



# HALE PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 3rd November 2023

	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
INFANT WEEKLY TROPHY	Sienna	Andrew	Safa	
	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE	Ayaan	Charlotte	Leah	Laetitia
MISS BERYL KINDNESS AWARD	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	
	Gia	George	Ismail	
	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
	Naava	Poppy	Logan	Laetitia



## HALLOWEEN DISCO

A message from the PTA: "A huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who helped set up, supervise and clear up the Halloween disco last night, making it such a success. The children had a fantastic time! Without the time and help of parents, events like these just wouldn't be able to go ahead. Special thanks to Mrs Hargreaves, who for the past number of years has kindly provided, stored and transported all of the many Halloween decorations and also provided the games, sweets and prizes. Many thanks."

## A GRAND ENTRANCE!



Many parents have commented on the beautiful unit now in pride of place in the entrance hall. This stunning piece was designed and made by Andrew Ryan Furniture to showcase, among other things, the school's many sporting achievements. The school would like to thank Michael Cowell for his help



with this project. A number of parents have asked for contact information for the company.

The website is <https://andrewryanfurniture.co.uk> You can contact Mr Cowell at [michael@andrewryanfurniture.co.uk](mailto:michael@andrewryanfurniture.co.uk)

## RECEPTION VISIT TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, MON 16TH OCTOBER

Reception enjoyed their walk down to St. Peter's church to support their history curriculum of Family and Celebrations. The Rev'd Stanton taught the children a celebration song and showed them what happens in church, focussing on the Font, organ and Lectern. Oscar and Sienna happily repeated wedding vows to demonstrate a wedding ceremony. A big thank you to our parent helpers, Mrs Worsley, Mr Bhatt, Miss Ordman and Mrs Barker.



## THANKS TO THE PTA

The Children have been loving playing with the extra goal nets that the PTA has kindly funded. This means that the girls now have their own designated pitch, and the Year 1's have a goal net on the infant playground.

## AUTUMN AND WINTER PE UNIFORM

Thank you to those parents who have ensured their child has suitable warm clothes for PE. This is a reminder that a mid-layer and a school rain jacket are essential. The rain jacket can be bought from Monkhouse in Altrincham at <https://www.monkhouse.com/hale-prep-rain-jacket-bkemwh>

Warm black jogging bottoms are optional. These can be bought at <https://www.marksandspencer.com/l/kids/kids-clothes/bottoms/fs5/joggers-1> or from John Lewis <https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-anyday-unisex-school-jogging-bottoms/black/p5107070>. Please remember to write your child's name or initials on the label in permanent marker.

## JOHN LEIGH PARK CROSS COUNTRY SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of the three cross country races at John Leigh Park is on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. All children in the Juniors are welcome to run - we would love to see you there representing Hale Prep.

The order of races is

5/6 Girls 10 am

5/6 Boys 10.10 am

3 / 4 Girls 10.20 am

3 / 4 Boys 10.30 am

Please can all of those intending to run turn up 20 minutes before your race is due to start. Parents should sign their child in with Mr Busby or Mrs Baker near the start line (this will be obvious due to the crowds) and sign them out so we know that all children have gone home with a responsible adult.

## CHRISTMAS SHOW

The children are now rehearsing for the Christmas Show, which, as you know, is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at The Forum Theatre Wythenshawe at 6.30 pm. Mrs Hope and Mr Donohue will be adding scripts and lyrics to the Christmas Show section in the Parents area of the website. Your help with getting the children to learn their lines and words would be much appreciated. The password for this, and other password-protected areas on the website, is MissB2023

## RESULTS FROM INFANT P.E. PARENT SURVEY

Many teaching hours (in excess of 16 hours) are lost in a year when changing infant children in and out of PE kits. Young children need to learn how to change clothing and develop these fine motor skills (and they all do so in the end), but would probably benefit far more in the short term from dancing, playing sports and being physically active with a qualified sports teacher. They also miss out on P.E. when the weather is slightly rainy due to a lack of waterproof and warm clothing.

After a discussion with the PTA, we sent a survey requesting the views of all infant parents about the wearing of PE kits as we are considering allowing infant children to come to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days. This suggestion could also reduce the number of lost items of clothing, which is both expensive and frustrating for families.

Thank you to all those parents who responded to the questionnaire:

96% of parents replied. 90% were in favour of their child coming to school in their PE kit on days when they have PE. 6% were not in favour.

We have decided that from MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, infants can come to school in their PE kit. They will require a warm pair of plain, cuffed, black jogging bottoms for the colder months and a green school coat to wear outside for playtime and P.E.

Marks and Spencer (<https://www.marksandspencer.com/l/kids/kids-clothes/bottoms/fs5/joggers-1>) and John Lewis (<https://www.johnlewis.com/john-lewis-anyday-unisex-school-jogging-bottoms/black/p5107070>) are examples of what the children would need. The green school coats are available at Monkhouse.