Halfmerke Primary School

September Newsletter

**Dear Parents and Carers**

I hope all our families are well and are preparing yourselves for the winter weather. We have had a busy month, and pupils have been enjoying learning about the UNCRC, finding out about the Rights of the Child as well as enjoying our STEM Fridays. Miss Byrne and I have enjoyed getting the whole school together at assemblies on Wednesdays and sharing lots of amazing pupil achievements. I have shared lots of information in this newsletter and will continue to update you on school developments. Well done to our Football Squad, who had a successful outing to the first football festival, and we look forward to our Netball and Athletics Teams events in the next month. With Halloween coming up we will have a rail in the ‘Bubble’ at the school entrance for any preloved costumes. If you have any, please leave them there for our families to make use of…please help yourself! As always, thank you for your support!

Ms L Hogg,

Headteacher

**October 2024**

Tuesday 1st Pupils return from Holiday Weekend

Wednesday 2nd P4 Multisport Club starts for 4 weeks

Thursday 10th P6/7 Fun 5z Netball event @ Alistair McCoist Centre @ 12:15pm

Friday 11th Dash, Dance or Dawdle Fundraising Event

P6/7 Sportshall Athletics Event @JWSC @ 12:15pm

School closes @ 3pm for October Break

Monday 21st Pupils return from October Break

Wednesday 23rd Kids Kitchen starts for P5, 4-week block

P6/7 Football Festival @ Ballerup Recreation 12:30pm

Thursday 24th PC Hallowe’en Disco

Friday 25th Halfmerke Havers

Friday 1st Nov Flu Immunisations for all pupils

**School Improvement Planning Update**

Please see the graphic below which outlines our priorities for school improvement this session. Our priorities are decided after a robust self-evaluation process involving all staff. We will endeavour to keep our families updated on the progress of these priorities in the coming session and we urge you all to keep an eye on updates on events that will be planned throughout the session which you may be able to become involved in.

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**Leadership Groups**

This session we will work together with our Pupil Leadership groups to gain a better understanding of what our learners need and want from their learning experiences at Halfmerke. We are looking forward to working with these groups over the coming session. Thank you to all the pupils in Room 8 who completed a Google Form to outline their skills and abilities making them the right person for the job.

**HWB - Mrs McAuslan Skye, Rebecca, Yousaf**

**Literacy - Miss Byrne & Mrs Henderson Natalie, Katie, Freya, Reyah**

**Numeracy – Miss Rankin James, Georgie, Carter, David**

**STEM – Miss Cox Poppy, Abdullah, Riley, Charis**

**Curriculum – Ms Hogg Matthew, Liam, Oscar, Charlie**

**Digital – Mrs McBrearty Aiden, Lachlan, Finlay, Kaiden**

**JRSO – Miss Byrne Sophie, Mitchell**



**Parent Council & Halfmerke Havers**

This week we held our Parent Council AGM which informed our new elected members. Thank you to our previous members who are stepping down after many years of partnership with the school. We appreciate that without the efforts of our PC we would not be able to provide many of the experiences that our pupils enjoy! We look forward to working with our PC in the coming session.

Please look out for their Twitter page with has PC Updates. We are looking forward to our upcoming Hallowe’en Disco which is organised by our PC. Please see the details below.

Our first Halfmerke Havers session was held this morning. A reminder that all our school families and friends are welcome to come along at 9:30am on the last Friday of every month to blether about what is going on at Halfmerke

**Annual Planner and reminders**

I am working on an annual planner to issue to families. This will contain all the important dates we can confirm at this time. It can be tricky to include all dates at present but hopefully this will give an indication and a bit of notice when things are happening in the school. Look out for this next week!



* All pupils require indoor shoes which are always left in school. This is for health and safety reasons and pupils without indoor shoes will not be able to participate in PE lessons.
* Lost property is at an all time high for this early in the session…please label all belongings with your pupil’s name.
* If not done so already, please ensure that you are registered for Parents Portal.
* We have noticed that all pupils are looking very smart in their school uniforms – lovely to see!

**A poster for a halloween disco

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