



# Newsletter

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**Inclusion Integrity Initiative Inspiration Involvement**

## Headline!

## News!

This week we celebrated International Girl Child day and Black History Month. As part of this we embraced our similarities, differences and uniqueness by singing 'This is me' from The Greatest Showman. The sound was incredible and seeing everyone together (including most of the staff who could hear the singing throughout the building and couldn't resist joining in). We danced, we smiled and we sang our hearts out. All the grown ups found it quite emotional and we can't wait to continue to build our repertoire of songs and share them with you all!

This week, children have been undertaking various assessments but as usual, they have tackled these with so much perseverance and with a super attitude. Well done to everyone.

On Tuesday children from Year 4 attended a rugby festival which they thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by a Y5/6 rugby tournament and I am thrilled to say that Hall Meadow were joint champions with St Mary's School. A huge well done to them all and once again, it was commented by the rugby coaches that the teamwork and compassion shown from our children really shone through.

Next week, as we gear up for the half term holiday we are looking forward to the Y5 trip to Lunt Fort on Monday, a resilience day with The Happy Puzzle Company on Tuesday, Zeus class assembly on Wednesday, PACT mufti day (donations for the Christmas Fayre welcomed) and the first disco in almost 2 years!

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Bodman-Knight



### This weeks stars are:

**Demeter** – Adam

**Apollo** – Maryam

**Poseidon** – Eliora

**Athena** – Keaton

**Ares** – Adan

**Zeus** - Vihaan



## Book Club!

The Year 6 Book Club were kind enough to allow me (Miss Renshaw) to attend their session this week. I had purchased the book and completed my homework of reading to Chapter 5: Mrs Greasley has chosen such a brilliant text! The library was so cosy and such a welcoming environment for the children to share their enjoyment of the book and their thoughts about what they had read. I was blown away by the children's thoughtful and articulate responses to the questions they were asked. It was really lovely to see children showing a passion for reading and I am looking forward to catching up with them as they (and I!) continue to read the book. A big well done and thank you to the children and Mrs Greasley.



**Don't forget to pick up your disco tickets from PACT! Last orders due on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**



## Amazing litter pickers!

Well done to Evie and Charlie who went litter picking around the local area during a weekend walk! They walked two miles picking litter as they went. The local council dropped bags and pickers to their door for free and off they went! Well done for helping the environment and cleaning up our local area. Brilliant work!



## New Library!

Our wonderful library is now open for all the children. A very empty, white trailer was donated after Life Education Northants decommissioned the use of it as they moved to a modern Life Space instead. Over the past few months, Miss Renshaw and Mrs Greasley has worked tirelessly inside with our artist friend Piper (Michael Piper, Artist) completing the mural on the outside.

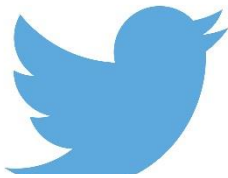
We made the local newspaper too with our new library - [Novel idea sees Kettering school turn trailer into forest-themed library | Northamptonshire Telegraph \(northantstelegraph.co.uk\)](http://www.northantstelegraph.co.uk)

Already children are enjoying class sessions, book club and lunchtime visits to visit the space and enjoy the books on offer. We are replenishing books each term too and are continuing to share our love of reading with everyone!



## Zeus Class Assembly!

Zeus class assembly will take place at 9am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. All Zeus parents are welcome to join us.



Whole school - @primary\_hall  
 Iris - @HMiris2  
 Demeter - @DemeterHm  
 Apollo - @HmApollo  
 Poseidon - @HmPoseidon  
 Athena - @HMAthena6  
 Ares - @HMAres2  
 Zeus - @hm\_zeus

## Tweet of the week!



Miss Renshaw had the pleasure of joining the Year 6 book club with Mrs Greasley this week. They are reading *When the Sky Falls* by @philearle and articulating thoughtful responses to questions as well as formulating their own! @hm\_zeus #lovereadng



Author, Phil Earle, replied to our tweet this week. Well done book club for being so engaged in your book!



phil earle @philearle · 41m  
 Replying to @primary\_hall and @hm\_zeus  
 this is so fantastic. Hello to you all and thank you!!





### **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](mailto: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.

### **2021-22**

#### **Term 1**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Last day of term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Training Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Term 3**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Training Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – End of term

#### **Term 4**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Training day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of term

**Term 5**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – End of term

**Term 6**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Training Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – End of term