



# HIT Newsletter



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**Hello and welcome to the fourteenth HIT newsletter, a chance to share information and celebrate the achievements of our children and young people.**

Dear All

I hope you are all well and have benefited from returning to school, it is hard to believe we are coming towards the end of Term 5. this school year has been another unusual and interesting one to navigate. Thank you to everybody for continuing to support your HI learners with new ways of working.

In this newsletter we would like to celebrate a school and a setting who had their hard work recognised by the Kent Deaf Children Society's 'Child of Achievement Awards'. Congratulations to 'Junior's Day Nursery' and 'St Alphege Infant School'. To find out more about the awards please look at the KDCS website [www.kdcs.org](http://www.kdcs.org) or Twitter @kdcs1.



**ST ALPHEGE CE  
INFANT SCHOOL  
SUNBEAMS NURSERY**

Jo Clarke and Sue Holder.

## Parent & Toddler Groups



Due to COVID-19 no dates have been set for term 6, it is hoped that all groups will start again in the 2021-2022 academic year.



For players aged 7-11 and 12-16 with the following impairments: Cerebral palsy, Hearing Impairments and Visual Impairments

Date: 04/06/21

Time: 11AM to 2AM

Venue: K Sports Cobdown, Station Road, Ditton, Aylesford, ME20 6AU

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**Please remember to share your stories and news about your work with HI children and young people for the next newsletter. All submissions are welcome, please send them to:**

[hstickings@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hstickings@valence.kent.sch.uk)

## Upcoming Dates

17/05/21	Allocation meeting	Teams
22/06/21	Allocation meeting	Teams
TBC	HIT Meeting	TBC



## 6th form dancer wins award

Towards the end of February, I was presented with The Try Angle Awards 2020 as an Ashford District winner in the category of Arts. The Try Angle Awards recognises the exceptional achievements and good work of young people in Kent, the awards are about young people who put the effort in to TRY and make a difference.



I was nominated by my dance teachers at The Canterbury Academy where I am studying Dance BTEC Level 3, this was the nomination details provided by my teachers:

Leah has joined us from another school and has faced challenges with starting somewhere new and has a hearing impairment, Leah has embraced sixth form and is an exceptional dancer which most students with HI would find difficult but Leah has shown great confidence and determination to be successful even with challenges.



## Wind-Shields win big for 10 year old

Abigail Denne, from Snodland, has been awarded the runners-up prize for MED-EL's global invention contest, 'ideas4ears' for her invention of wind shields for hearing aids. Abi appeared on the Kentonline newspaper and said of her win "I'm thinking of inventing other things to inspire people over all the world, not to try and fit in but to stand out, like they are meant to be there - because they are," she said. "They are special. We all are."

The contest was for children between the ages of six to twelve years old and they were challenged to create something to improve the quality of lives of life for people with hearing loss.

Explaining her idea, she said: "It is a wind shield for hearing aids and it clips on to the tube of your hearing aid to prevent wind blowing into it because, when you are outside, all you can hear is kind of blowing into microphones. Abi's invention also gave her family insight into how much difficulty she was having on windy days and hadn't realised that she couldn't hear well outside.

There were 108 entries from 28 countries and Abi received a box of goodies along with her prize.

Some extracts were taken from:

Kentonline.co.uk

Thomas Reeves, 30.03.2021

*Snodland's Abigail Denne, 10, claims runners-up prize in international MED-EL competition*

