



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 06/10/23

Dear Parents,

As we begin to look forward to our Harvest festival next week, it is wonderful to see the children making the most of our school garden and outdoor space. You will see below that different classes have been busy in the garden, taking their maths lessons outside and enjoying their forest school lessons. It is such a lovely time of year to be outdoors, and the relatively mild weather has meant the children have really been able to enjoy the delights of Autumn.

We have this week, held our annual election of school and house captains and appointed Kindness Ambassadors and Librarians to their posts. Well done to all of our year 6 children, they gave their peers a very tricky job this year with excellent speeches from everyone. All children in year 6 have prefect responsibilities and I know that the class will really step up and be fantastic role models for the rest of the school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



This week in Kindergarten we have been thinking all about our favourite colours. We have shared a book called 'Which Food will you Choose?' and picked our favourite red, green and yellow foods. We've made rainbows using pencil crayons, paints and collage. We've sorted colours and shared stories about colours. We even chose our favourite colour buttons to decorate a gingerbread man and practised counting them onto his coat.



RECEPTION



In Reception, we have been learning about harvesting crops ready for our harvest assembly next week. We took part in the NFU Thali Live Harvest Lesson. The children enjoyed tasting, smelling and touching spinach, paneer, onion and ginger and learning about where the vegetables came from and how they were grown. The best part of the week was visiting the school garden and looking at the fabulous pumpkins that the class began growing whilst they were in Kindergarten.





YEAR 1

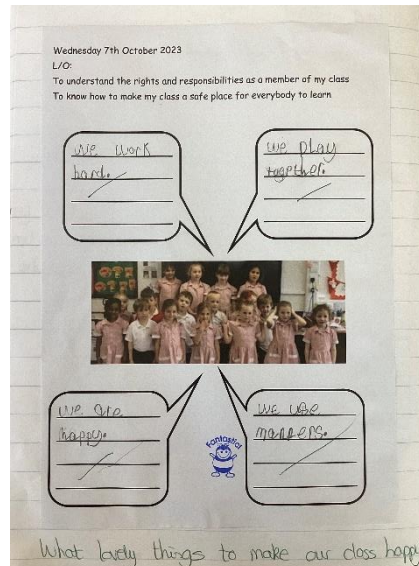


This week in Year 1 we were given a very important job as part of our new garden project. We were asked to collect some leaves to make some mulch that will eventually be used as compost to help grow lots of new produce. The children had great fun collecting the leaves and loved the special Halloween

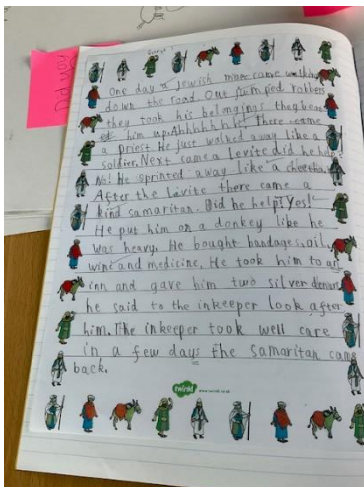


mulch bags. In class we

have been retelling the story of 'The Jolly Postman' and used story plans for the first time to help us remember our sentences when we were writing. We had a lovely PSHEE lessons with our Jigsaw Jack puzzle piece and the children came up with some wonderful ideas of what we all need to do in our class, to make sure we have a happy place for us all to work in.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have been busy in Science this week, creating lifecycles of various creatures. They have worked sensibly in pairs, using books and I pads to complete their research and adding a variety of facts. We look forward to seeing their presentations next week. We have also been writing our own versions of the Good Samaritan, thinking about whether it is possible to be kind to everyone ALL the time!

YEAR 3



Year 3 had an enjoyable fun week, however one of the highlights of the week was the visit to Flag Fen Archaeology Park. In the morning, the children tried their hand at being field archaeologists. The children worked on the timeline of prehistory and helped the instructors sort artefacts into "Stone Age", "Bronze Age" and "Iron Age" baskets. The children were fascinated by the fact that they were holding artefacts used by people thousands of years ago! Afterwards, they made clay pots using the same techniques that the Celts would have used. After lunch, the children were taken on a tour around the site.



They visited part of a mysterious Causeway created by the Celts 3000 years ago and learned about the discovery of artefacts at Must Farm. At the end of the day, the children were treated to a story told in the roundhouse by our wonderful guide, Emma.



YEAR 4

Year 4 had a fabulous Egyptian Day on Wednesday this week, the children looked fantastic in their costumes – we even had a pyramid turn up in our classroom!



We learned about Tutankhamun and studied his death mask. The fun part was designing and making our own death mask using paper mâché (it was very messy) and now we are waiting patiently for them to dry so we can paint them next week.



We have also been learning about the gory mummification process and in history, we produced a double-page spread. We know that the Ancient Egyptians removed the internal organs and placed them in canopic jars. Here's a picture of our canopic jars that we moulded out of clay. Next week, we will paint them and add hieroglyphics.





We mummified apples! Here we are, carefully mixing our natron (salt and baking soda), wrapping our apple slices in linen, and preparing for mummification! Ancient Egyptian mummification took 70 days! We are going to check on our experiment next week and see what's happening to our mummy apples!

Mrs Lane set us a challenge – to build a pyramid out of spaghetti and marshmallows! It was trickier than it looked but we showed great perseverance!



YEAR 5



In English this week, the children have been learning all about non-chronological reports! They have learnt about their features, with a focus on vocabulary and types of sentence openers. This week, the children will be using this information to create their own non-chronological report. The class enjoyed taking their learning outdoors with their active learning sessions and as always, they worked very well together.

In maths, the children have been starting formal and mental methods for addition and subtraction. They used place value counters to help with their understanding, and even managed some challenging reasoning questions!

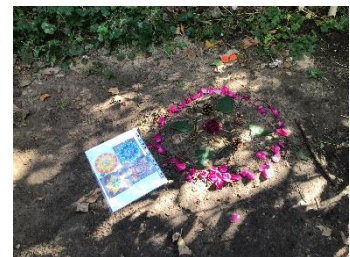


In curriculum, the children have been learning about Andy Warhol's style of Pop Art. We used the colour wheel on the iPads and discussed which colours complement each other and analysed the impact this has on the viewer.

YEAR 6



On Friday, Year 6 had a fantastic time in Forest School and learnt how to make a delicious chai tea. The children really enjoyed trying the aromatic tea and were fully refreshed and ready to make some beautiful Rangoli patterns using natural resources. Taking inspiration from the work of Andy Goldsworthy, they thought carefully about the pattern of their designs to ensure symmetry. The children will be continuing to develop their artistic skills in Forest School this week.



On Monday, the children showed great courage when presenting their speeches about becoming House Captains. They really impressed all the staff and pupils and made voting extremely difficult. Well done, Year 6 – we are all really proud of you.

In literacy, the children have been learning how to write informative instructions so that they can create detailed directions for making chai tea and vegetable curry. They have been using relative and subordinate clauses to add extra detail and have been thinking carefully about the layout, safety steps and equipment required. They have been working hard to include all the features for Year 6 writing and should be pleased with their finished instructions. They also applied their literacy skills in their History lesson, creating informative reports about the Indus civilisation and the towns and houses they built. All the children worked incredibly hard and were proud of their finished pieces.

In Science this week, the children learnt about refraction and discovered what happens to light rays when they travel through glass and water. They enjoyed running different experiments and recording their findings. Next week, we will be learning all about Newton and the colour spectrum.

In Maths, the children enjoyed outdoor learning and used their knowledge of the rules of divisibility and square and prime numbers to help sort different numbers into categories. They have also been learning about formal methods of multiplication and using their knowledge to solve problems.

Well done, Year 6 - an excellent effort this week.

SPORTS NEWS

U11 Touch Rugby Festival at The Peterborough School 04.10.23

On a mild Wednesday afternoon, our team took part in a round robin tournament against a Peterborough A and B team and a team from the St Peter's School.

Our first match was against Peterborough A. It was very closely competed, and our team had its chances in the first 5 minutes, though small handling errors hindered our play. Peterborough A scored a breakaway try then we got into the game with a well worked try of our own. In the last few minutes Peterborough managed to score again, beating us 2-1.



We played The Peterborough B team next, 9 of them against our 7. Our boys showed their running and passing skills from one side of the pitch to the other. In the end our strength, ability and effort gave us a well-deserved victory winning 2-1.

Our final match was against St Peter's; the defence and attack were equally balanced. Fluid passing moving and running flowed throughout the duration of the game. A draw was the fair result at the whistle.

Cejaye was player of the fixture, giving total effort and developing his skills across all the games.

Thanks go to the Peterborough school for being excellent hosts and to the parents who supported the fixture.

REMINDERS:

RECEPTION SUPER HERO DAY – MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Reception pupils are able to come to school dressed as their favourite Super Hero.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – 9AM – TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Parents are welcome to attend our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 10th October at 9am in the School Hall.

INTERHOUSE - NEXT WEEK

INFANT INTERHOUSE – Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will need P.E. kit along with house t-shirts on Wednesday 11th October.

JUNIOR INTERHOUSE – Year 3 – Year 6 pupils will need P.E. kit along with house t-shirts on Thursday 12th October.

PINK DAY – FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Next Friday, 13th October, is “Wear it Pink” day to raise money for Breast Cancer Now. All children are able to wear their own clothes with at least one item of something pink for a £1.00 donation.



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.

ELITE SPORTS ACADEMY – AYSCOUGHFREE OCTOBER ACTIVITY CLUB – Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October. Please see the attached poster for details of how to book.

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 last week. We raised an amazing £215.70 for this worthy cause.



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.

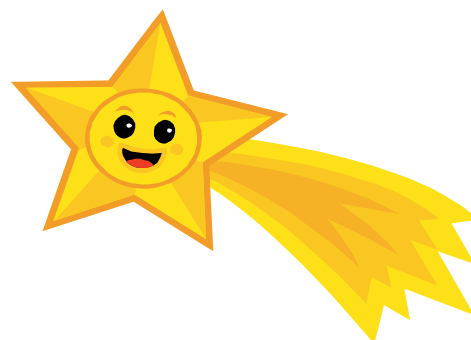
Dates for Your Diary
SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER	
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 tag rugby/netball (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 Now.
Monday 16th – Friday 27th	HALF TERM BREAK
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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Primrose
Reception: Rex
Year 1: Caitlin
Year 2: George S
Year 3: Harry C
Year 4: James
Year 5: Zara
Year 6: Tilly



Headteacher Award: Year 1
Golden Dustpan Award: Year 6
Kindness Awards: Tendekai (Junior), Beatrix (Infant)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

Tuesday 10th October – Hollie W.

Thursday 12th October – Harriet

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright