



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 13/10/23

Dear Parents,

Unbelievably we are at the end of our half term already; it seems no time at all since the children were all returning from their summer break! This week has been a very busy one and I would particularly like to thank you all for supporting our Harvest Assembly and collection so wholeheartedly. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school and I hope you enjoyed listening to the children's songs, poems and readings as much as we did. Thank you so much for the very generous Harvest donations, which were gratefully received by Agape and will make a real difference to many people in our community.

Have a lovely weekend and half term break everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



This week, we had our colour party in Kindergarten and came to school dressed in our favourite colours. We played games with balloons and the parachute, created colourful rainbows and made our own jelly. We went into the Forest school garden to collect Autumn leaves in all different colours and then explored colour mixing to help us make the orange to paint our leaves.



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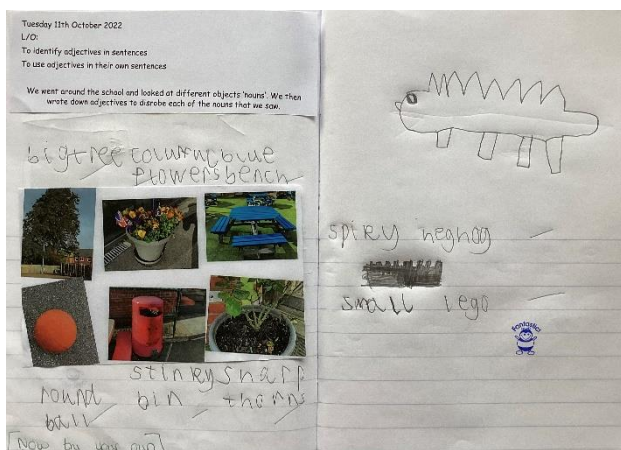
This week has been amazing! We loved our superhero day on Monday and the children looked fabulous in their costumes. They enjoyed the super challenges and were fabulous at solving the problems they found in our pass the parcel game. The children showed a real interest in harvest, changing seasons and signs of Autumn so we have enjoyed exploring all things Autumn, planted some spinach seeds and have created some beautiful art work.



YEAR 1



This week, we have been learning all about adjectives and we enjoyed using lots of different adjectives to describe objects that were out and about on the playground. We are now trying to use an adjective to describe nouns in the classroom all of the time, so that we get used to using them ready for our writing. In maths, we have been ordering and comparing numbers and enjoyed putting ourselves in order from the fewest to the greatest number of letters in our names. We would also like to show off our DT display as we have now finished our unit of work for this term called 'Fabric Faces'.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a busy week working on the text of 'The Bear and the Piano', and have had fun planning their own versions, including harp playing butterflies and rattlesnakes with maracas! We have been considering the greatest achievements of Mary Seacole and comparing her to Florence Nightingale.



YEAR 3



Year 3 children have enjoyed a fun and engaging end to their first half term in Year 3! The children continued learning about the fascinating Celtic people. They learned that the Celts loved brightly coloured clothes and decided to weave their own multicoloured cloaks. Year 3 children are not the only ones hard at work in the classroom! Our little superheroes – the worms – are busy turning scraps of food from Mrs Woodrow's cooking sessions into compost. The children love observing how their mini compost bins are working.

Year 3 children, Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen would love to wish everyone a relaxing holiday!



YEAR 4



This week, we painted our Egyptian death masks in Art. We can't wait for them to dry so we can try them on!

In Science this term, we have focused on electricity. We have made safety posters, learned how to build simple circuits, and this week, we got the juices flowing in a variety of fruits and potatoes to see whether we could get a bulb to light up using a piece of fruit as a battery cell. What fabulous teamwork the children displayed!



YEAR 5



In maths this week, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We have also been taking part in a range of practical investigations involving place value and mental calculations. They were involved in some fantastic thought-provoking discussions and worked extremely well with their partners.



In English, the children have been drafting their non-chronological reports on a volcano. They have used their learning from geography lessons to support this, including technical vocabulary and a range of openers and conjunctions for cohesion. We have also been checking our work thoroughly by reading them out loud to each other, and with our partners.

In curriculum, the children have incorporated technology into their art lessons! Inspired by Andy Warhol, they edited their portraits using his techniques, and their creativity here is amazing! Well done everyone!



YEAR 6



On Friday, the Year 6 children learnt about Hindu ceremonies and made a friendship bracelet during Forest School. They used knotting and plaiting techniques to create colourful bands which they then presented to a friend. They used their knowledge of Mehndi artwork to create a clay hand and used found materials to create indentations in the clay to show the intricate patterns of this art form. All really enjoyed learning more about Indian culture and are now really excited with the prospect of making a 'Forest School' vegetable curry on Friday. Let's hope it is as delicious as the chai tea!

In Science this week, the children have been learning about Isaac Newton and the colour spectrum. They looked at how light travels through a prism and splits into the different colours and made

colour wheels to observe how light appears white.

In English lessons, the children have been creating their own characters for their 'Indian Tales' and have been developing their use of speech to advance the action in a story.

All have worked really hard this term and should be really proud of all that they have achieved.



Well done, Year 6 – time to travel back in time and learn about the Victorians!

SPORTS NEWS



6th October Spalding Schools Hockey Tournament 1

On an overcast but mild evening, our new Hockey team ventured out to play three matches at the highest level.

The first match was very even with an ebb and flow of good play throughout. John Harrox competed hard against us with both teams having chances to score. The game ended 0-0, a fair result.

Tower Road played against us next and were strong competition. All challenges and play were well balanced. Our players took a few knocks and we had to roll subs on, altering the team dynamic, which gave Tower Road the upper hand. Because of this, our team were forced back and were unlucky to concede a goal. We had a couple of opportunities to score, though were unable to make them count this time. Final score a loss of 1-0.

In the last game to be played, we came up against a very strong and skilful Monkshouse team. Our players battled hard. Katie led the team by example and kept concentration and effort going to the end. All of our team gave their best in effort and determination and were praised by the organiser of the tournament for their resolve. A loss of 4-0.

Thanks go to the pupils, Mrs White and the parents who supported the tournament.

Interhouse Event - Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in their Inter-house games event this week. It was extremely exciting and very noisy as the teams worked together to compete against the other houses in a variety of team activities.

Well done all of you, it was great fun and thank you Year 2 for helping to record the results and for being so supportive to our Year 1 children!

1st place = Super Saxons, 2nd place = Valiant Vikings, 3rd place= Noble Normans, 4th place= Robust Romans



Sports Values goes to the Robust Romans for their Honesty, Teamwork and Determination.

U10 and U11 Netball at The Peterborough School Wednesday 11th October



We set off to Peterborough on Wednesday as the rain came down heavy on our windscreens. Much to our delight, it was fair weather when we arrived in Peterborough and the children were a little apprehensive, but excited to begin their games.

We put forward three teams which gave many of our children the opportunity to play. Our U9 team played Peterborough's U10 B Team and our U10s and U11s played the rest of The Peterborough's U10s and U11s.

The U9s began confidently, passing fluently to each other and making some great interceptions. The score at half time was 8-0 to AHS and we found ourselves in a strong position going forward. We made a few changes at half time and we continued to play well, with the final score, 14-4 to AHS, a well-deserved win!



Our U10/U11 team played some solid consistent netball, passing accurately and moving well on the court. It was 3-1 to TPS at half time, we had a few missed chances and TPS had some good shots at goal with the full-time score ending 8-2 to TPS, well done to them.

The U11 team played some super netball, on what was a very slippery court, they worked hard to maintain possession and make interceptions. They persevered with their game, well done girls! TPS were linking their passes nicely and making the most of their opportunities, which they continued to do throughout the match, a well-deserved win for them, 17-1. Thank you to the parents who

helped with transport and supported the teams. Well done to our 'Players of The Match', Florence, Hollie and Sophie.

ECO NEWS



Eco club have been amazing at harvesting and maintaining our school garden this term. After harvesting the last of our potatoes, they have set onions and garlic to be overwintered.



PTFA NEWS

Please see the attached details regarding our PTFA.

