supporting PACT over the coming years at various events.

The new Committee is made up of existing and new members with the key posts being led by the following:

Chair – Katy Frost (Y4 Parent)

Secretary – Els Cattell (Y4 Parent)

Treasurer – Sharon Radcliffe (Y5 Parent)

Vice Treasurer – Clare Boyd (Y6 Parent)

Over the coming year we will be working together to raise funds for the following:

- Supporting the virtual panto
- Supporting events eg: sports day
- Indoor and outdoor games for playtimes
- Life Education visit Sept 2022
- Development of school grounds – terraced seating areas, target games on fences, planting, forest area
- Summer Fun Day



On October 22nd, we will be saying Goodbye to Miss Hargrave. Miss Hargrave has worked in the office for over 5 years and has been a tremendous support to the school. She will be greatly missed by the whole community but we wish her well as she moves to pastures new with the School Admissions Team for the county.

Miss Hargrave's departure does leave a gap to fill and details can be found on our website

<https://www.hallmeadow.org/key-information/careers>

and on Teach Northants

<https://www.teachnorthamptonshire.com/jobs-category/?keyword=Hall+Meadow>



Tremendous Trees

Thank you to Olivia in Athena who bought in a goat willow from home to plant in the school grounds. The school landscapers lent a hand to help her dig the ground before she could plant it. We look forward to seeing it grow!

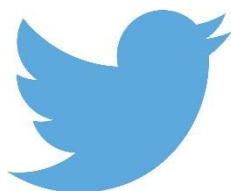


Well done Mrs Kilpatrick!

Last weekend our sports coach, Mrs Kilpatrick, ran the London Marathon. The event took place both virtually and in the capital. Over 80,000 people ran around the streets of London, all raising money for great causes.



A huge achievement for Mrs Kilpatrick, well done!



- Whole school - @primary_hall
- Iris - @HMIris2
- Demeter - @DemeterHm
- Apollo - @HmApollo
- Poseidon - @HmPoseidon
- Athena - @HMAthena6
- Ares - @HMAres2
- Zeus - @hm_zeus

Tweet of the week!



It was National Poetry Day on Thursday 7th October and Athena spent the day creating their own poems!



We are looking for volunteers!!

Feel like you can't commit to joining PACT committee but would still like to help in some way?

If you'd like to help as & when you have the time, please find our volunteer group on our Facebook page or email:

PACT@hallmeadow.northants.sch.uk

We can add you to our list of eager beavers & when it's time to summon the troops we will email you to ask for help. If you can, brilliant! If not, we will hopefully catch you next time!

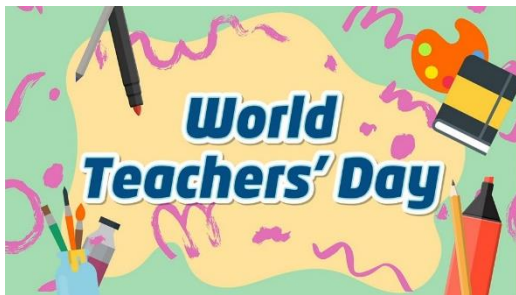
It's been difficult getting to know our new parents during Covid times so this is the perfect way to get involved.

Thank you, **PACT**

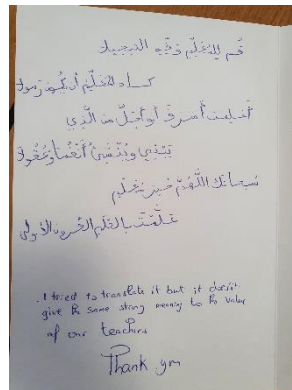


As a school our attendance is 92.6% since returning in September. We understand this is due to the current pandemic and the back to school bugs that have been very present in school. This needs to increase to 95% or higher. Both Mrs Bodman-Knight and Mrs Ricotta will be monitoring attendance regularly with contact being made for those families who have an attendance of less than 95%.

Please note that if you or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID 19, your child should still attend school **unless** they are displaying symptoms. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school because of your symptoms, please get in touch as failure to send your child will result in an unauthorised absence.



Staff in school were treated this week for World Teacher's Day! A huge thank you the Hussam Eldin family for the wonderful treats as a thank you. We hugely appreciate it!



A huge thank you to all staff at school for all that they do.



2021-22

Term 1

Thursday 21st Oct – Last day of term

Friday 22nd Oct – Training Day

Term 2

Monday 1st November

Friday 17th December

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January – Training Day

Wednesday 5th January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11th February – End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st February – Training day

Tuesday 22nd February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1st April – End of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Friday 22nd July – End of term