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## NEWSLETTER - 7th June 2024

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*Dear all,*

*Happy Friday & welcome back to Summer 2 term! Our final half term of this academic year!*

*So much is happening this half term...please take a look at the 'Key Dates' section of this newsletter and help us out with fundraising for our summer fair if you possibly can do - this makes the world of difference to what we can afford to offer our children in school.*

***Book of Curiosity** - HUGE WELL DONE to everyone who write an adventure story for our 3rd Edition of the Walter Halls Book of Curiosity! We received the published copies of our book this week and - if your child entered - they should have received their free copy by now! Extra copies are available to buy from the school office for £5.50 and available to borrow from our library too. Am so proud of everyone for getting involved and doing some superb independent writing too!*

***Measles** - due to an up rise in cases of Measles in Nottingham City in recent weeks, I have been asked to share some important information with you all about this. Please take a look at this and the poster in this week's newsletter...*

***Staffing updates** - Miss Davey from F2 will be leaving at the start of July to have her second baby! We can't wait to meet another Walter Halls baby very soon! Miss Davey will be back again in the middle of next academic year and we have recruited a lovely teacher called Mrs Thackray to cover this maternity leave. Mrs Thackray is an experienced Early Years teacher and will be coming in to meet our F2 children towards the end of June.*

**New staffing structures for academic year**, along with which class teacher your children will be with in 2024-25 will be shared with families in the middle of July, with a visit to new classes planned in on Friday 19th July. So many other activities happen all of this half term to help support your children with this transition too. Please contact me if you are worried in any way.

**Lovely photos** - of our Art/DT Focus Day which took place last term, have been included in this week's newsletter! Also, Y6 have shared some great ones of their 'Bikeability' sessions this week! I hope they make you smile...

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

**Tuesday** - UNICEF'S FIRST EVER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY! And the children of Walter Halls will be taking part! Take a look at the OPAL section of the newsletter to find out more!

**Wednesday** - Dawn from MHST is in school on Wednesday mornings. Please drop in and chat to her if you need any support from the Mental Health Support Team.

**Friday** - We are hosting an OPAL open day for other school leaders to come and visit us and see how OPAL can help children at their schools too.

*Take care,*

*Emma Beardah*

*Headteacher*

*headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk*

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## **Measles cases in Nottingham City**

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***Over recent weeks there has been an up rise in cases of Measles in Nottingham City. I have been asked to share the following information with all of you...***

'Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination in Nottingham is lower (75.1%) than the average for both the East Midlands (85.7%) and England (84.5%) averages<sup>2</sup>. We should be aiming for the World Health Organisation herd immunity threshold of 95% uptake across the population.

We all need to recognise the symptoms of measles, which include a high fever, sore or red watery eyes, coughing, aching, feeling generally unwell and a blotchy red brown rash which usually appears after

initial symptoms. If pupils, or staff, have any symptoms of measles, please encourage them to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice. They should follow the advice of their GP or NHS 111 and not visit surgeries or hospital emergency departments face-to-face unless told by a clinician to do so.

It is important that your pupils and staff remain off nursery, school or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.'

## Measles spreads easily between unvaccinated people and cases in England are on the rise



**Two MMR vaccinations provide lifelong protection against serious illness.**



**You can get vaccinated for free on the NHS.**



**Contact your GP surgery to catch up on any missed doses.**



**Alternative non-porcine products (pork ingredients) are available if required.**

[nhs.uk /MMR](https://www.nhs.uk/MMR)

**ART & DT FOCUS DAY!**



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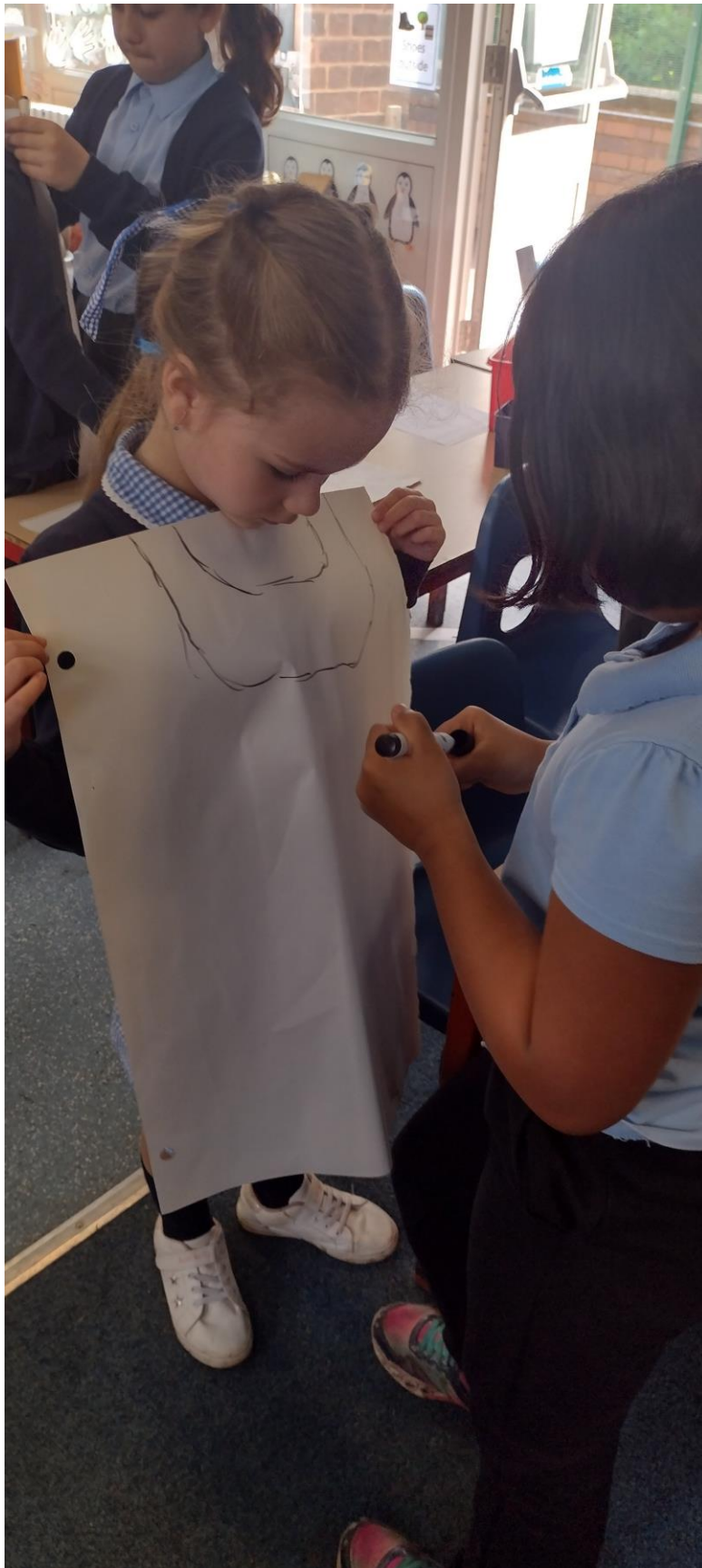
*We all had a great time during our Design Day for Friday Focus Day last term...here's just a couple of year groups and what they have shared with you all...*

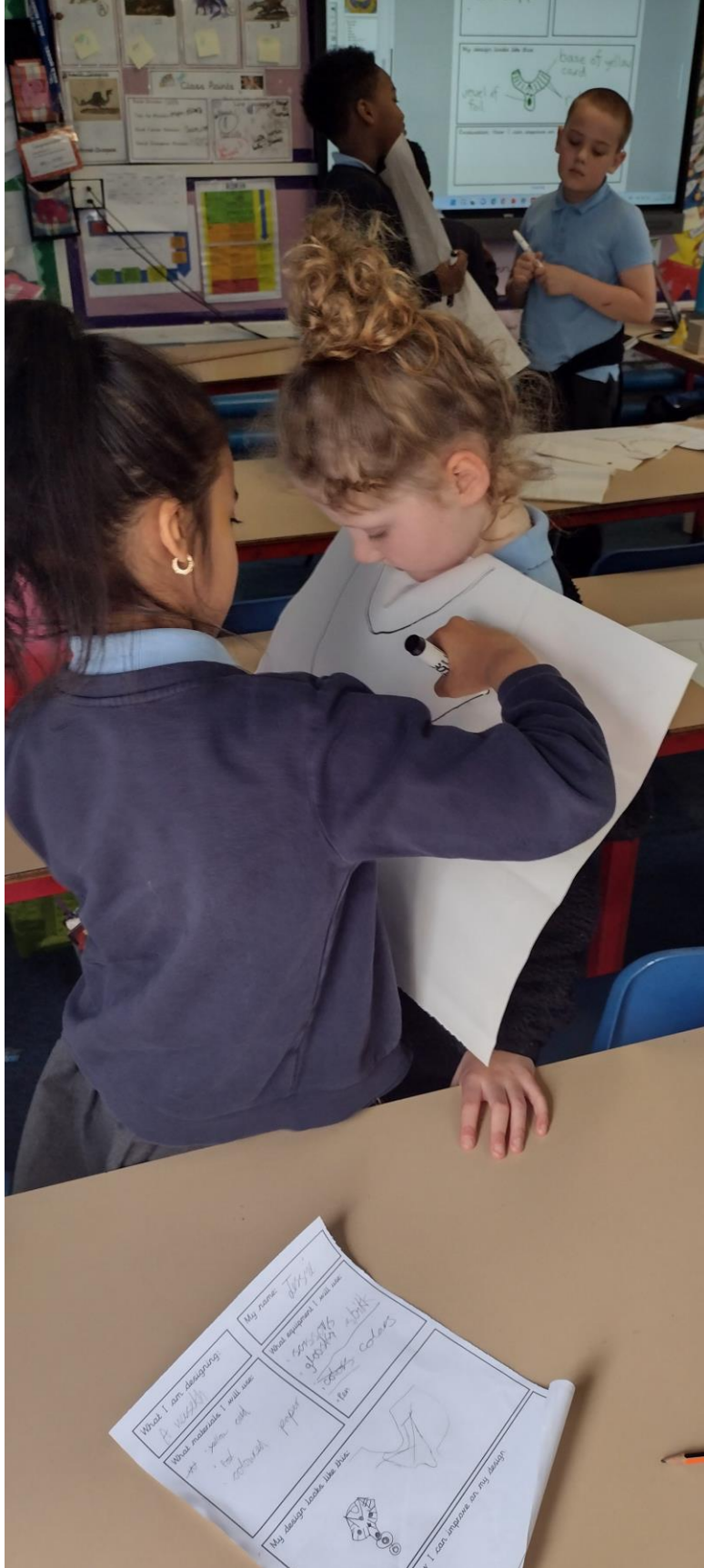
*Year 3 had great fun designing and making a Wesekh (large necklace worn in ancient Egypt). They designed a Wesekh, made and modified patterns and embellished their final product before they evaluated their work to see how they could make it even better! They wore their items and danced to the song, 'Walk like an Egyptian'. What a great day!*

*Year 1 have been learning about wheels and axels to make our own moving vehicles. We linked it to our English work an the Naughty Bus. Once we had planned, designed and made them, we talked about how we could improve and refine them further. Lots of opening doors and removable roofs were added! We also made puppet theatres with sliding stick puppets. We though about the background scenery, which characters we would need and where we would need to make cuts to insert and move them around the scene.*

*I hope the photos make you smile!*

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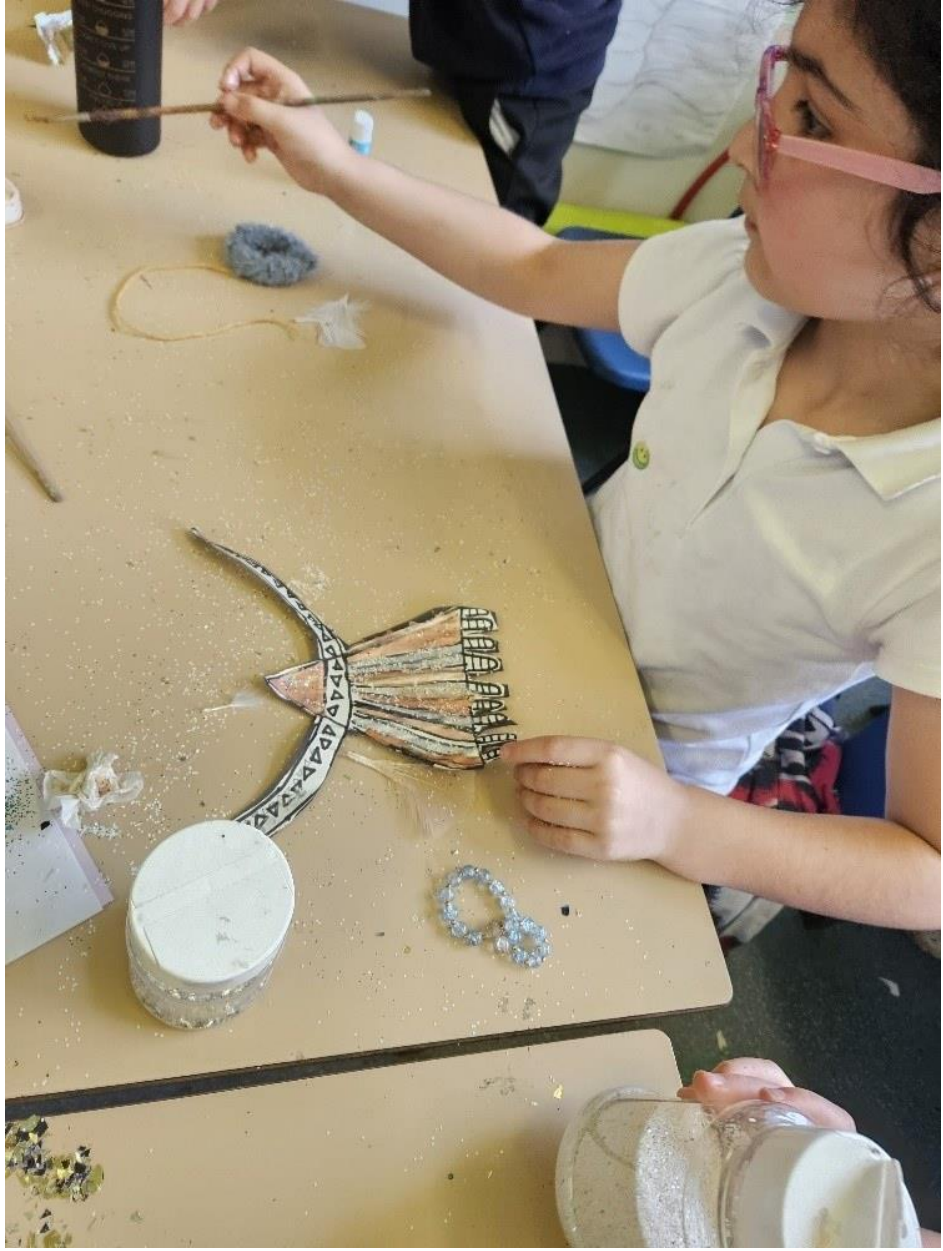


























Key Dates coming up...



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**SUMMER term:**

***Our Core Values are COLLABORATION & PERSEVERANCE!***

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- **Monday 10th June - Y2-Y4 'Splash Battle' after school** - raising funds for summer fair
  - **Friday 14th June - FRIDAY FOCUS DAY** - Fit, Healthy, Happy
- **Monday 17th & Friday 21st June** - In-school workshops for Y6 transition to Y7 support
- **Tuesday 18th June - Bake Sale & Treasure Hunt after school** - raising funds for the Summer Fair
  - **Thursday 20th June - YEAR 4 RE PERFORMANCE** - Hinduism
- **Friday 21st June - Y3-Y6 'Splash Battle' after school** - raising funds for the summer fair
- **w/c 24th June - SPORTS DAYS:** Monday AM for Y4/6 and PM for Y5/3. Friday AM for F2 and PM for Y1/2
  - **Thurs 27th & Fri 28th June - YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL - DRUMHILL CAMP**
    - **Saturday 6th July - SUMMER FAIR 11AM-3PM!**
    - **Monday 8th July** - Times Tables Rockstars Battle for KS2!
    - **Wednesday 10th July** - KS2 Spelling Bee competition
- **Monday 15th July - Headteacher Certificate Assembly for F2-Y2 9am then KS2 Evening Awards Ceremony for Y3-Y6 with Y6 leavers performance - more details to follow**
  - **Friday 19th July - MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER - Class Swap Day**
    - **Monday 22nd July** - Year 6 Leavers Prom
  - **Wednesday 24th July - FINAL DAY FOR CHILDREN BEFORE SUMMER BREAK**
- **OUR REMAINING INSET DAYS ARE:** Thurs 28th March, Thurs 25th & Fri 26th July

- Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.walterhallsprimary.co.uk/term-dates/>
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## YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY!



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*Year 6 have been working hard to develop their biking skills in school this week and have shown a great attitude when out on the road with the Bikeability instructors. Well done year 6! 😊*

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## OPAL PLAY UPDATE



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*The first ever International Day of Play will take place on 11 June 2024! There will be a special event at the UN headquarters in New York to mark the first International Day of Play. National events and online activities will be happening around the world...and Walter Halls will be taking part too! On the afternoon of 11th June - next week - we will be getting our OPAL on! All of our children will be outdoors, playing and learning outside together. This is a great opportunity to continue to develop our OPAL play areas ready for our OPAL open day...*

*OPAL open day for other schools and school leaders to come and visit us will be taking place next Friday 14th June! We've got more than 20 school staff booked in to visit us and see how OPAL can help their school improvement too. Early next academic year we will be inviting our families in for an OPAL open day too!*

*MAKE SURE YOU'VE READ THROUGH OUR LATEST FLYER FOR OPAL UPDATES, SHARED WITH OUR FAMILIES AT THE END OF LAST TERM!*

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## ATTENDANCE!



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*As a school, we strive for 100% attendance each week. Anything above 96% attendance, we class as 'good'. We have an attendance team at school, who track attendance of individual children very carefully, to ensure all of our children are able to come to school all of the time and not miss any of their learning. If you need support with your child's attendance, please speak to us straight away.*

*We always report attendance for the previous week.*

**THE FINAL WEEK OF LAST HALF TERM, WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS: 92%**

**The class with the highest attendance was: 6B with an impressive 98.7%!**



*Also doing well were 1B who met their target of 96%! Let's hope this half term sees all of our classes being able to do the same! We can do it! :)*

**THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS 96% AND WE AIM TO REDUCE OUR PERSISTENTLY ABSENT FIGURES TO 10%**

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The Welly Bank is a new community-led network in Notts. It is free to join and all items are shared free of charge. But **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We will only grow a bustling network if everyone helps to increase membership so please **TELL A FRIEND** and spread the word

Nottingham  
**WELLY BANK**

Because playing outside should not cost the earth....

Donate, swap or request wellies and outdoor clothes at [www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank](http://www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank)

**Free!**

# Feel Good Eid Celebration Meal

Wednesday 19 June

Book your hour slot between 4pm and 7pm

Join us for a Feel Good Eid Celebration meal of mixed vegetable curry, brown rice, nan bread and a yoghurt dip

£1 per person

Book your place: [bookwhen.com/renewaltrust](http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust)



## Feel Good Pizza Party

Saturday 22 June



Book your 30 minute slot between 10am and 2pm

Join us to make a pitta bread pizza – choose your toppings, decorate your box and to your pizza home to bake

£1 per person

Book your place: [bookwhen.com/renewaltrust](http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust)





# Feel Good Ice Cream Sunday



**Sunday 23 June, 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, Carlton Road, NG3 2AS

**Drop in for a free Ice Cream or Ice lolly - no need to book, just turn up!**





**Great Get Together activities**




To find out more call:  
0115 911 2226  
or email  
enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk




	<b>Feel Good Eid Celebration Meal</b> - £1 per person <b>Wednesday 19 June, 4pm to 7pm</b> Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, Carlton Road NG3 2AS Available to book from Thursday 6 June
	<b>Chatty Cake Cafe</b> - Free <b>Thursday 20 June 9:30am to 11am</b> Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, Carlton Road NG3 2AS <b>No need to book, just turn up</b> - everyone welcome
	<b>Family Fun Friday</b> - £1 per family / household <b>Friday 21 June, 4:30pm to 5:30pm</b> Brendan Lawrence Sports Centre, Hungerhill Road NG3 4NB <b>Book your place:</b> <a href="http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust">bookwhen.com/renewaltrust</a>
	<b>Feel Good Pizza Party</b> - £1 per person <b>Saturday 22 June, 10am to 2pm</b> Cherry Lodge, King Edward Park, Carlton Road NG3 2AS Available to book from Thursday 6 June
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## OUR CORE VALUE DURING SUMMER 2 TERM IS...



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*PERSEVERANCE. These are the main teaching points we will cover:*

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- *What is resilience? How can we build it?*
  - *Mistakes are the way we learn.*
- *Great mistakes of the past that have led to good things.*
  - *Sportsmanship.*
  - *Determination to succeed.*
  - *Positivity – how to help others.*
- *Seeking alternative solutions – viewing things differently and problem solving.*



- *Call the office to make an appointment to speak with a class teacher, phase leader or member of senior leadership – 0115 9150045.*
    - *Send us an email to ask us to call you – [admin@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk)*
  - *Class Dojo – this is for class teachers to send out homework, key messages just for their class and for teachers to use to praise and celebrate great behaviour with ‘Dojo points’ given to the children each day. PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO TO RAISE A COMPLAINT OR QUERY SOMETHING – call the office or send an email as above instead.*
  - *Parent Mail – whole school messages, newsletters, whole-school events and all bookings for clubs and any visit payments are all done via Parent Mail.*
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***If you need help setting up Parent Mail or Class Dojo please call our office for help – our aim is to be as ‘paper-free’ as possible so all key messages will come via these channels.***

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## CHILDREN'S CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY...



The poster features several logos and icons: 'THE RENEWAL TRUST' with the tagline 'Helping communities grow' and 'ABC' in a stylized font; 'EPIC PARTNERS' with the tagline 'Empowering Positive & Inspirational Change'; and 'MTVH' with a colorful diamond logo. Icons include a plate of fruit, a cricket bat, a soccer ball, a basketball, a tennis racket, a silhouette of a person jumping, and a heart with a pulse line.

**HEALTH HUB**

**FREE** **AGE 8-16**

**AT HILL VIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
RANSOM ROAD, NG3 3BP**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities from learning the knowledge of food, healthy living, and cooking skills. You can participate in sport with physical, mental health and wellbeing support. Along with mindfulness activities.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021**  
**WWW.EPICPARTNERS.CO.UK**

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**CHARITY NUMBER: 1150823**



# YOUTH NIGHT

**ONLY £ 2      AGE 11-16**

**THE OLIVER HIND YOUTH CLUB,  
EDALE ROAD, NG2 4HT**

**EVERY FRIDAY 5:00PM - 6:45PM**

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities each week and compete in friendly and fun games.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021**

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# FUSION

Youth Club

## EVERY THURSDAY

During term times

### 5:30PM-8:00PM

10-17 year olds

### 50P ENTRY

At The Greenway Centre Trent Lane NG2 4DF

WHAT WE DO:

Instrument room   Sports   Cooking or baking  
Fun & Games   Arts and craft   Music studio



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@sendprojectnottingham

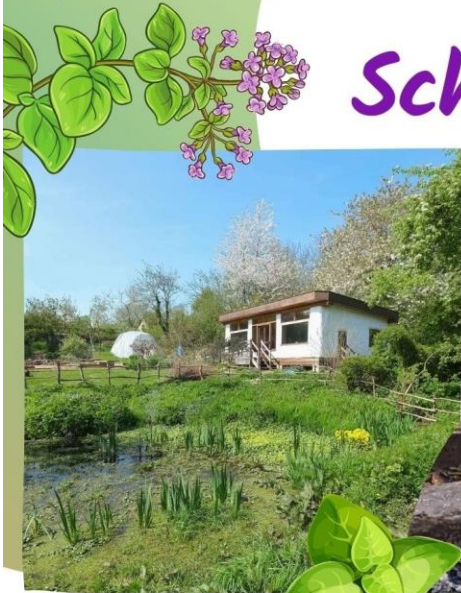




St Ann's Community Orchard

# Free After School Sessions

Every Wednesday  
3:30pm-5pm



Orienteering,  
exploring, bug  
hunting, cooking on  
the fire, arts, crafts,  
and more!

Children aged  
8-12 only



Booking essential: [www.staa.eventbrite.com](http://www.staa.eventbrite.com)  
Contact Rachel on 07498 864498 to book.  
The Community Orchard is on  
St Ann's Allotments, off Ransom Road,  
look out for the yellow signs.



## FREE PLAY FOOTBALL



### **Mondays**

4pm to 5pm (ages 5 to 11)

5pm to 6pm (ages 12 to 16)

### **Brewsters Park**

141 Brewsters Road, NG3 3BY

Free\*

**Book your place:** [bookwhen.com/renewaltrust](http://bookwhen.com/renewaltrust)

\*Sessions open to families living in St Ann's, Sneinton and Mapperley  
(Nottingham City Wards - Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's)





Skate Nottingham

# Free skateboard coaching sessions



SATURDAYS AT BRENDON  
LAWRENCE SPORTS CENTRE

10:30 - 12:00  
From 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
For ages 7+

**EASY-FUNDRAISING - Please help us!**



# Walter Halls Primary School

📍 Mapperley, Nottingham

£1,048.75 raised

128 supporters

Sign up and support this cause

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*We currently have 137 supporters who have helped to raise over £1000 for our school, so far. This is a meaningful amount of money that comes directly to us to help support our children. Next academic year we would like to put the entire money raised through this initiative towards all school visits and trips. We want to make sure ALL of our children get these chances, no matter their circumstances, and we have next-to-no spare budget to make these happen ourselves.*

*If you have yet to join, or know anyone else who would be willing to join, it is so simple and quick to do. You do not have to donate a set amount - simple shop online through this APP, spending the money you would normally spend, and we will get a small donation made each time! From take-aways to holidays there are so many online outlets that support this initiative.*

Simply visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterhallsprimaryschool/?searchSessionId=2857a911-d6d1-4247-9db6-689c60a13f64>

*Sign-up and support our school - thank you!*

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## The Little Ted Foundation



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*Walter Halls continues to support for The Little Ted Foundation - a charity very close to our hearts, following the sad passing of Mr Neal's youngest child, Baby Ted. We will continue to raise money whenever we can, to give to this very special charity. For more information on how you can help too, please visit the following link:*

[https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEgK5XvD\\_BwE](https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?qclid=EAIaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEgK5XvD_BwE)

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## Community & Family Support



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### ***FRIENDS OF WALTER HALLS PTA EVENTS:***

*This year, FOWH are raising money towards all school visits and experiences for our children. We do not have enough budget to cover the cost of visits or visitors into school and would like to make sure those who cannot afford to pay don't miss out.*

### ***FAMILY AND PASTORAL SUPPORT***

*We currently support many families with various needs including: food parcels, family advice, parenting support and other referrals to various helpful agencies.*

*Here are a few key contacts of people who may be able to help you:*

***Emma Beardah*** - Headteacher & Safeguarding team leader

***Jo Glover*** - Deputy Headteacher, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Safeguarding team

***Gail Holmes*** - Family Support Worker, Attendance officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

***Kerrie Chandler*** - Play Therapist, Child Welfare Officer & Deputy DSL

***Lee Neal*** - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

***Joe Hockham*** - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

***Dawn Jukes*** - MHST link worker - on school site every Wednesday. Adult drop-in sessions 8.30-9.15am available

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON 0115 9150045 or COME AND CHAT TO US OUTSIDE IN THE MORNINGS OR AFTER SCHOOL**

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## Safety reminders



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- **COVID and other illnesses** - we want and need our children in school as much as possible. At the moment, advice is for children to isolate for 3-days if you know they have COVID. Upset tummies and sickness requires 48 hours of being at home, to stop the spread. See our poster for other common childhood illness and what you need to do about school attendance.
  - **Please do not gather on the school grounds at the start and end of days.** We have Epic Sports running after school activities and need to be vigilant in closing our gates at the right times to keep the children safe, both in the morning and after school.
  - **No dogs are permitted on site at any time** - we love them but not all children do so please respect this and make plans to leave them at home when coming to school site.
  - **Bikes and scooters** - all adults and children should not be riding through the site - please dismount and push them through our pathways.
  - **PE kits** – To avoid children needing to get changed during the school day, PE kits must be worn to school on the day of PE, along with a coat / jumper / cardigan to keep children warm during



*other parts of the day. PE kits must be plain blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a plain white top. If you're still unsure of PE days, please call the office.*

- ***Please be considerate and safe when parking outside of our school gates.*** *Parking officials patrol as regularly as possible. We politely ask that all of our families are mindful of road safety around our school, where very young children are walking in and out.*
  - ***Respectful behaviour on site*** - *We respectfully remind you that school is private property and holds its own set of expectations for conduct on site. If your child walks to and from school alone or gets picked up by another adult we need to know about this - please call the office. We expect all of our children to arrive and leave site in a respectful way and for the conduct of all adults on our site to be polite and respectful too. Repeated cases of problems with this on our school grounds can lead to us asking you to escort your children to and from their classrooms instead of arriving or leaving by themselves and we may ask adults to remain at the gates if respectful and polite adult behaviour becomes an issue.*
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