LOCAL "SHOEBOX APPEAL" FOR AGAPE FOODBANK

Please see the attached flyer with details of our local "shoebox appeal".

YOUNG MINDS DAY – THANK YOU

A big "thank you" for all the donations received last week for young minds mental health day. We raised £117.00 for this fantastic worthy cause.



REMINDERS:

YEAR 5 TUDOR DAY – THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2023

As part of our history topic this term we will be visiting Burghley House in Stamford to experience a Tudor Christmas.

- **TIME** – Children will leave by coach at 9am and return at 3pm.
- **WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED ON THE DAY** – In order to immerse ourselves fully in this Tudor day, children and staff are asked to come in costume. Please see the attached costume ideas. Children can dress as poor Tudors or if they prefer, wealthy Tudors. (Royalty included).

Children will require a disposable packed lunch in a carrier bag, however if you have ordered a packed lunch via Willoughby Foods, this will be delivered the night before and kept in the fridge until the next day, so you will only need to send in a drink in a disposable bottle.

YEAR 1 PIRATE DAY OUTING TO NENE PARK / PETERBOROUGH – THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2023

- **TIME** – Children will leave by coach at 9am and return at 3pm.
- **WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL NEED ON THE DAY** – All children are encouraged to dress as pirates for the day, but must have a warm coat and sensible outdoor shoes. A packed lunch including a drink, packed into a small rucksack will be required. 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 to school the day before.
- **NO BREAKTIME FRUIT NEEDED** –Mrs Jeffries will provide a snack for all the children on that day.
- **NO POCKET MONEY AND NO READING FOLDERS NEEDED.**



UNIFORM AFTER HALF TERM

Please note that all children should be in full winter uniform on our return from our half term break. Just a quick reminder to please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly named as we seem to have an abundance of items in our lost property.

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.

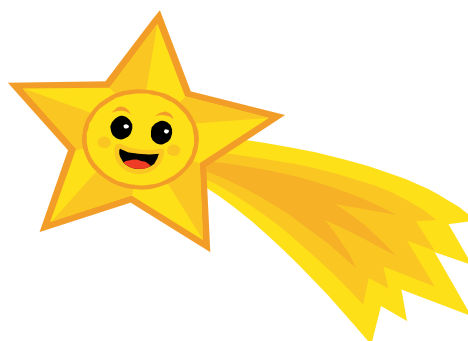
Dates for Your Diary

OCTOBER	
Monday 30th	Start of term all music lessons and clubs resume
November	
Wednesday 1st	Fixture: U8 & U9 Tag Rugby Festival at St Hughs starts 2pm
Thursday 2nd	Year 5 outing to Burghley House "Tudor Christmas" – Y5 pupils come in dressed for the trip in Tudor costumes. Year 1 outing to Nene Park – "Pirate Day" – Y1 pupils come in dressed in pirate costumes.
Friday 3rd	Parents' Evening booking opens on AHS website at 10am – (USERNAME and PASSWORD will be needed)
Monday 6th	Flu vaccine nasal spray – Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 8th	Molsom Opticians in to visit Reception Class – 1.30pm Fixture: U10 & U11 Netball at The Peterborough School starts 2.30pm
Thursday 9th	Deadline for Parents' Evening bookings closes at 3pm
Friday 10th	Remembrance Assembly
Monday 13th	Parents' Evening week and Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 14th	Parents' Evening – 15:30 – 17:40
Wednesday 15th	Fixture: U9 & U11 Tag/Touch Rugby at AHS against Grantham Prep School starts at 2.30pm
Thursday 16th	Year 2 outing to Ayscoughfee Gardens
Friday 17th	Children in Need Day Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts 3.45pm and finishes at 6pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Eva
Reception: Eden
Year 1: Arlo
Year 2: Martha
Year 3: Chloe
Year 4: Rupert
Year 5: Sacha
Year 6: Esmae



Headteacher Award: Year 5

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 3

Kindness Awards: Holly W (Junior), Edward (Infant)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

15th October – Isaac

16th October – Takunda

21st October – Oliver & Gabby

22nd October – Olivia B & Noah

24th October – Annabelle & Amelia

25th October – Mrs O'Rourke

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright