

Community Resilience
Respect Learning Creativity
Integrity Potential

To prepare our children to reach their full potential in a modern, evolving and diverse world.

Autumn 1 2024 – Week 8

HANSLOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Bollywood Dance Day – We Need YOU!

We are very excited to announce that on Friday 25th October, we will be having a Bollywood dance day to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali. To aid us in our celebration, we have asked Kalpesh Zalavadiya to come and run some dance sessions with all the children. We then require your help! **From 2:30pm on the Friday, we are asking you: parents/carers/ grown up and siblings to join us on the playground for a whole school dance party!** We can show off what we have learnt during the day and everyone can join together to celebrate Diwali. We hope to see you there!

Any questions please email .goodwin@hanslope.milton-keynes.sch.uk



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Parent/Carer Digital Newsletter

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS**

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

TOO SCARED?

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

MK Dons Set Activity Camp Offer



10% OFF

when using code SPOOKY10

Haunted Half Term Activity Camp



**28TH, 29TH, 30TH, 31ST,
OCTOBER**

AGES 5-14

 Woughton on the Green

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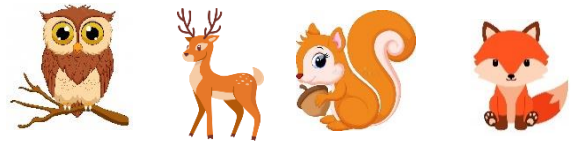
Weekly Winners

TTRockstars



TTR winners from last week were
Lime.

House-Points



House-point winners from last
week were Owl.

Hanslope School's Christmas Fair



👉 SAVE THE DATE 👉

👁️ More information to
follow soon - keep your
eyes peeled!

If you would like to sell
your wares, or you know
someone who would, then
contact the PTA on:

**pta@hanslope.milton-
keynes.sch.uk**

We hope to see you all
there! 🌲

Hanslope School's Official Facebook Group

Please join our [Facebook group](#) where we post about upcoming events. It's the
best way to keep posted! To join, follow the link below!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/385370060554710/>



Weekly Attendance Figures

Our whole school attendance target is 95% or more for the end of this academic year. Below is a breakdown of each class's attendance **from last week**. Well done to Alder class for having the highest attendance rate!

Holly	97.4%
Maple	97.8%
Larch	94.9%
Laurel	96.5%
Alder	98.9%
Elm	92%
Hazel	94.6%
Rowan	98.7%
Cedar	92.4%
Redwood	86%
Blackthorn	92.9%
Hawthorn	97.3%
Lime	95.2%
Poplar	89.2%
Total	94.3%



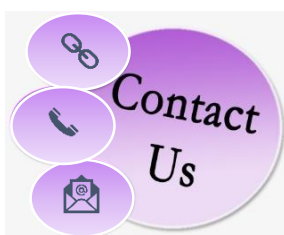
Did you know...

If your child finishes the year with **95% attendance** they will still have missed 10 school days, which equates to around **55 hours of learning time**?

In fact, if your child misses just one day in the week it equates to them missing **20%**, with their weekly attendance sitting at just **80%**.

Remember: every day counts!

Attendance will be celebrated in assemblies and through certificates every half-term!



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Freestyle's Holiday Camp Offering

FREESTYLE
— SPORTS & ARTS —

19 YEARS OF HOLIDAY CAMPS ACROSS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

HALLOWEEN **OCTOBER HOLIDAY** **CAMPS 2024**

DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ACROSS
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS ARE WELCOME AT EACH CAMP

CAMPS AVAILABLE:

BOOK NOW

FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS & DANCE

BOOK NOW AT WWW.FREESTYLEGROUP.CO.UK

NEW LONGER DAYS AT SOME VENUES

Registrations Between: 8:00am-9:00am

Dismissals between: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Half days available via email



Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL. ALL MONEY RECEIVED WILL GO TOWARDS A NEW TRIM TRAIL. WE ARE HOSTING A:

Clothing Collection

with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories
(please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes.

Please use the provided clothing sacks, or any non-charity bag.

If we can fill 100 bags, we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school:

by

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2024

(Bags will be distributed during the week commencing

Monday 21st October)



Dates for your calendar

Remember, it is possible to sync the school calendar on our website onto your phone by following this link: <https://www.hanslopeschool.co.uk/calendar-help>

Here is a reminder of the upcoming diary dates for you to plan ahead. Please note that all the dates and times shown here are accurate at the time of publication - alterations to the information listed below may happen due to unforeseen circumstances; if this does occur, we will endeavour to let you know as quickly as possible.

Wednesday 23rd October – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 24th October – Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm

Friday 25th October – Bollywood Dance Day

Thursday 24th October – Assembly to children on 'The Five Ways of Wellbeing'

Friday 25th October – Term Ends



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