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## From the Head Master

**Dear Reader,**

I am supremely proud to bring you this 8th edition of *Hallfield Focus*. A bumper issue – it really captures the breadth of learning and activity that takes place at Hallfield School, in just one term!

I am so proud of our pupils who have wholeheartedly embraced this last term. From school trips in the UK and abroad, to national competitions, spectacular performances, sporting achievements, celebrations and goodbye's – the pupils are thriving!

My personal highlights have to be the incredible performance of Oliver! Jr, our continued reign as IAPS Chess Champions (for 6 years in a row), the inspiring and thought provoking Hallfield Insights events, Speech & Prize Giving Day, the French Trip and the Royal Show.

I want to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 and Year 8 leavers the very best with their next school. Your hard work and dedication has paid off, with 90% of pupils achieving their first choice of school, and 28% securing scholarships. We will miss you and hope you will stay in touch!

This term saw the establishment of the Parents' Social Association (PSA). They have done an incredible job of putting on a brilliant events programme including a quiz,

picnic on the field and breakfasts at the Highfield. It has been instrumental in bringing the community together and enabling connections amongst our parent body. I look forward to next term's line up, kicking off with a breakfast on 10th September.

I cannot wait to unveil the two, new state of the art classrooms in the Autumn Term. They look incredible, bringing a modern aesthetic to the school as we continue to grow.

Our next Open Morning is on Saturday 28 September, 9:30 – 12:00. Do recommend us to family and friends who are looking for an outstanding education for their child. We would love to meet them, showcase our campus and curriculum, and share the "buzz" of Hallfield!

I hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as I have. Now grab a cup of tea and prepare to be amazed by Hallfield School!

*Keith Morrow*

**BOOK YOUR  
SPOT FOR  
THE PSA  
BREAKFAST**



**BOOK YOUR  
PLACE AT  
OUR OPEN  
MORNING**





## YANMI STRIKES THE RIGHT NOTE

**A** huge congratulations to Yanmi for her outstanding achievement of reaching first place in the recent Dudley Music Festival piano competition!



## MATHS CHALLENGE TRIUMPH

**J**aden, Aarav and Oskar worked exceptionally well as a team to win the challenge, beating fierce competition from numerous other prep schools. They showed excellent behaviour throughout the day and enjoyed an entertaining performance from Dr Ken Farquhar, who joined them for their winners' photo. This is a marker of the incredibly hard work that goes on every week in maths lessons, as well as at home. Huge congratulations!



## UK MATHS TRUST REGIONAL FINAL

**A** team of four Seniors participated in the UK Maths Trust's Regional Final on Friday 19th April. The competition is designed for the most able Year 9 and Year 8 students, so our team of three Year 8's and one Year 7 performed extremely well, coming a highly commendable 10th place against very stiff competition. Well done Angie, Yousef, Joseph and Edward – keep up the fantastic mathematical problem-solving work!



## HALLFIELD SCHOOL STARS SHINE IN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

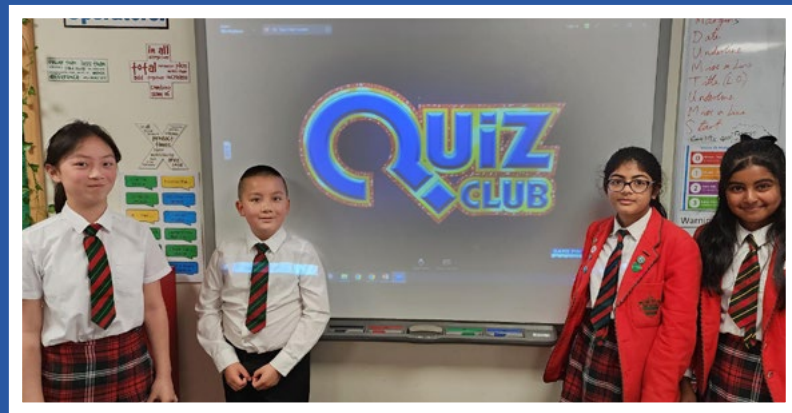
**A**naadh, Hari, and Jai were fantastic in the Mercian Prep School's Athletics championships, gearing up for the National Finals with exceptional performances.

FIND OUT MORE



## YEAR 6 TEAM COMPETES IN MATHS NATIONAL QUIZ CLUB FINALS

**O**ur team of four Year 6 pupils, Marcus, Mark, Matthew and Rohan recently competed in the national online final of Quiz Club for maths! The Quiz Club National Championships have been an amazing journey, boosting confidence, broadening knowledge, and fostering great teamwork. Above all, it was fantastic fun for our pupils. Well done Year 6 for your effort!



## NATIONAL QUIZ CLUB COMPETITION

**T**wo teams of our highest scoring Y5's and Y6's from the Junior Maths Challenge got to compete in a national 'Quiz Club' maths competition against some of the best schools in the UK for mathematics.

Well done to Jaden, Amelia, Yiran and Avni in team Hallfield 2, who finished 74th out of over 120 teams, and Marcus, Mark, Matthew and Rohan in the Hallfield 1 team, who qualified for the semi-finals, finishing 22nd in the heat.

They all worked really well in their teams and did Hallfield proud; a big well done from Mr Hewer!



## A DAZZLING DEBUT

**C**ongratulations to Giaan on his debut for Warwickshire CC. He was selected as No.1 batter and was the youngest player. Giaan scored well into the double figures and was praised by the coach for his maturity, braveness and technical ability. Well done, Giaan!

## HUMAIRA SHINES AT WARWICKSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

**H**umaira and her sister Hafsa (who is an Old Hallfieldian), received a special invitation from the Warwickshire Cricket Foundation to take part in the Chance to Shine programmes.

Joining a lively group of U11 girls and boys, aged between 10-14, they enthusiastically took part in a modified cricket match, where the use of a taped ball allowed for longer throws. Split into two teams, the participants eagerly competed, with Humaira's team emerging victorious!

The event was made even more exciting by the presence of three esteemed cricket players, including England stars Heather Knight, Adil Rashid, and Dawid Malan, who joined in the showcase tape ball cricket match alongside women's cricket enthusiasts and TV personalities. This star-studded affair brought together members from England's men's, women's, and physical disability teams, along with media and entertainment celebrities, grassroots tape ball players, and children from the local Chance to Shine programs supported by the Warwickshire Cricket Foundation.

Way to go, Humaira, it's fantastic to witness your growth and development in cricket!



## NATIONAL PREP SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 2024

**H**ari and Jai represented Hallfield and the Mercia region in the National Prep School Athletics Championship Finals which was held at The Alexander Stadium. This saw only the top 2 athletes in each event from each region across England and Scotland competing across the range of events. Hari had qualified for the High Jump, and both Hari and Jai had qualified for the 100m.

READ THE FULL STORY



## A HOWLING SUCCESS

**W**ell done to Ansh who competed in the Wolf Run, successfully completing a 6km race held in Leicester to raise money for his football team.





# HALLFIELD INSIGHTS AN OPERATIC NIGHT WITH TÜLAY UYAR

**T**ülay mesmerised the audience on Thursday evening, with a captivating performance featuring songs from her repertoire, accompanied by pianist Jonathan French. The evening offered insights into the life of a professional opera singer, showcased music from renowned operas and Disney classics, and featured a delightful collaboration with Hallfield's Chamber Choir!

## Who is Tülay Uyar?

Turkish soprano Tülay Uyar's illustrious career spans over 35 countries, gracing prestigious concert halls and opera houses worldwide. Trained by renowned artists and holding degrees from top institutions, Tülay has performed lead roles in operas such as Handel's "Semele" and "Alcina," captivating audiences with her mesmerising voice.

Her diverse repertoire includes musicals like "West Side Story" and collaborations with symphonic orchestras, interpreting works from Beethoven to Elgar. Tülay is also the Turkish voice of Disney characters in films like "Cinderella" and "The Little Mermaid."

With her extraordinary vocal talent and musical versatility, Tülay Uyar continues to enchant audiences globally.

## Chamber choir opens Insights

Hallfield's very own Chamber Choir opened the event with their wonderful rendition of 'Ave Verum'.



SEE ALL OF  
**TÜLAY UYAR'S**  
PERFORMANCES,  
AND MORE

## Turkish Soprano Tülay Uyar takes center stage

Tülay Uyar was accompanied by pianist Jonathan French, who appeared by kind permission of Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Tülay kicked off the show with a mesmerising performance, starting with W.A. Mozart's 'Das Lied der Trennung' KV519. She then enchanted the audience with 'Du sollst der Kaiser meiner Seele sein' from R. Stolz's 'Der Favorit' before concluding with the vibrant 'Granada' by A. Lara.

## Journey to Operatic stardom

A Q&A session delved into Tülay's early life and education, shedding light on the formative experiences that shaped her musical journey. Tülay shared insights into her upbringing and musical development. The session also touched upon her dedication to practice, the pivotal moment she realised her potential in opera, and how her academic studies paved the way for her successful career in the music industry.



## Tülay enchants us through film scores

Tülay took to the stage once more and mesmerised the audience with her enchanting renditions of iconic film scores. From the haunting melody of “Parla più piano” from “The Godfather” to the ethereal beauty of “Nella Fantasia” from “The Mission,” Tülay transported listeners to cinematic realms of emotion and nostalgia. Concluding with the timeless charm of “I Could Have Danced All Night” from “My Fair Lady,” her performance showcased the versatility and artistry that have defined her musical career.



## Unveiling the magic

In another engaging Q&A session, Tülay shared insights into her captivating dual roles as a Disney performer and opera singer. Delving into her Disney experience, she reveals the process behind her involvement with the iconic studio, shedding light on the intricacies of recording each movie and crafting distinct voices for beloved characters. Transitioning to her life as an opera singer, Tülay provides a glimpse into her daily routine, preparation rituals before performances, and the joys of captivating live audiences. From vocal care practices to cherished memories of performances and dream roles, Tülay’s journey offers inspiration and invaluable advice for aspiring singers.



## A whole new world

The culmination of an evening filled with musical magic, the grand finale featured the Chamber Choir joining forces with Tülay in a breathtaking rendition of ‘A Whole New World’ from Disney’s Aladdin. With Tülay’s ethereal vocals blending seamlessly with the choir’s harmonies, the stage was set for an unforgettable conclusion to the show!

## HALLFIELD INSIGHTS HAPPY FAMILIES WITH DR ANDY COPE

As part of the Hallfield Insights series, we were thrilled to welcome Dr. Andy Cope, a renowned wellbeing revolutionary, for a special event titled “Happy Families”.

### Boosting positivity

Andy led two interactive workshops for pupils in Year 4 to Year 8, focusing on the importance of choosing to be positive and identifying “mood hoovers”—those individuals who drain positivity.

### Aim high, stay positive

During these engaging sessions, Andy emphasised the significance of striving to be part of the top 2% on the positivity spectrum, inspiring our young learners to adopt a more positive outlook for their future. His message aimed to equip children to stay calm, positive, and supportive, ultimately fostering strong relationships that can navigate



the ups and downs of modern life. The workshops were not only informative but also fun, offering simple principles to help the children long-term.

### The challenges of growing up in the modern world

In the evening, Andy Cope kicked off our Hallfield Insights event series with his unique perspective on creating “Happy Families” to an eager audience of both children and adults.

Growing up has always come with a set of challenges – exams, relationships, and the struggle to fit in. However, the modern world has introduced a new set of complexities: social media, artificial intelligence, a pandemic, wars, the climate emergency, and neurodiversity. For teenagers and young people, life is hitting hard.

These added pressures have redefined parenting. Holding everything together now requires a mix of common sense and luck. While there is no one-size-fits-all approach to being a child or a parent, there are some quick wins that can help families flourish.



## Part 1: Describe your life as a Mood Hoover...

In the year 2050, what job are you doing? How do you feel? Who are you with? How do people describe you? What have you achieved? What's your lifestyle?

Part 2: Describe your life as a 2%er  
Same questions as above



SPECIAL FEATURES

## Practical strategies for family well-being

In his insightful and engaging presentation, Andy shared practical strategies designed to help all family members remain calm, positive, and supportive. Emphasising the importance of strong relationships that can weather life's ups and downs, Andy encouraged families to reduce screen time and engage in meaningful conversations instead – he also shared some intense statistics which made the audience rethink their time around the family table.

## Embracing “Hygge”

Andy introduced us to the concept of Hygge (pronounced hoo-gah)—the Danish lifestyle approach that embraces comfort and joy through simple, cost-free pleasures. Both children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the event!





## HALLFIELD SCHOOL SPEECH AND PRIZE GIVING DAY 2024

It was Friday 28 June 2024 – the sun was shining and a hum of excitement filled the air at The Great Hall – University of Birmingham.

### A celebration of achievements

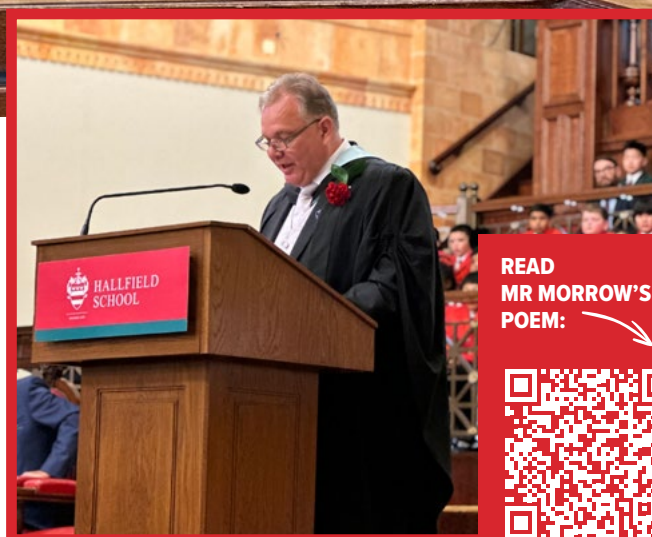
Our annual Speech and Prize Giving Day brings the Hallfield community together in celebration of the pupils' achievements and our incredible school.

The platform party entered the hall to a lively rendition of "Oh Happy Day" by Edwin Hawkins. Once seated Year 1 and 2 kicked off vocal performances with Living and Learning by Mark & Helen Johnson (1998 © Out of the Ark Ltd) and Keep on Smiling by Jane Carr (2017 © Out of the Ark Ltd).

### "Wonderful, uplifting performances"

"Wonderful, uplifting performances" is how Mr Guy Ralphs; Chair of Governors applauded the children's performances from Year 1 to Year 8. He then went on to highlight pupil achievement, affirming that 90% of pupils achieved their first choice of secondary school, with a special nod to the 28% that received scholarships.

**"90% of pupils achieved their first choice of secondary school"**



READ MR MORROW'S POEM:



### Another Year Has Passed, by Mr K B Morrow, Aged 53 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Following Mr Ralphs' introduction and opening remarks, Mr Morrow made his address, this year with a self-written poem humorously titled: Another Year Has Passed, By Mr K B Morrow, Aged 53 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> that beautifully captured the last academic year in all its glory.





## Introducing our Head Children

The Head Children then took to the stage and gave heartfelt accounts of their time at Hallfield. The common thread was that Hallfield to them was very much a home away from home, a place that provides opportunities and experiences.

Then the announcement of the new House Captains and Head Children came. The hall was still and poised to attention. Congratulations to the following children in their leadership roles.

### Head Children

Head Boy: Adam

Head Girl: Sofia

Deputy Head Boy: Maxwell

Deputy Head Girl: Mia

### House Captains

House Captain (Nowers): Aman

House Captain (Stork): Sylvie

House Captain (Ridgway): Aisha

House Captain (Pughe): Edward

READ THEIR  
FULL SPEECHES  
AT THE BLOG:



## Guest of honour

It was then time for our honorary guest, Dr Andy Cope to speak to the audience. Dr Andy Cope is a wellbeing expert, best-selling author and recovering academic.

An expert in delivering inspirational keynotes on wellbeing, leadership, resilience and change to audiences around the world with simplicity and humour. Professionals, children and families alike benefit from his words of wisdom and inspiration to live and find happiness in the moment and mundanity of our every day.

He has written multiple books that have topped the self-help and business charts. He is also a children's author selling over a million copies of his spy dog series.

## Andy Cope: "Never forget how to play"

Andy's speech was nothing short of energetic, inspiring and thoughtful. "WOW" is how he described Hallfield School and his experience of it over the few days he had spent with us: "Pupils: WOW, staff: WOW, facilities: WOW!"

Dr Andy's message was to never let anyone tell you what you can or cannot be, what you can and cannot aspire to. And his second was for the children to not rush through childhood – savour every moment and never forget how to play!

## Let the prize giving commence

The room was full of support and applause for all our Year 2, 6 & 8 prize winners whose hard work and dedication paid off. Pupils were recognised for their effort in: Attainment (across the curriculum), All Round Effort, Exemplary Conduct, as well as all the different subjects within their curriculum.

There were a number of special awards too, such as the Kathryn Cartwright Community Spirit Award. This recognises a pupil that demonstrates community spirit and support for others and good causes. This went to Ellen. The Head Master Award for an all-round outstanding contribution went to Levizah. The All Day Cup goes to a boy who shows good sportsmanship and that was awarded to Ibraheem. And finally, the Derry Bowl which is awarded to a girl for good Sportsmanship went to Olivia.

It was a wonderful celebration to end another successful year at Hallfield School.



## CELEBRATING CULTURES

**W**e welcomed pupils who have celebrated Easter, Vaisakhi, Eid, Nowruz, Holi and Puthandu to wear cultural dress to mark the celebrations! It was wonderful to see such a colourful array of clothing to mark the occasions.



## AN EDUCATIONAL VISIT FROM NANJING

**W**e had the pleasure of hosting a delegation from the Nanjing Educational Bureau, led by their Director and the Principal of JinLing School. They're exploring potential collaborations, and we're thrilled to be part of this exchange.

Our Headmaster, Mr Morrow, met with them and showcased our school's highlights. They were incredibly enthusiastic and we're hopeful for future collaboration.



## PROJECT 150 UPDATE

**T**here has been tremendous progress made on the build of our new classrooms.

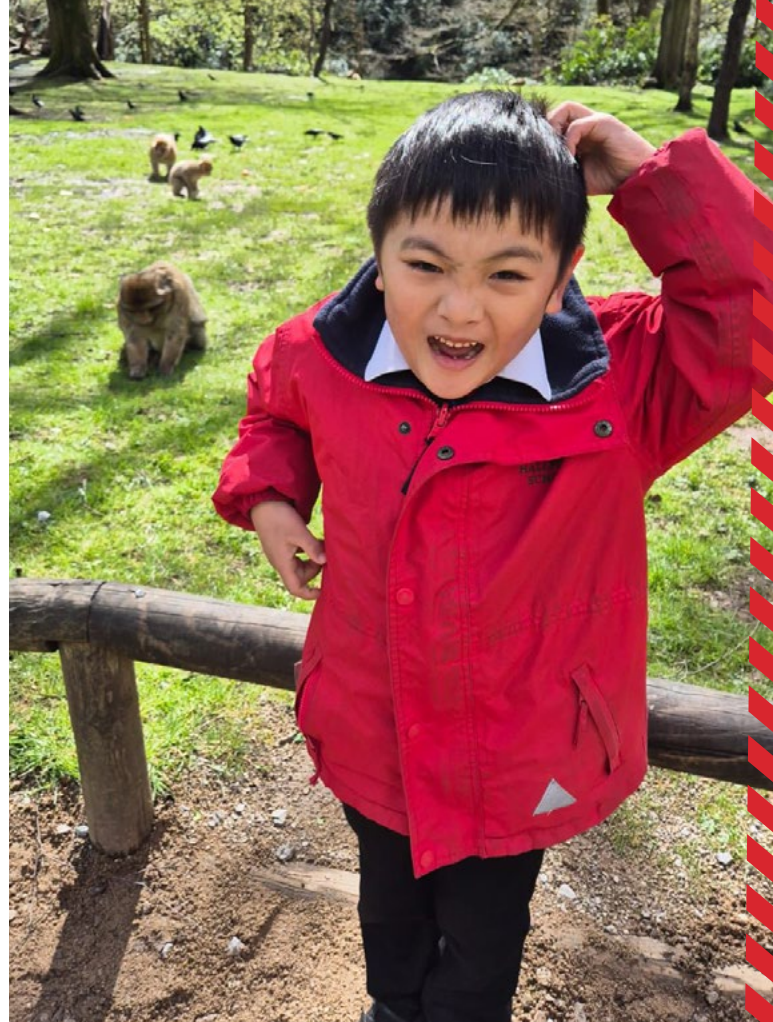
Check out how the building has come on since our breaking ground announcement.





## YEAR 1 VISIT TRENTHAM MONKEY FOREST

**Y**ear 1 adventurers had a blast exploring Trentham Monkey Forest! They were given a unique opportunity to observe these fascinating animals up close, learning all about their habits, anatomy and behaviour.



## YEAR 3 BOUNDLESS OUTDOORS

**Y**ear 3 embarked on an adventurous outdoor journey filled with excitement and learning opportunities. They eagerly participated in various activities such as problem-solving, orienteering, nightline, grass sledging, bushcraft and archery. The children cherished the moments of teamwork and pushing their boundaries.



# BONJOUR! YEAR 6 AND SENIORS EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

## Bon voyage!

After a 5am start and long and tiring day of travel pupils were very glad to settle into their rooms on Monday evening. Everyone was impressed with the beautiful chateau, located in the Picardy region of Northern France, certainly giving the children an archetypal French experience! The children tucked into a lovely dinner before exploring, unpacking and preparing for a good night sleep.

## A day in Amiens

For the first full day in France the children visited Amiens where they got to do a spot of shopping. A visit to the Notre-Dame then followed, where they had a tour of the cathedral, which didn't fail to impress!

In the afternoon the group visited the Grotte de Niaux where they explored the underground system used during both the first and second world wars. The children thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience of a mysterious journey into the heart of history.

The highlight of the day must be indulging in a crepe at a traditional French creperie.

The children returned to the chateau to a hearty dinner followed by an evening of entertainment including volleyball and Pétanque.



## Paris, je t'aime

Day 3 and it's off to Paris! Pupils started the morning off with incredible views from the Montparnasse Observatory.

The children ascended the tower to the top floor where they enjoyed magnificent views of the city, pupils were also able to identify and learn about the most significant landmarks in Paris. Children enjoyed the opportunity to spend some of their spending money at the souvenir shop at the top of the tower, in addition to buying a snack or drink at the café too! They were also lucky that the terrace at the very top of the tower was open so they could benefit from taking in the views from a different angle.



Next up was a boat river cruise along La Seine which was simply fantastic! Pupils enjoyed close up views of the Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, Le Musée D'Orsay and many more! After the river cruise the children enjoyed an ice cream which they successfully ordered themselves using their French language skills!

After a jam packed day the children returned to the château to a delicious dinner followed by some excellent sport games led by Mr Moffatt.

### Delving into history

It was a busy and memorable last day in France firstly visiting the Albert Museum in the town of Albert, then progressing to Thiepval, the largest Commonwealth war memorial in the world and Beaumont Hamel. To end the days explorations the children had a quick visit to Mont Didier where they fitted in some last-minute shopping and French language practice.

On Friday it was an early start to catch the ferry home. The children did the school proud, demonstrating excellent behaviour and a genuine enthusiasm in every opportunity presented to them. Well done!





## A WEEK IN THE LAKES

**Y**ear 5 pupils travelled to the Lake District for a four-night stay at Ullswater Centre. The trip encourages self-management, resilience, problem-solving and teamwork. Staying in the heart of the UK's largest national park, with direct access to Ullswater Lake in a Georgian grade II listed building, the children were delighted by the picturesque views. Being surrounded by 18 acres of woodland, outdoor space was plentiful. Pupils loved exploring the vast site and enjoyed nights reflecting around the campfire.

## YEAR 2'S VISIT TO THE GURDWARA

**Y**ear 2 had the opportunity to visit GNNSJ Gurdwara. They were able to learn all about the history of the building, what it is used for on a daily basis and some important foundations of Sikh traditions. At the end of the morning, they visited the inside of the dome at the very top. It was absolutely stunning and full of hundreds of mirrors! All the children were incredibly respectful and appreciated the beauty and peace of this special place of worship.

## YEAR 1 VISIT THINKTANK

**Y**ear 1 visited the Planetarium to experience the Night Dome Show, and then explored the MiniBum, Wildlife, and Science Garden areas of the Thinktank. They had a wonderful time of fun learning during their visit!





## MAKING MEMORIES IN CRANEDALE

**Y**ear 4 headed to Yorkshire for a 3-night residential in Cranedale. It was an incredible experience embracing the great outdoors, cementing their geography studies from the classroom, team building and creating lasting memories with friends.

The teachers were incredibly proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm, in addition to the positive commentary from members of the public they met along the way.

Well done Year 4!



## YEAR 2 BUILD MEMORIES AT LEGOLAND

**Y**ear 2 pupils had an incredible day at Legoland Windsor! This trip marks an exciting end to their journey through the Pre-Prep phase, filled with laughter, learning, and Lego creations that sparked the imagination of every child. From thrilling rides to fascinating exhibits, our little explorers had a blast!

A big thank you to the amazing staff who helped make this day so special.



## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE...

**O**ur Year 5 pupils embarked on an exciting trip to Stratford-upon-Avon for a day filled with Shakespeare-related activities.

In the morning, they had the opportunity to explore Anne Hathaway's family home, where they learned about her life. This immersive experience provided insight into the life of the renowned playwright's wife and how Shakespeare's legacy continues to influence us today. Pupils then visited Holy Trinity Church, where Shakespeare is laid to rest.

After enjoying a packed lunch, the pupils participated in a tailored workshop at the Swan Theatre's Education Centre. This workshop aligned with our English curriculum focus for the term, centred around William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream".



## WILLOWS EXPLORE AARIYA'S GARDEN

**W**illows enjoyed exploring Aariya's Garden and climbing the hill to come down the slide, they also stopped to pose for some pictures





## YEAR 2 & 3 MATHS ORIENTEERING

**O**ur Year 2 and Year 3 pupils embarked on an exciting challenge. They had to use their maths solving skills to find clues and answers on our school grounds using a map. This cross-curricular activity, bridging Pre-Prep and Prep Levels, proved to be an absolute blast, capturing the curiosity of all the children involved!



## CULTIVATING GREEN FINGERS IN FOUNDATION

**C**hildren in FCM planted beans and have been looking after them, ensuring they are exposed to sunlight and that our special helpers are watering them each day. We are very excited to see that some of the beans have started to grow!



## BRINGING THE BEAT BACK

**Y**ear 1 children are making waves in their music class as they learn their new topic, 'Beat.' From tapping toes to keeping time with the big bass drums, these young learners are discovering the joy of music-making!



## ALL ABOUT ANIMALS

The animal man (Animal in Hands) visited Hallfield First, Foundation and Reception, bringing along a barn owl, spider, frog, millipede, bunny, snake and more! The children had an amazing time learning about these animals and their roles in the environment.





## FOUNDATION VISIT ASH END FARM

**F**oundation children have been busy learning about British animals and their environments. They enjoyed a visit to Ash End House Children's Farm to see these animals up close.



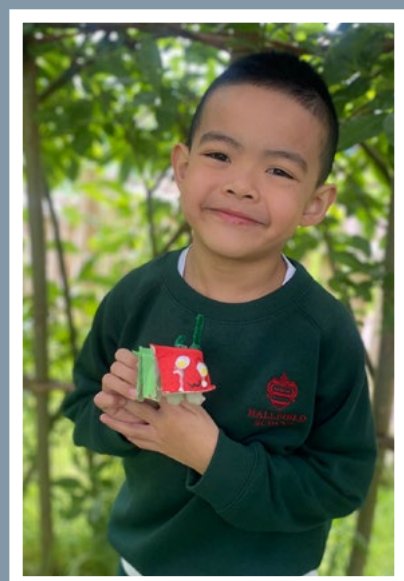
## EXPLORING THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Reception children had a fantastic time visiting the Birmingham Botanical Gardens to complement their learning of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and its butterfly lifecycle. Using magnifying containers, they examined minibeasts found under logs and in the grass. They enjoyed exploring the pond for frogspawn, algae, newts, and flies. The children also discovered a bug hotel and had fun playing in the treetops park.



## RE-USE & RECYCLE

Reception have discussed the importance of recycling to help our planet, whether that is turning materials into something new or reusing them for a different purpose. RGW re-used egg boxes to make our own 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'.





## SCRUMPTIOUS SUSHI

**O**ur Year 4 and Year 6 pupils had an incredible time diving into the world of sushi making at the Thomas Franks cooking workshop. From rolling techniques to mastering flavours, they had an absolute blast and picked up loads of new skills along the way.



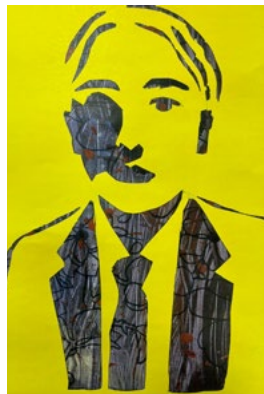
## SENIOR EXPERIENCE & DESTINATIONS DAY

**W**e were thrilled to host our Senior School Experience Day for Year 5. Pupils engaged in science and DT workshops, enjoyed a captivating Science Show led by Heads of Departments from visiting senior schools, and participated in climbing and martial arts workshops. The climbing frame provided an amazing and incredibly fun experience for the children, as well as Mrs Florida-James! Additionally, the children had the opportunity to create personalised tote bags in the DT workshop, adding their own creative touch to the day's activities.



## YEAR 6'S INCREDIBLE ART

**Y**ear 6 have been completing their stencil cut portraits in the style of Patrick Astwood this term. We think they look amazing and the pupils should be incredibly proud of the results!



## YEAR 4 RIDING THE RADIO WAVES

**R**aahil, Hannah, Jaiya and Harman for 4GJ were very enthusiastic in the Hallfield Radio Enrichment session. They created a mini podcast about their favourite sports, producing it themselves.



## YEAR 4 VIKING AND ANGLO-SAXONS DAY

**F**ollowing a term of learning the history of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, Year 4 had the opportunity to bring that learning to life by dressing up in costume and enjoying activities related to these two tribes. These activities included tug of war, throwing, weaving, and they also got to re-enact their behaviours in drama. The children had a great time living up to their costumes with menacing facial expressions and excellent characterisation!



## YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 PARENT & CHILD READING WORKSHOPS

**T**hank you to everyone who attended the Year 3 and 4 Reading Workshop this term. It was a wonderful session where we explored the VIPERS reading skills and enjoyed meaningful activities with our children. Your participation and enthusiasm made it a great success!



## YEAR 6 & SENIORS CAREERS TALK

**T**his term's Year 6 & Seniors Career Talk saw Consultant Endocrinologist Dr Zaki Hassan-Smith come to Hallfield.

Dr Hassan-Smith captivated the pupils with his insights into the world of endocrinology, a specialty that focuses on the intricate and vital hormone systems within our bodies. He emphasised the dedication and attention to detail required to excel in medicine, highlighting the impact endocrinologists have, as well as sharing a great activity.

Thank you, Dr Hassan-Smith, for your time and for sharing your valuable experience with us!

If you would like to take part in our Career Talk series then please email Head of Prep – Clare Florida-James as we look to put together a new programme from September: [cfjames@hallfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:cfjames@hallfieldschool.co.uk)



## 5CW CAPTURE THE SOUNDS OF EDGBASTON

Some of the children in 5CW made the most of the beautifully sunny weather and composed their city soundscapes outside, as part of this half-term's project in Music about Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, which was written about the sounds of New York. 5CW are recreating the sounds of Edgbaston!



## HALLFIELD ELECTION DAY

In enrichment the Politics and Media Skills group has been busy organising the Hallfield Election. Prep and Senior pupils, Sahiba, Kai, Amelia and Adam presented their manifestos and recorded messages through the Hallfield radio station. On election day, Thursday 4th July, they delivered rousing speeches to win votes. The voting was exclusive to Prep and Senior pupils, with no adults allowed.

A massive well done to Kai in the Upgrade UK party for winning the school election!



## QUILLS CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Quills Creative Writing Club enjoyed their session in the beautiful surroundings of Aariya's Garden. Pupils shared the pieces they have been working on in a sunshine (and shade!) celebration of their literature. Pupils shared a mix of poems and prose, all topped off with an ice lolly to keep cool!





## ROCKIN' ADVENTURES WITH YEAR 6 & SENIORS

The Year 6 & Seniors bouldering crew at the end of their last session for Enrichment, visited The Depot Climbing in Digbeth. They had a fantastic time - a new hobby discovered for the children!

## JCB NATIONAL CAREERS FINAL

Team JCBees wrapped up their amazing presentation to the judging panel at the National Careers Challenge Finals at Doncaster Racecourse. They were brilliant! At the event, Mr Lowe showcased his Batak skills, everyone enjoyed the trade stands and challenges, and Marcus had fun experimenting with liquid nitrogen and fresh flowers.





## GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!

**W**e celebrated our Year 6 leavers with an end-of-year barbeque. It was a fantastic final event filled with games, delicious food and lots of reminiscing. Good luck Year 6, enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you at future Old Hallfieldian events.



### Are you an Old Hallfieldian?

Then don't miss out on our exciting alumni programme. Get in touch with Kat De Polo for more information: [kdepolo@hallfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:kdepolo@hallfieldschool.co.uk)





## SENIOR SAMBA WORKSHOP

**O**ur Seniors had a blast during their Seniors Samba Workshop with Nick Ledbury, who is known from his Glamba Drumming and BBC fame. The energy was infectious, and we can't wait to see our Seniors dive deeper into their Samba topic. Let's keep the rhythm going!



## HOTLY DEBATED!

**Y**ear 6 and Seniors ruled the airwaves on Hallfield Radio. The topic on our weekly lunch show, "How Hallfield Hears It" centred around certification of films. Our presenters debated whether age certificates on films were necessary or whether it should be up to parents to deem what was suitable for their children to watch.



## A ROYAL SHOW IN MALVERN

**Y**ear 8 pupils enjoyed a rural treat by travelling to the Royal Three Counties Show in Malvern. The day comprised of watching a log chopping competition, seeing farriers and sheep shearers at work, fishing real fish out of the lake, and admiring a whole host of animals such as goats, alpacas, chicken, sheep, pigs, cattle and horses. The boys then had a bit of free time and had the opportunity to watch show jumping and a motor cycle display team. Finally, they took part in a Lacrosse taster!



## PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW...

**O**ur Seniors embarked on a captivating journey to the Alexandra Theatre with Mr Morrow to witness the vibrant adaptation of 'Romeo & Juliet' to complement their studies. This fresh and exhilarating take on Shakespeare's classic tale, injected new life and humour into the story of 'two star-crossed lovers', which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed!





## ELOCUTION COMPETITION FINAL 2024

**P**upils from Years 2 to 8 took part in the Elocution Competition Final. A panel of discerning judges were joined by Kirsty McAllister, who is the Head of Academic Enrichment at Solihull School. Pupils performed a range of poems, monologues and literary extracts in the Prep Hall to a supportive audience of pupils, teachers and parents. Participants did amazingly well at keeping their cool, not getting tongue tied and articulating to perfection. Well done to the winners: Clara, Haniya, Manveer, Amelie-Mia, Ansh and Sofia.



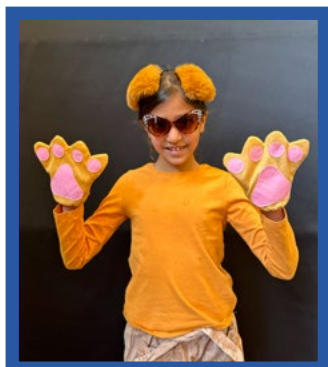
## YEAR 5 SAX CONCERT

**A**fter just two terms of learning the jSax pupils performed a selection of jazz tunes. They were truly brave to play a less than simple instrument to a hall full of parents, pupils and teachers – and they did so well, showing commitment and a new found enjoyment of an instrument. Everyone was so impressed, particularly by those that came forward to do solos – some of which were improvised. Watch out Ronnie Scott's!



## YEAR 2 DRAMA SHOWCASE

Year 2's Fairy Tale Showcase was a magical evening to remember! 2NC captivated us with "The Elves and the Shoemaker," 2HA delighted us with "The Towering Turnip," and 2EB charmed us with "The Gingerbread Man." The performances were filled with wonderful acting, singing, and dancing, warming our hearts and inspiring us with timeless lessons. The pupils performed excellently, with outstanding energy and character portrayals. Well done, Year 2, we eagerly anticipate your future productions.



## TEATIME CONCERT

We hosted another Teatime Concert, this time led by our House Music Captains. Well done to everyone involved - another fantastic performance!





## HALLFIELD MUSIC PROM

**O**ur school music ensembles and choirs came together for the Hallfield Music Prom. The Chamber and Centenary Choirs delivered stunning performances of a Queen Medley and Give Someone a Smile!

Our Brass Band played In the Hall of the Mountain King, and the Swing Band brought Hawaii 5-0 to life. We also enjoyed performances from the Snare Drum Corps, Wind Band, Double Reed Ensemble, String Ensemble, Staff Choir, and Hallfield Orchestra!

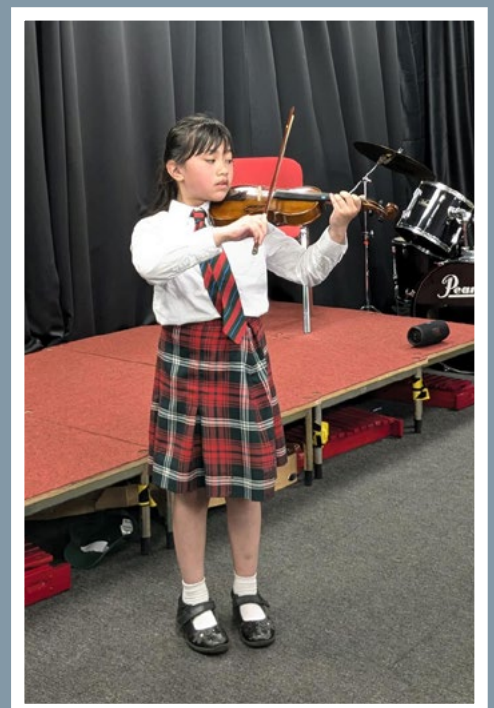
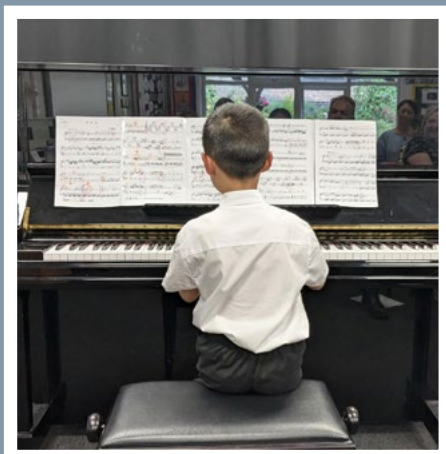
To top off the evening, our massed ensembles, choirs, and audience joined together to sing Land of Hope and Glory. It was a truly magical night filled with unforgettable performances and heartfelt music.

The music department would like to extend a huge thank you for your support throughout this academic year. What a fantastic way to finish!



## MUSIC SCHOLARS' CONCERT

**W**e had our termly Music Scholars' Concert! Well done to all the children who performed – your hard work has paid off!



# OLIVER! JR COMES TO HALLFIELD SCHOOL

The stage was set, the lights dimmed, and the anticipation in the air was palpable as the young performers stepped into the spotlight to captivate the audience with their enchanting production of Oliver! Jr. Based on the beloved Charles Dickens novel and inspired by the hit musical, this adaptation brought the streets of Victorian England to life with the story of Oliver Twist.

## Hallfield Prep Hall transformed

The meticulously designed sets transformed the stage into the bustling streets of Victorian England, the dark and mysterious hideout of Fagin, and the welcoming home of Mr. Brownlow. Each scene immersed the audience in the story's rich and vibrant world, enhancing the already captivating performances.

## Curtain up!

In the titular role, Joshua brilliantly embodied the character of Oliver. Drawing inspiration from the beloved Oliver Twist in both the original novel and the musical adaptation, he skilfully portrayed the young orphan's innocence, determination, and unwavering spirit. From his daring escape from the workhouse to his heartwarming quest for family and belonging, every aspect of Oliver's character was brought to life on stage, leaving the audience in awe.



## First class performance

Beyond Oliver, the production showcased a host of unforgettable characters, each played with exceptional talent by the young performers. The cunning and elderly Fagin, portrayed by Thomas, brought to life how people survived in London once upon a time. The mischievous escapades of the Artful Dodger, played by Marcus, and the boisterous antics of Bill Sikes, played by Ansh, provided moments of delightful humour and tension. Siyona, as the compassionate Nancy, delivered a standout performance, her powerful singing leaving the audience spellbound.

The performances were elevated by the props, such as the intricate pickpocketing scenes and the dramatic moments in Fagin's hideout. The heartwarming rendition of "Consider Yourself" resonated deeply with spectators of all ages, highlighting the themes of family and belonging, and reminding us of the children's transition from the workhouse to their new lives.



### Behind the scenes

Behind the scenes, the dedication and hard work of the cast and crew shone through. The tireless efforts of the students and staff ensured that every detail was meticulously crafted. The energy and enthusiasm of the ensemble cast were infectious, inspiring the entire audience and leaving them spellbound.

Oliver is more than a gripping tale; it carries profound lessons for all who witness it. Oliver's unwavering innocence and resilience remind us of the importance of maintaining hope and purity, even amidst adversity. His quest for belonging and identity resonates deeply, illustrating the universal human longing for acceptance and love. The production vividly portrayed the message that every individual, regardless of their circumstances, deserves compassion and a chance at a better life.



SCAN TO VIEW  
MORE PICTURES  
FROM THE  
PRODUCTION!



# OLIVER! JR: MEET THE CAST

**Tell us about your role. Who do you play? Did you enjoy it? And was it the character you wanted?**

**Josh:** I play the character Oliver Twist and enjoy it as it's a main role! I wanted to play Dodger or Oliver – so you can imagine how happy I am!

**Thomas:** I play Fagin and love being this character! I am so glad I got this role as I wanted to be Fagin!

**Marcus:** In the production, Oliver, I am playing the role of the Artful Dodger and straight from the beginning I had wanted to play the role of the Artful Dodger. I really enjoy the role as it is a fun and lively character in the play.

**Siyona:** I play the role of Nancy and I really enjoy it. Originally, I did not think I would get the role of Nancy, so I was mainly trying to get the role of Bet. So when I got the role of Nancy I was delighted!

**Ansh:** I play Bill Sikes, and I thoroughly enjoy it and there is a large element of seriousness! Originally I wanted to Artful Dodger but I am very happy with Bill Sikes!

**Did you know the story of Oliver before the play? If so, what is your favourite part of the story?**

**Josh:** Not until I watched the movie. I really enjoyed when Oliver enters Fagin's den.

**Thomas:** No, I wasn't familiar with the story but now I am an expert on it. My favourite part is when I sing pick a pocket or two. I love the song!

**Marcus:** I have only read the beginning of the book Oliver and the movie. My favourite part is when the Dodger meets Oliver for the first time because it is the first time someone is nice to Oliver.

**Siyona:** I did not know the story of Oliver before the play, so when I found out, I watched the movie and loved it. I then went onto borrowing the book from the school library!

**Ansh:** Yes, I did know the story of Oliver. My favourite part of the story would be when Oliver gets scared of Brownlow and when he gets reunited.

**What has been your best memory of rehearsal to date?**

**Josh:** My best memory would be when the set was made and seeing Fagin's den come to life.

**Thomas:** When everyone did a big run through and I got to see everyone acting who I hadn't seen before.

**Marcus:** My best memory is getting my solo's moves – Consider Yourself, correct for the first time.

**Siyona:** My best memory from Oliver was probably the first after school rehearsal with everybody in it. I got to see all the scenes.

**What are you looking forward to the most about opening night?**

**Josh:** I am looking forward to doing my solo 'where is love' as it is my main song.



**Thomas:** I am looking forward to the whole production coming together and the crowd's reaction!

**Marcus:** I am looking forward to all the audience watching my hard work pay off after all these months practising.

**Siyona:** I am looking forward to perform in full costumes with all the lighting, sound effects and with an audience.

**Ansh:** I am looking forward to when the parents see us in costume and at the end when we get a huge clap.

**How much do you practice at home?**

**Josh:** I usually practice everyday and read the whole script, highlighting and trying to remember my lines.

**Thomas:** I practice my lines most days for a few minutes. On the weekends, I practice a bit longer.

**Marcus:** I usually practice around an hour every day where I run through the entire script until I get all my lines correctly.

**Siyona:** I usually spend around 30 minutes a day practising for Oliver split between my lines and songs.

**Ansh:** I practice a bit at home; I learn my lines and always practice my accent as that is a big part!

**Will you take part in future productions?**

**Josh:** Yes, of course. I love to participate in productions and getting main character roles. I like to be live in front of the whole school.

**Thomas:** Yes, I will and look forward to participating in the future!

**Marcus:** I will most certainly take part in future productions because these plays create opportunities for confidence, but they are also great experiences that you will remember for life.

**Siyona:** I have thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsals so far. It has been an amazing experience and I am looking forward to the opening night. I would love to do more productions in the future!

**Ansh:** Yes, I definitely will! In my future secondary school, I will carry on doing a lot of productions.

FIND OUT  
MORE  
ABOUT  
THE CAST





**We are proud of our support for charities and the thousands of pounds that Hallfield pupils have raised for worthy causes.**

## **MYLO & BENNY RACE FOR LIFE**

**M**ylo and Benny enthusiastically stepped up to participate in a challenging 10k Race for Life event held at the picturesque Walsall Arboretum. Their commitment to the cause was further strengthened as they were joined by 20 supportive family members, all eager to contribute to the event. Together, they dedicated their time and effort to raise an impressive sum of £2,043.50 in support of Cancer Research UK. Well done boys!



## **HALLFIELD CHALLENGE CHARITY**

**Y**ear 6 took on the Hallfield Challenge this week by setting up their own charity stands. They sold homemade lemonade, stickers, pencils, and various other small items.

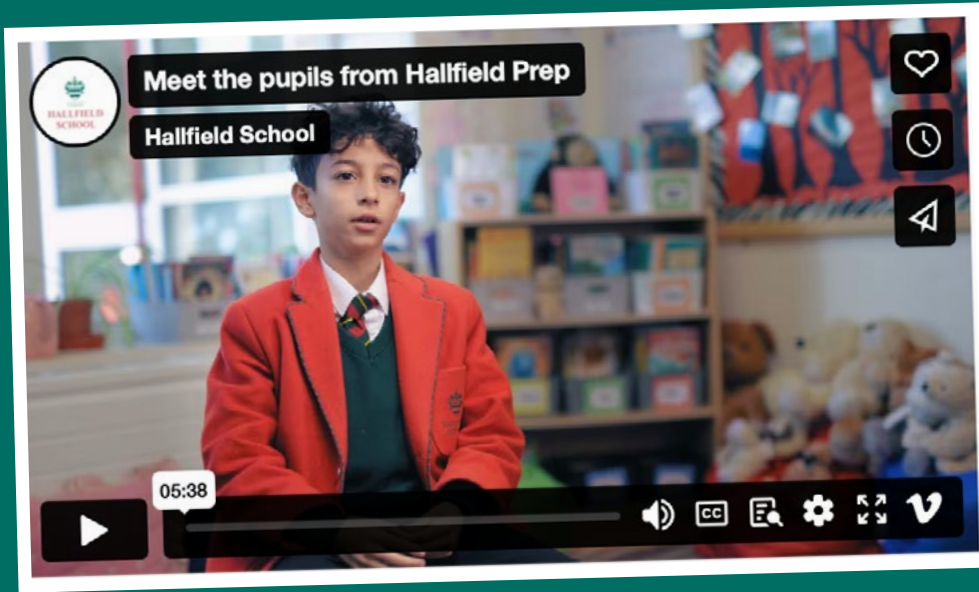
One group dedicated their lemonade stand to raising funds of £129.15 for Ronald McDonald House Charities UK, a cause dear to Mr. Woolhead's heart.

Another group impressively raised £505.69, which will be donated to Unique Home Jalandhar in India. This charity supports young people worldwide, focusing on children, especially girls, who have been abandoned by their parents.

Well done, Year 6!



# DISCOVER MORE ABOUT HALLFIELD BY WATCHING OUR SCHOOL VIDEOS!



**MEET THE PUPILS FROM HALLFIELD PREP**

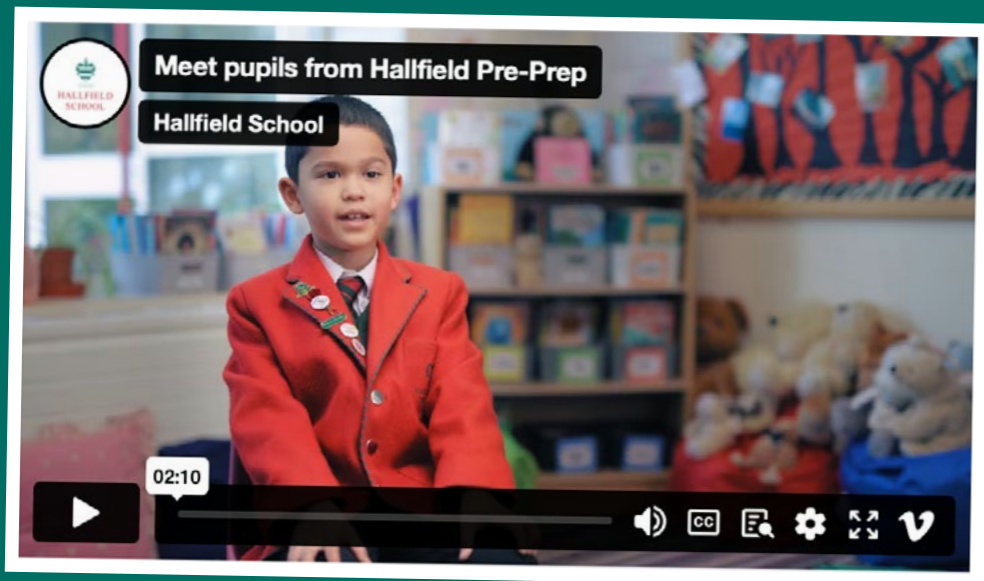


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# HALLFIELD SCHOOL CHESS 2023-2024

## Champion of Champions Tournament

Our final team event of the year was a prestigious tournament dubbed the “Champion of Champions”. The top 8 schools in the country in both U11 and U9 were invited to play an all-play-all, 5 player per team, tournament at Kings College Junior School in Wimbledon at the end of June. It was a who’s who of some of the top independent schools in the country including The Hall, University College School, Westminster Under, Dulwich Prep, St Paul’s and the hosts, Kings College. Hallfield have strength in depth and so had been invited to compete in both the U9 and the U11 sections.

## A Day of grit and glory

Every single game was against a top player and the schedule was brutal with each player needing to play 7 games in one day. Our experienced U11 team scored steadily but the long day took its toll, and they ended up finishing in the middle of the pack with Westminster Under finishing the U11 event first. Our U9 team, for a while, looked like they might win the event but, once again, we slowed down towards the end of the day but still finished a magnificent third just behind the winners Kings College and second placed Westminster Under. Hallfield were the only non-southern school to be invited to the event and can rightly claim to be the top chess school outside of the M25.



### A summary of our 2023/2024 season:

- Warwickshire Primary School Team Champions
- 10 Players selected for County Team
- National Finalists in the U13 Junior Team Chess Challenge
- APS U11 and U13 Team Champions
- National Schools Team “Champion of Champions” U9 3rd Place

*“Well done to our Yr6 squad of: Ayansh, Hamzah, Mark and Matthew for being awarded “Players of the Year” and good luck to them in their new schools. Well done to all of our magnificent players and I look forward to September with confidence.”*

Mr Thomas, Hallfield Chess Coach

## IAPS CHESS CHAMPIONS

**H**allfield proudly retains the title of the IAPS U11 & U13 champions! Congratulations to our exceptional players for this remarkable achievement. We’ve held the U11 & U13 Team Trophies continuously since 2018—an amazing feat!





## IAPS SQUASH CHAMPION

**H**allfield School competed in the U11 IAPS Squash Tournament at Nottingham University this term. Siona, Olivia, Henry and Vardhan played several matches, which earned them points to qualify for the Semi-Finals.

On day one Siona comfortably won all three of her matches, placing her at the top of her group leaderboard and earning a place in the Day 2 Semi-Finals. Olivia had some tough matches, however by earning lots of points from her matches she won a place in the Plate Finals on day two.

Vardhan and Henry both won 3 out of the 4 matches they played and ended up playing each other on day two for a place in the Semi-Finals.

Day two was full of strong competition and superb squash play. Siona comfortably won her Semi-Finals match 11-1 and 11-2, earning her a place in the Finals. Vardhan and Henry played a close match, with Vardhan winning the final point to move him forward to the Semi-Finals. Olivia just missed out on the plate trophy and came 6th overall in the U11 competition. After a tough Semi-Final match Vardhan advanced to the 3rd-4th playoff where he narrowly lost in the last match. It was a very close match with his opponent only scoring 2 points more. This meant Vardhan came 4th overall in the U11 category. Henry advanced forward to the plate finals where he played a brilliant game of squash and won the match in the final game. This placed him 5th overall in the U11 category.

In the Finals, Siona played a great match and despite a slight back injury, managed to win both games 11-7 and 11-4. This was a great way to end an impressive two days of Squash. Congratulations to all four of the Hallfield players. You should be very proud!



**T**he annual staff v parents cricket match was played under darkening clouds on Tuesday evening. The staff accumulated a total of 122 with fine efforts from Mr Dewhirst and Mr Moffatt, both retiring at 30. After a lovely buffet tea, the parents started tentatively but soon found their rhythm with Mr Abbas and Master Kotecha hitting hard and both retiring on 30. With the aid of some slightly wayward bowling the parents strolled to victory with a couple of overs to spare. There was a lovely friendly, fun and family atmosphere which was a pleasure to be part of. Well done and thank you to everyone who played.

## STAFF VS PARENTS CRICKET MATCH





## SPORTS DAY

This year's sports day were a great success! Across two days pupils came together to compete in a range of sports, from high jump to shotput and the 800 metres, with the joint goal of securing first place for their respective houses. The field was filled with a competitive buzz as the children put their hard work to the test in front of many eagle-eyed parents! This year we were joined by food vendors; LA-POP! and Feast StrEAT. The level of talent and determination throughout both afternoons was amazing. Well done to everyone who competed!





## A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

**O**ur 2023 leavers, proudly wore their hoodies, enjoyed plenty of opportunities to catch up with each other and their Hallfield teachers, and played games on the playing fields!



## CELEBRATING HALLFIELD SENIORS – PAST AND PRESENT!

**O**n Friday 5th July, we saw our Year 8 pupils off in style with a Hallfield Seniors Leavers' event. Joined by their families, Year 7 pupils and Hallfield teachers, we were treated to drinks and a delicious BBQ while reminiscing about their time at school.

We took the opportunity to invite previous Hallfield Seniors back for the evening to hear what they had been up to since moving on. Entertainment was provided by Ronzoni Hines, singer and older brother of Old Hallfieldian Davi. Talented singer songwriter Ronzoni sang songs from each decade, starting with the 1970s, and finishing with his latest single.

It was great see everyone – stay in touch as we love to hear what you are up to!



## BACK TO SCHOOL: HUSSEIN'S JOURNEY OF REDISCOVERY AND GROWTH AT HALLFIELD

**W**e asked Hussein, an Old Hallfieldian about his time at Hallfield for work experience – it's amazing to discover how much time has changed!

“My work experience at Hallfield School was enriching and memorable. It was really nice to be back at my old school, seeing it from a new perspective. I learned the importance of listening to students and ensuring they understand the task at hand.

One of my favourite experiences was Sports Day. The students' energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and helping to organise the events and cheering on participants was incredibly rewarding. Another highlight was supporting the Oliver rehearsals. Witnessing the creative process and contributing to the production was fulfilling and showcased the students' talent and dedication. I found it fascinating to see the other side of the coin and all the hard work that goes into everything. For example, I never realised how long it takes to set up a cricket boundary or the effort involved in folding programs for sports day.

Overall, my time at Hallfield was invaluable, providing me with lasting skills and memories.”

- Hussein, Old Hallfieldian



## OLD HALLFIELDIANS VICTORIOUS AT CRICKET!

**I**t was a scorcher of a summer's evening for the Old Hallfieldian Cricket match this year, with no chance of rain stopping play! The two teams, comprising of Old Hallfieldians and Hallfield staff, battled it out in a very close 20 over match, with the Old Hallfieldians securing victory by just three runs. A bbq and drinks were enjoyed at the halfway point, with plenty of opportunities to catch up and share tales of sporting triumphs from years past.

Thanks to everyone who came along and to our umpire and scorer. See you next year!





**M**r Dewhirst has been leading Hallfield Challenge, Hallfield's version of the Junior Duke. Here he gives a weekly update on how the children are living up to the challenge!



**WEEK 7** of the Hallfield Challenge, and it was amazing to see how Years 6-8 have embraced it over the Easter Holidays. It has been enlightening to see some of the wonderful volunteering that the pupils have been doing. I have loved receiving photographs from the parents via email and seeing the pupils' booklets that they have brought to show me. Special mention to Ellen and Mary who have thoroughly embraced most sections of the Challenge and the volunteering especially. Ellen contacted the local council and now volunteers every Sunday morning for two hours. Her job is to take charge of an area of land which she gardens, litter picks and maintains. Well done, Ellen! Mary has spent time donating to hospices and embracing the walking part of the Challenge as she builds her fitness towards the longer walk in June.

**WEEK 8** of the Hallfield Challenge and the children have continued to work on their different projects. It has been amazing to hear how their training for the long walk is going and how they are developing their chosen life skills. Here are some photos of Darrone, who has been a superstar with his volunteering. He has helped neighbours with their garden and donated to charities!



**WEEK 9** of the Hallfield Challenge and the children have continued to work on their different projects. It has been amazing to hear how their training and developing their chosen life skills are going. Here are some photos of Dhiya and Lucilla.

Dhiya visited India and used this time to go for a long walk towards her training. She also attended the Sikh Vaisakhi parade and helped out by giving sangat (the congregation) fruit and cold drinks as her seva (selfless service). It is also wonderful to see Dhiya trying out golf as a new sport and visiting Carding Mill Valley for a hike. Well done!

Lucilla has been active in her Challenge activities - she has been taking part in ballet and is enjoying learning this skill. Lucilla has also been doing some wall climbing and running, as well as taking over the project of sorting the school lost property on a weekly basis. Well done, Lucilla!





**WEEK 10** of the Hallfield Challenge has been a warm one and one participant, Kai, competed in the Birmingham Run on Sunday and managed to come a fantastic 13th place! He used this as part of his training for the long walk in June. A huge congratulations to Kai. Thomas has been out and about on the streets litter picking. He's also been going on walks to build up his stamina for the Hallfield Challenge Finale Walk. The photograph was of him at Woodgate Valley whilst training.



**WEEK 11** we celebrated Sahiba's Hallfield Challenge achievements! She has pursued all her targets and sections of the Hallfield Challenge with purpose and determination. She has enhanced all her life skills including washing dishes, cooking for her family and polishing shoes to a high standard. As part of her Physical Skills, she has had the lucky opportunity to Scuba Dive. She has also volunteered in the community and collected litter in her area. A big shout out to Sahiba who has been amazing!



## HALLFIELD CHALLENGE WALK

The Hallfield Challenge Walk was a wonderful adventure – all your training paid off! The walk kicked off at 10am in Upper Arley, and the weather was perfect for the scenic circular route along the river to Bewdley and back. It was great to see our Hallfield Community enjoying the beautiful trail and making the most of the day.



## PARENTS' SOCIAL ASSOCIATION

**T**he Hallfield Parents' Social Association (PSA) aims to encourage and facilitate parents and families to meet, learn from each other, form new friendships and strengthen our wonderful community.

PSA committee members are parents with children who attend Hallfield School. We meet every 2-4 weeks to organise events for the school community. Some events are for parents, like our monthly breakfasts. Some are for children and others are mixed, like our summer family picnic.

Any money raised from our events is used solely to fund future events.

We hope you will join us when you can so that we can all enjoy watching our school community grow and flourish.

We aim to be inclusive and value any input from fellow parents. Please feel free to follow us on social media, email us or meet us for a quick chat at pick up and drop off to share any ideas for future events or offer your support to volunteer with us.

Your ideas and suggestions are important to us and we look forward to hearing from you.

### We'd love to hear from you

Get in touch by emailing us at: [Hallfieldpsa@gmail.com](mailto:Hallfieldpsa@gmail.com)

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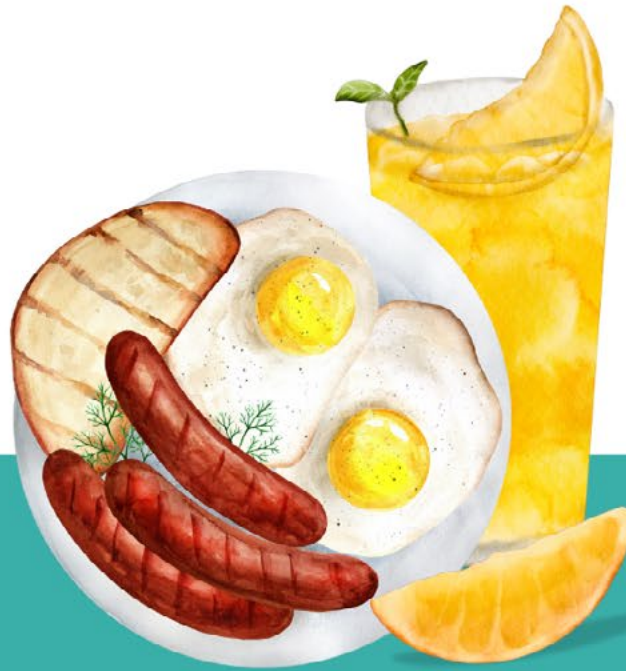
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# HALLFIELD SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

We currently offer two morning shuttle bus services and a walking bus for children from Reception upwards. Booster seats are provided for children that need them.

## Sutton Bus

Stops	Location	Pick up time	Price
1	Four Oaks Methodist Church (B74 2UU)	07:20	£5 daily
2	Wyvern Road (Litchfield Rd Junction)	07:30	£3.50 daily
3	Kingsbury Road, Erdington (near Little Ripley Day Nursery)	07:50	£3.50 daily



## Moseley Bus

Stops	Location	Pick up time	Price
1	Oakland Road (opposite St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School)	07:50	£2 daily
2	Moseley Village Car Park (B13 8HJ)	08:00	£2 daily
3	Walker Memorial Hall (Ampton Road)	08:15	Free

We have 10 spaces available, which will be offered on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please email Mrs Helen Surr to book your space: [hsurr@hallfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:hsurr@hallfieldschool.co.uk)

## Walking Bus

We also have a walking bus from the public car park next to **The Physician Pub** and **The High Field**, on Highfield Road, which is an excellent way for your child to start the day with some exercise and for parents to avoid the car park. Two members of staff (or more depending on pupil numbers) will escort the children to school. Please drop children off between 08:00 and 08:10, but **DO NOT leave your child in the car park** without a member of Hallfield staff. Staff on duty will take a register of the children taking the Walking Bus before setting off promptly at 08:15.

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