



## Huyton with Roby Newsletter – 28.1.22

### Christian Values

#### **The Value for this Half Term is: Humility**

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

#### **1 Peter chapter 5 verse 6-7**

This week we are praying for all our families working in the National Health Service and the Emergency Services. We thank them for their commitment to a vital job and want them to know we appreciate them.

If you would like us to pray for anything in particular, please fill in the prayer slip at the bottom of the newsletter and send it to school. It can be anonymous if you prefer.

### Attendance

**Well done to our Attendance Trophy Winners who are Class 2G and Class 4M.**

**Whole school attendance last week was: 88%**

Class	% Attendance	Number of lates	Class	% Attendance	Number of lates
R1	94.4	5	R2	86.4	16
1S	86.4	5	1R	92.8	3
2G	95	4	2S	91.5	5
3G	69.1	3	3A	74.1	3
4M	98.1	4	4D	83.7	3
5AC	91.5	1	5JC	80.8	1
6Y	93.6	5	6HB	92	2
Nursey	91.2	1			

The minimum we expect for attendance is **97%, with excellent punctuality**. Thank you to all those many, many families and children who hold attendance as a high priority. We know you support your child and want the best for them. We know that children are ill and we know that Covid can have a big impact on a child's attendance and we understand this.

What we also know is that holidays during term time, appointments made during school hours and unnecessary absences make a difference to the child's attendance and hence interrupts learning and friendships. These unnecessary absences are things such as:

- Waking up late but staying off school all day instead of coming late.
- Attending a medical appointment in the morning, but not coming back to school afterwards.
- Attending a medical appointment in the afternoon but not coming into school for the morning session.

- Feeling unwell in the morning, but feeling better by lunchtime, but not coming to school for the afternoon.
- Taking a Friday off when going away or the weekend 'to miss the traffic'.
- A late night leading to tiredness and absence the whole of the next day.
- Not attending if they have not completed homework and know they are missing some play time to complete the work.

### Enrichment Clubs

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day / Time</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Staff Contact</u>
KS2 Choir	Thursday until 4.00pm	3,4,5,6	Mrs Collins
Guitar	Friday afternoons.	3,4,5,6	Mrs Collins
Violin	Wednesday 2.00-3.00pm	4&5	Mrs Collins
Multi-Sports	Thursday until 4.00pm	4	Mrs Stephenson
Multi-Sports	Wednesday until 4.00pm	3	Mrs Stephenson
Multi-Sports	Tuesday until 4.00pm	6	Mrs Stephenson

### Dojo

Dojo is our main form of communication with families, and it is used for a variety of things. We can message you and you can message us. We can share examples of activities, photographs or work that is happening in the classroom and around school. Today we have shared information on some events you may like to share in with your family linked to the Knowsley Brough of Culture. If you are not on Dojo – contact your child's teacher who can send you an activation text / email.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your replies regarding Parents Evenings. We will be setting dates for these in the next couple of weeks and will share those dates with you. We will be running them slightly differently this year so that we can ensure everyone feels safe and comfortable. The meetings will be face to face, but for those parents who have requested a virtual appointment, we will also facilitate this by phone or another media. We are very much looking forward to seeing you in school again and giving you the opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss their progress with their teacher.

### Church

We are very lucky to be linked to two churches as a school. Both churches welcome families to their services and events and I know both Rev Marie and Rev Kate would love to see more of our children and families joining in at church. We try to publicise events on Dojo but also tough putting the links to the church websites may be helpful for families.

<https://www.stbartholomewsroby.org.uk/>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15140/>

## Football

One of our children plays for Huyton Boys Football Team and a fellow Headteacher sent me information that they are in the national final on Saturday. The last time Huyton won the national cup was 50 years ago. Lets hope this year is a lucky year – good luck team. We have also received an advert from a local team recruiting players if anyone would like to join. Contact details are below:



## Growth Mindset

This term, we have been encouraging all of the children at Huyton with Roby to have a Growth Mindset with their learning and daily tasks. We all have beliefs about our own abilities and potential. These beliefs are part of our mindset – they can fuel our behaviour and predict our success. A Growth Mindset occurs when we believe our intelligence and abilities can be improved with effort and the right strategies. **Having a Growth Mindset is about believing in the power of yourself and your brain!**

### FIXED vs. GROWTH MINDSET



We would love for you to get involved in our new Growth Mindset focus – if you are interested in helping your children further take a look at our 'Wellbeing' page on our website for some supportive tips and videos that will help you encourage you children to develop their positive thinking.

## The Owl and the Pussycat Trail – Knowsley Council Borough of Culture 2022

You might have been familiar with the 'Lambanana' project that was extremely popular a few years ago around the city of Liverpool. We, as a school, have been asked by Knowsley Council to be part of the next best thing: 'The Owl and the Pussycat Trail'. Some people might be very familiar with The Owl & the Pussy-Cat poem that tells the tale of two animals setting off to sea in a 'beautiful pea green boat.' What many people do not know, is that the poem, by Edward Lear, was actually written at Knowsley Hall.

This fascinating fact and Lear's connections to Knowsley are set to be celebrated throughout 2022 with a huge sculpture trail featuring 30 pairs of 2-metre-high owls and pussy-cats. The project, which is a key part of Knowsley's calendar of events for its year as the Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture, was launched by the current Earl and Countess of Derby whose family's connections with Lear date back to 1831.

### So where does Huyton with Roby fit in?

We have been asked as a local school, to take part in the trail. The project will involve some children from our Change Team working together to design and create their own unique version of an Owl that will represent our school and be placed around Liverpool as part of an exciting new plan that both Knowsley Council and Wild at Art are organising. **Watch this space!**

## Picture News

We are all enjoying accessing the resources produced by 'Picture News' - a weekly news resource which we subscribe to. Picture News chooses a current news story and provides an image and a thought-provoking question for us to explore in our classrooms and during Collective Worship.

This week, we have been discussing the question: **Should we all learn sign language?** Have a look at our take-home sheet, which will help you to continue this discussion at home if you would like to.



Picture News Home Sheet 24.1.22.pdf

## eBook Library Service

To support reading at home we have partnered with Knowsley Library Service to enable all children to access free eBooks from home. This service can be accessed on mobile devices, tablets or laptops. The accounts are set so that your child will only be able to loan books that are age appropriate.

This is a completely free service that can be accessed at our personalised school site <https://huytonwithrobyce.eplatform.co/>. If you need any further help please see your child's class teacher.

## Term Dates Term Dates and Holiday Dates

### **2021/2022**

#### **Autumn term 2021**

1st September 2021 – 22nd October 2021

*Half term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October*

1st November 2021 – 22nd December 2021

#### **Spring term 2022**

5th January 2022 – 18th February 2022

*Half term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February*

28th February 2022 – 8th April 2022

#### **Summer term 2022**

25th April 2022 – 27th May 2022 (Jubilee Bank Holiday – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May)

*Half term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June*

6th June 2022 – 19th July 2022

#### **Inset Days**

1.9.21

22.10.21

22.12.21

18.7.22

19.7.22

**Mission Statement**

At Huyton with Roby, we want to see each child reach their potential within a secure and caring environment.

We seek to develop in our children an understanding of the Christian faith.

We aim to be a welcoming and stimulating school that has strong links with home, our churches and the wider community.

**Vision**

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.

Proverbs 22:6

**Motto**

Working Together

**Feedback**

Please feedback any information or questions you wish to put forward to Mrs Stratford in school or contact school through e-mail on [huytonwithroby@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:huytonwithroby@knowsley.gov.uk) or phone on 0151 477 8460

**Prayer Requests**

Please pray for:

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_