



# AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 15/09/23

Dear Parents,

As you will see in this newsletter, our first full week back at school has been a very busy one indeed! Every class has started their new topics for the term and amazing activities are taking place all over the school. From an Indian Experience in Year 6 to Supertatoes in Reception, the children are having wonderful learning experiences and approaching every day with enthusiasm.

It is fantastic to see so much produce coming from our school garden. The Reception classroom looked not dissimilar to a green grocer's shop this week and I do hope that you will enjoy buying and sampling some of our delicious home grown veg after school today.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### KINDERGARTEN



In less than two full weeks at school, our children in Kindergarten have already achieved so much. We have begun to learn the importance of sitting nicely, lining up, listening to other children and, of course, we've had lots of fun! We are playing well together and learning lots of new skills along the way. Here, we are using 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' to help us develop the muscle control needed for writing. We look so smart and grown up in our new uniforms and our teachers are very proud of us.



### RECEPTION

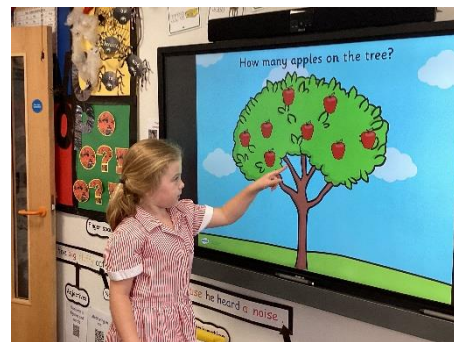
Reception Class have settled into school so well and have even begun to support and play with the Kindergarten children during the school day. The heavy rain called off our trip to Spalding Market but it was ok because we had lots of produce from the school garden to look at and explore. We used our senses and talked about the shape, size and colour of the fruits and vegetables! The children have loved the Supertato stories and are looking forward to making their own super veggie!



## YEAR 1



What a busy week we have had in Year 1. We have done so many different maths activities - all related to sorting and counting. We have been introduced to our maths character 'Tiny' and have realised that he makes some mistakes when he is doing his work. The children are already beginning to try and explain where Tiny has gone wrong. We have been doing lots of sentence writing and getting back into the swing of remembering our sounds, the correct letter formation, capital letters and full stops. There is so much we need to think about! The children enjoyed labelling each other with flash cards of their different body parts as part of our science work, and there have been some very injured patients and some amazing doctors in the hospital role play area.



## YEAR 2



Year 2 have settled back very quickly into their new class. We have started work on the text 'George's Marvellous Medicine', looking at expanded noun phrases, using marbling inks to make our own medicine bottles and even enjoying a visit from grandma herself! In Geography, we have learnt that a continent is a huge land mass and some interesting facts about Australia and in Science we have learnt some of the differences between living and non-living things. In History, we have begun to learn about the incredible life of Florence Nightingale and her amazing achievements.



## YEAR 3

Year 3 have settled beautifully into the Juniors. The children displayed a lot of enthusiasm for the topic they are studying - The Stone Age. They crafted their own prehistoric weapons that they used to hunt woolly mammoth, sabre tooth tigers and woolly rhinoceros. The children have also enjoyed gathering (and sampling!) apples, and blueberries in the prehistoric "wood". In Art, they created beautiful cave paintings using pastels and chalk. Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen are very proud of all the Year 3 children and their enthusiasm for schoolwork! We are looking forward to the fun year ahead!



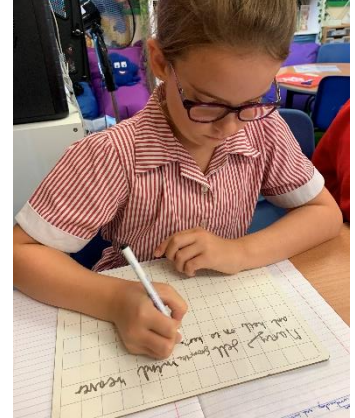


## YEAR 4

### English

In Year 4, we have jumped headfirst into our beautifully illustrated book 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' which links wonderfully to our Ancient Egypt topic this term.

Can you believe we have only been back a few days, and already we have learned so much: imperative verbs; adverbials for time, cause and manner; commas for lists as well as reading skills such as predicting and summarising? Phew, we are very proud of ourselves.



### Cookery

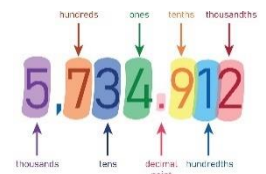
Cheesy Leek and Potato Bake is on the menu this term! We weighed out the ingredients, made a scrumptious cheese sauce, and peeled the potatoes. Yum Yum!



## YEAR 5



Year 5 children have made an incredible start to the year with their effort, enthusiasm and teamwork skills. Lots of teaching staff have mentioned how polite they are, and this has been lovely to hear!



In maths this week, we have been using concrete apparatus to help with our place value knowledge. The children have been learning about large numbers up to 1,000,000! They have been engaged with their reasoning questions and when it comes to peer-work, their discussions about the

questions have been impressive! In English, the children have been planning and drafting their own shape poem based on a volcano. They have used a range of figurative language and exciting vocabulary to engage the reader and are now in the process of adding their own artistic flair!

In curriculum, the children have been learning about Andy Warhol and his influence on Pop Art. We looked at some of his key work and researched more into his life. Volcanoes and earthquakes have been the hot topic in Geography, and the children have been analysing the structure of a volcano in detail. They have been engrossed in this topic so far and the class discussions have been a pleasure to be a part of. A great first week everyone – well done!



## YEAR 6

Wow! What a fabulous start to the new school year! The children have all settled in really well to their new responsibilities and have been working incredibly hard in every lesson.

In maths they have been working on the topic of Place Value and have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000 as well as rounding and multiplying by powers of 10. They have shown excellent reasoning in their paired discussion and have been challenging themselves to master their new learning.



In English lessons, the children have been learning all about figurative language and have been creating similes, metaphors and personification based on our topic of India.

On Monday, we were treated to a visit from Sunita to lead our 'Indian Experience Day' as part of our term's topic. The children participated in a re-telling of the story of Rama and Sita and then went to the hall to learn about Indian dance. They loved the opportunity to dress up in beautiful Indian clothing and jewellery and quickly picked up some key actions in order to create energetic, colourful dances.



The children then learnt all about the Hindu faith and found out about different Gods and Hindu worship. They asked excellent questions and are now looking forward to learning more about Hinduism in our RE lessons this term.

After a busy morning, the children had the opportunity to sample some Indian food – they especially loved the samosas – and were then ready to further develop their creative skills through Rangoli pattern artwork. Using chalk, they marked out the colours to ensure the pictures were symmetrical and then blended the pastels to create different effects. Sunita was incredibly impressed with the group discussion and team work which took place and the results were fantastic. We can't wait to put our artwork up on display.

At the end of the day, the children had the opportunity to develop their knowledge of India and the ways in which it is similar and different from the UK. This really helped to broaden their understanding about this fascinating country and will help to create firm foundations for our class work this term.



All the children had a fantastic day and we would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to Sunita for providing us with such a rich learning experience – we cannot wait to learn more about India!





## SPORTS NEWS

Spalding Hockey Club are starting their junior hockey sessions every Saturday morning (9:15-10:45) throughout the season. This is an open invitation to encourage as many youngsters to join hockey as possible. If you are interested please click on the link below.

[Spalding Hockey Club – Welcome to ClubBuzz 2](#)

## PTFA NEWS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**PTFA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** from 8.40am in the School Hall. (PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER).

**PTFA SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** – 5.30PM – 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL (EVERYONE IS WELCOME) PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER.

**PTFA AGM MEETING – MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER – 3.20PM**

### SCHOOL SHOP OPENING TIMES –

The School Uniform Shop will be opening next **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** from 3pm – 3.30pm. Please feel free to pop in and have a look and if you have any uniform donations, please bring them in.

## SIBLING REGISTRATION

Our Kindergarten places are now starting to fill up for the next few years. If your children have any siblings who require registration, please don't miss out. Registration forms can be requested from the School Office by contacting [admin@ahs.me.uk](mailto:admin@ahs.me.uk).

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September we have the school photographer in to take individual and family photos starting at 8.30am. Please ensure your child is looking smart in full winter uniform and has their jumper/cardigan and blazer. If any parents would like a family photograph that involves younger siblings who are not at school, you will need to contact Mrs Staples in the School Office by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September so that we can compile a list for Tempest (School photographer) to have on the day. You will need to arrive between 8.30 – 9am outside. Entrance will be through the foyer door near the front of the hall.

### Dates for Your Diary **SEPTEMBER**

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA School Shop open 3pm – 3.30pm (hall foyer)</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: U10/U11 Tag Rugby at AHS against The Peterborough School starts 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Kindergarten settling in meeting – 2.55pm
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	11 + test (non-verbal reasoning) at the High & Grammar schools – 10am
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual / family school photos – starts 8.30am (full school uniform including blazer)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Languages Day Year 5 – 11+ information evening for parents – starts 7pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Macmillan coffee morning – from 8.40am
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	PTFA Disco – 5.30pm – 7.30pm (details to follow)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	PTFA AGM at 3.20pm followed by a PTFA meeting
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 3 outing to Flag Fen TT Rockstars Meeting – 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: U11 Rugby Festival at The Peterborough School starts at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts 3.45pm finishes 6pm</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Super Hero Day – (Reception children to come dressed as a Super Hero).
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Harvest Festival – Parents invited – 9am.
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Interhouse games (in school) house t-shirts and PE kit needed.</b> <b>Fixture: U10 &amp; U11 Netball at The Peterborough School starts at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: Junior interhouse netball/football (in school) house t-shirts and PE kit needed.</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of term Pink Day – non-uniform day all pupils come to school in something “pink” for a £1 donation to Breast Cancer Awareness
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

**Kindergarten:** Ronnie  
**Reception:** Sophia  
**Year 1:** Ethan  
**Year 2:** Barnaby  
**Year 3:** Hetty  
**Year 4:** Lucy  
**Year 5:** Arun  
**Year 6:** Cejaye



**Headteacher Award:** Year 3  
**Golden Dustpan Award:** Year 1

**We have the following birthdays coming up:**

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – Everett  
**19<sup>th</sup> September** – Arun  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Olivia

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright