



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 29/09/23

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely end to the week today with all the children having the opportunity to visit the school garden and try some soup made with our very own potatoes. Thank you to Mrs Woodrow for preparing this for us, it was delicious and so nice to know it had come from the school garden.

This afternoon we had an official opening of the garden, with our 'Gardening Dads' taking centre stage to cut the ribbon. I am truly grateful to everyone who has had any involvement with the garden project; it really is wonderful to see the children enjoying it and this year we have a timetable in place to ensure that every class will get the opportunity to spend some time planting and caring for our crops.

Also, this morning, our new Kindergarten children joined us for their first whole school assembly. They took it very much in their stride and how wonderful to see the whole school together!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



In kindergarten we have been looking at our homes this week. We've been talking about our houses in 'show and tell' and we've used some great cutting and sticking skills to create our own box house too. We talked about the details we could see; how many doors and windows, plants in the garden, cars parked on the drive, and where we thought our bedroom was.



RECEPTION



Reception have had a lovely time in our school garden digging up potatoes and picking super runner beans! Inspired by our Supertato books by Sue Hendra we have created our very own super veggies. The children worked hard to plan and choose materials and we are proud of all of their super efforts.





YEAR 1



This week we have had a block of lessons of geography with lots of great activities, discussions and work. We have looked at the different kinds of buildings in our local area and the children were great at recognising the local BP garage, museum, church and restaurant as well as explaining the purpose of each building. We then went on to look at different types of homes and I was so interested when the children gave their reasons for choosing the type of home they would like to live in. We had caravans because they can move around, semi-detached houses because they are close to someone, flats because they can go up high and cottages because they are old. What great knowledge the children had! We now are looking forward to going out for a walk in the local area next week to apply all of this great geographical knowledge that we have gained. Well done Year 1, a great week.



YEAR 2



Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Kingman and baby Rosa last Friday. They asked some great questions and found out a lot about the care and development of babies. We have been learning a lot about the features of instruction writing, following instructions to make jam sandwiches and writing our own to make Marvellous Medicines.



A young girl with dark hair, wearing a white school shirt and a green patterned tie, is smiling and holding up a small, round, textured object, possibly a piece of pottery or a coin, in front of her. The background shows a classroom setting with bookshelves.

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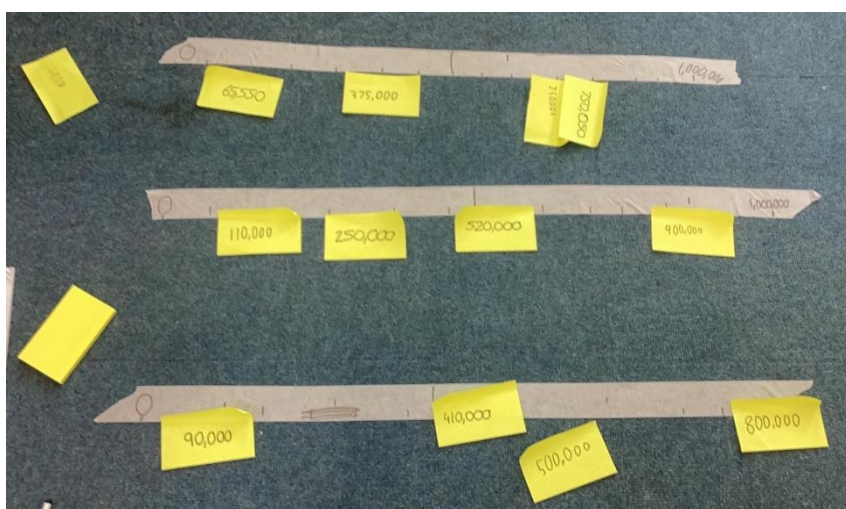
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YEAR 5



Children also took on the role of 'experts' where they supported their peers in a range of key skills. In curriculum, the children have been learning about what it takes to be a responsible citizen and what rights children have. We can all make a difference in society and the children participated in some lovely discussions.

This week, the children have been working hard with their rounding skills in maths. They have been using their knowledge of place value to help with this, as well as looking at certain digits within the numbers. In pairs, they created giant number lines using tape before adding their own scales accurately for precise measures! In English, they have completed their Big Write focussing on a Fact File. They have been working hard on their editing skills, by reading their writing out loud, and they even managed to find places around the school for extra focus! This enabled them to identify where the missing punctuation went.



YEAR 6

In Science, we have been investigating light, and this week, the children learnt about reflection. They looked at the incident ray and the reflected ray and created periscopes to show how mirrors can be used to help us see around obstacles. The children really enjoyed creating their periscopes and trying them out – they were also able to write an explanation of how they enable us to see around corners.



In Art this week, the children have been continuing with their topic of India and have been exploring Mehndi patterns. They have created their own designs and have shown careful attention to detail when making their patterns. They will now be on display in our classroom.



In Maths, the children have been learning about factors and multiples and have been investigating factor bugs to help identify prime and square numbers. They have been using their multiplication skills to solve challenging questions as well as designing their own investigations and drawing conclusions from their results. Well done, Year 6 – keep practising those Rockstar tables as they are the key to so many areas of the maths curriculum!

REMINDERS:

THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Registers are taken at 9.00am each day and it is very helpful if the children can be in school in good time for this. Lessons start promptly after registration and it can be very unsettling for children who arrive late and are not ready to start lessons with their friends.

We do understand that sometimes arriving late is unavoidable due to traffic problems etc. and on these occasions, children should be brought to the main front door to enter school. Your support in helping us to ensure a smooth start to the day for the children is very much appreciated.

THE FRONT OF SCHOOL

Now that the wall repairs have been completed, we are keen to get the grass area at the front of the school back to a good condition. Could we ask please that children do not run or play on the grass at the end of the school day and walk around it when going to meet their parents. At this time of year, when the weather is often wet, the grass quickly becomes churned up and muddy and this does not look particularly pleasant outside the building. Teachers will remind the children of this rule and we thank you for your support in keeping everyone off the grass.

KIDS CLUB IS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

Do remember that our Kids Club wrap around care is available from 7.45am to 6pm every day. Mrs Li and Mr Clark are always ready to welcome children to Kids' Club, which can either be pre-booked through the school office, or booked on the day you need it (also through the office). If you need to contact Kids Club after 3.20pm, please use the dedicated phone number which is 01775 513024.

If you are a regular user of Kids Club, please contact the school office to arrange for a fob to allow you to enter the side green gates. Could we please remind everyone using Kids Club that it is very important that the gates are closed properly and securely on entry/exit to keep the children safe.

YEAR 3 – FLAG FEN OUTING – TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

The Year 3 children will be going to Flag Fen as part of their topic 'The Celts' on Tuesday, 3rd October 2023. Travelling by coach, we shall leave school at 9.00am and return for the end of school. The children will not be required to wear school uniform and may wear alternative suitable clothing due to the activities they will be involved in. A packed lunch will be required in disposable containers. If your child normally has meals via Willoughby Foods, please ensure you choose a packed lunch for that day when ordering online and it will be delivered the day before.

YOUNG MINDS WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER - £1 DONATIONS

On Tuesday 10th of October, it is the Young Minds World Mental Health Day 'Hello Yellow'. This day is a day to support young children who are suffering with their mental health and to show they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

This year we will be supporting this extremely worthwhile cause by having a whole school non-uniform day and wearing something yellow. As it is our harvest festival celebration on the actual day, our non-uniform day will be **Friday 6th October**. We are asking for a £1.00 donation which can be brought into school on the day or transferred into the school account. Thank you for your support.

We do want the children to enjoy the day and also be appropriately attired for school so please could we ask that the usual rules regarding makeup, jewellery and hair colour are adhered to 😊.



All Christmas Cards are going home today (Friday 29th September) and will need to be returned to the school by **Wednesday 4th October** no later than **10.00am** if you have made an order.

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA would like to invite any parents to join the "All Things Ayscoughfee" Facebook page. This page is a private group used by the PTFA to keep parents up to date on any PTFA events.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

PTFA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thank you to everyone who donated to our MacMillan Coffee Morning yesterday. We still have donations coming in so a final total will be shared in the Newsletter next week.



PTFA SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER – 5.30PM – 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL (EVERYONE IS WELCOME) PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER. ****Drop in any song requests in the Request Box near the Junior Cloakroom.***

PTFA AGM MEETING – MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER – 3.20PM

SCHOOL SHOP OPENING TIMES –

The School Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 9th October** 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.

Dates for Your Diary

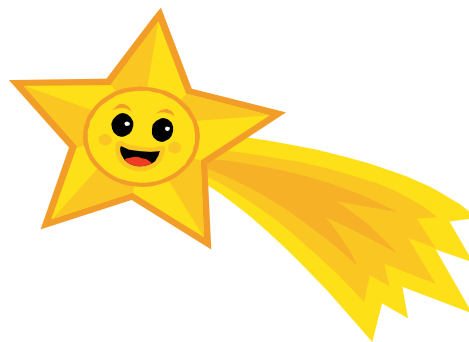
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Monday 2nd	PTFA AGM at 3.20pm followed by PTFA meeting
Tuesday 3rd	Year 3 outing to Flag Fen TT Rockstars Meeting – 6.30pm
Wednesday 4th	Deadline for Cauliflower Christmas Cards to be returned. Fixture: U11 Rugby Festival at The Peterborough School starts at 2.30pm
Friday 6th	Young Minds World Mental Health Day – Non-uniform day- children can wear yellow for £1 donation. Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts 3.45pm finishes 6pm
Monday 9th	Reception Super Hero Day – (Reception children to come dressed as a Super Hero).
Tuesday 10th	Harvest Festival – Parents invited – 9am.
Wednesday 11th	Fixture: Year 1 & Year 2 Interhouse games (in school) house t-shirts and PE kit needed. Fixture: U10 & U11 Netball at The Peterborough School starts at 2.30pm
Thursday 12th	Fixture: Junior interhouse netball/football (in school) house t-shirts and PE kit needed.
Friday 13th	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
Monday 16th – Friday 27th	HALF TERM BREAK

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Rupert
Reception: Jackson
Year 1: Morgan
Year 2: Wilf
Year 3: Orla
Year 4: Eliza
Year 5: Ernie
Year 6: Jack



Headteacher Award: Year 6

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 2

Kindness Awards: Hetty (Junior) Dacey (Infant)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

30th September – Ernie

4th October – Milo

5th October – Luca & Azra

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright