



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 10/11/23

Dear Parents,

It is lovely this week to read about all of the active learning that has been taking place in school. Children have been performing and retelling stories, going on visits or welcoming visitors to enrich their learning, exploring the wider world using the marvels of the Internet and using drama to gain a better understanding of life in other eras of history. Diwali has been celebrated through dance, drama and art and science experiments have given the children a real 'hands on' experience to deepen their understanding. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our creative and dedicated teachers who put together these wonderful learning experiences for the children. The children themselves are, as always, engaged and impeccably well-behaved and a credit to us all.

KINDERGARTEN



This week in Kindergarten we've continued to enjoy the story 'Room on the Broom' and have been retelling parts of the story using puppets. We made a story map to help us remember the main parts of the story. In maths, we've been learning about repeating patterns and trying to make our own in lots of different ways.



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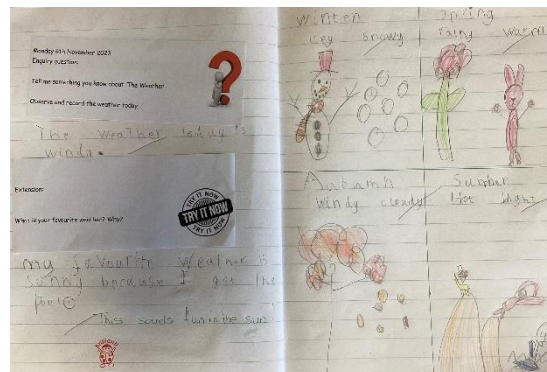
What a busy week of glittery, sparkly, shiny Diwali fun! Reception class have read books, watched video clips and discussed Diwali traditions all week. They have particularly enjoyed painting over doilies to create Rangoli Patterns, subitising sparkly jewels and acting out the story of Rama and Sita. We have also completed our very first Big Write and wrote our own rather yucky potions.



YEAR 1



This week we have enjoyed listening to the story 'A New Home for a Pirate' and the children have continued to work hard with their writing based on this text. We have completed lots of science work all about the weather in different seasons and had great discussions about which was the best weather and why. The children were very good at listening to other people's opinions and also giving reasons to justify their own thoughts. We are very excited to be monitoring our rain gauge over the next week as part of our science investigations. The classroom is looking very bright and colourful with our fantastic pirate ship artwork now up on the wall.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had great fun this week locating the places on a world map that have picked up our bottles from the virtual ocean. They have been discovered in New Zealand, Australia, Russia, the USA, Canada and Alaska as well as France and all over the UK. This gave us an excellent opportunity to talk about internet safety too. Thank you to all those who passed on the photos of Year 2 and their bottles. We are truly very grateful.

In RE, we have been considering the secular and religious approach to Christmas and had fun sorting old Christmas cards into those two groups. Secular outnumbered religious 10:1 and we were surprised to find that The Hulk and Spiderman are now considered part of the Christmas tradition! We have been learning about Remembrance Day too, and looking at John McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields'. Next Thursday we are planning a walk to Ayscoughfee gardens to see the Memorial there.

YEAR 3



Yet another fun filled week in the Year 3 classroom! The children have all enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of light – Diwali. They were fascinated by the story behind Diwali about Prince Rama, who fought the evil demon king Ravana to save his wife Sita. The children made beautiful diva lamps out of salt dough and brightly coloured Kandil lanterns. Having decorated the classroom, the children learned a Diwali dance which they performed with gusto. The celebrations continued with the sharing of sweets – a Diwali tradition that was enjoyed by everyone in the class. Year 3 children would like to wish everyone a "Happy Diwali!"



YEAR 4

This term, Year 4's Science topic is States of Matter. We have been busy comparing and grouping materials, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We looked at particle behaviour and worked in groups to demonstrate the difference between the particles in solids, liquids and gases using drama and movement. We had a lot of fun!



We then moved on to investigate gases and their uses. We discussed the uses of carbon dioxide and discovered that the first fizzy drink was accidentally made by a scientist named Joseph Priestly, in 1767. The children were posed the question 'Do gases weigh anything?' which led nicely onto our 'poptastic' science experiment! The children were given a variety of fizzy drinks to weigh before and after shaking the drink. We discovered that the container of fizzy drink was heavier than the flat drink because it contained carbon dioxide. Some gases are lighter than air and some are heavier. Carbon dioxide is heavier than air!



In English, we have been writing up our river poems and I'm sure you will agree, they're absolutely gorgeous! The figurative language and illustrations the children have created have been astounding!

YEAR 5

The children had a fantastic time at Burghley House as part of their Tudor Day! We met the famous King Henry VIII and he taught us all about his life, including his wives, interests and about his son, Edward. The children were fascinated with his tales and asked some great questions to help with this History unit. The children played some fun games, and it was lovely to see them enjoy these with limited equipment – just like the Tudors did! We also learnt all about their food! Different Tudors ate certain meals and the monarchs and lords ended up having teeth problems due to the sugary foods they ate! The children behaved impeccably and they have remembered lots of facts to help with their learning!





In Science, the children designed their own experiment based on 'dissolving'. They were given key ingredients, ranging from coffee to sand, and they tested which would dissolve. Their understanding of the key vocabulary was impressive, including words such as saturation and soluble! We learnt the importance of how to make tests fair focussing on key variables, and they certainly benefited from this hands-on learning approach!



YEAR 6



Year 6 have been travelling back in time to the Victorian era and have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a courtroom re-enactment of the trial of a young Victorian girl. They learnt about the role of the judge and barristers and acted as witnesses for both the defence and prosecution. All the children played the roles brilliantly and after a group discussion, the jury came to a verdict. Not guilty! The barristers all did a fantastic job of putting their case forward and the witnesses tried to give clear accounts of their version of the events in question. The children have been learning journalistic skills, including direct and indirect speech and the use of the passive voice, and are now writing the newspaper report about the trial and its outcome. An excellent effort, Year 6 - great inquiry and questioning skills.

In Maths this week, we have been mastering fractions. The children have become experts on finding equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and placing them on a number line. All the children have been putting their Times Table Rockstars skills to good use and finding common factors and multiples to help them to simplify and compare different fractions.



In Science this week, we have been learning about electrical symbols and how to draw a circuit diagram. The children enjoyed making the circuits and then recording their layout with the correct symbols.



SPORTS NEWS

U11 Netball Wednesday 8th November.



On Wednesday of this week our girls were out playing netball against The Peterborough School. We were lucky to have the fine weather in the afternoon. As the rain cleared, the girls welcomed the Peterborough School on to the courts. Peterborough brought all 30 of their girls and rotated them to give them all plenty of court time. The girls worked hard during their six small games with lots of end to end play and some great defensive work by both our teams. It

was a great experience for all the girls to have lots of match play, a super effort! Well done to all of you and special thanks go to our Captains Poppy and Sophie.

Players of the match went to Esmae, Hollie and Poppy.

Thanks also go to Mrs Godderidge for the delicious homemade soup which was much appreciated by all and for her hard work in the kitchen



ELITE SPORTS

Free Girls Football Training Opportunities

We at ESA are delighted to be partnering up with Active Lincolnshire & Crowland Southview to provide FREE footballing opportunities for KS2 girls. These sessions will be completely FREE to attend and will run every Saturday - term time only. This opportunity is for all abilities and will be designed to provide fun and regular training in a safe environment. All the girls will need is warm comfortable clothing suitable for football. **Shin pads will be required.** Girls from all Primary Schools within KS2 are welcome to attend! Please see the attached flyer for more details.

SPALDING UNITED v QUORN FC – U16 GO FREE – SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Please see the attached voucher from Spalding United that entitles anyone under 16 to go free with any full paying adult on Saturday 11th November 2023, which takes place at the Sir Halley Stewart Field in Spalding. If you are interested please print the attached voucher and QR code to take with you on the day.



PTFA NEWS

Please see the attached details regarding our PTFA Christmas Fete.

REMINDERS:

KIDS' CLUB – TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER – PARENTS EVENING

Please note that due to Parents' Evening next Tuesday, after school Kids' Club will be in the Hall, so please collect your children from there.

YEAR 2 VISIT TO AYSCOUGH FEE GARDENS – THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Next Thursday, 16th November, Year 2 will be visiting the War Memorial in Ayscoughfee Gardens as part of their History work on Remembrance. Please can every child have their coat in school on that day.

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

As you may be aware, next Friday (17th November) is Children in Need Day. This year, the children will be in normal school uniform but are able to wear anything with spots/stars or something Pudsey related. The usual rules regarding makeup, jewellery and hair colour will still apply please.



LOCAL "SHOEBOX APPEAL" FOR AGAPE FOODBANK

We are now collecting for our local "shoebox appeal" which will be going to Agape to support those in need in the local community this Christmas. You can drop your shoebox (or loose items to go into a box) into the main school office until Thursday 30th November. **See the attached flyer for more details.** Thank you in advance for your support.



WILLOUGHBY HOT LUNCHES IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

11th—15th December

We would just like to ensure that the ordering of lunches is clear for the last week of term as there are lots of activities going on in these final few days.

Monday 11th December—hot lunches as usual

Tuesday 12th December—Infant children hot lunches as usual. Junior children to order fish and chips for their party day lunch.

Wednesday 13th December—hot lunches as usual

Thursday 14th December—Junior children hot lunches as usual. Infant children to order fish and chips for their party day lunch.

Friday 15th December—Whole school Christmas lunch ordered through Willoughby.

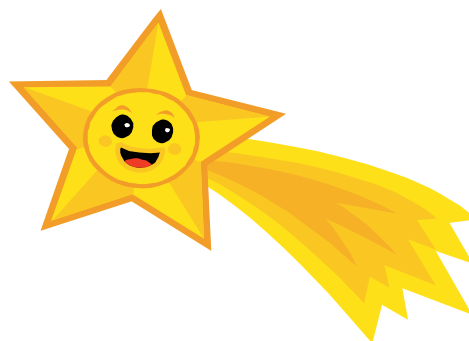
Dates for Your Diary

November	
Monday 13th	Parents' Evening week and Anti-bullying week Odd Sock Day – children are able to come into school wearing odd socks in support of Anti-bullying
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 Parents' Evening – 18:00 – 20:00
Friday 17th	Children in Need Day Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts 3.45pm and finishes at 6pm
Monday 20th	Y5 & Y6 Parent Meeting for York residential 2024 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 22nd	Fixture: U8 & U9 Tag Rugby at AHS starts 2.30pm
Thursday 23rd	Year 6 outing to Christmas Unwrapped at Broad Street Methodist - am
Friday 24th	Non-Uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize for PTFA Christmas Fete
Monday 27th	Y5 – Visit from Secondary Schools – 2pm – 3pm in school
Wednesday 29th	Fixture: Away - U10 Touch Rugby at St Hughs starts 2.30pm
December	
Saturday 2nd	PTFA Christmas Fete – 11am – 1pm
Monday 4th	Infant dress rehearsal to Junior starts 9.15pm
Tuesday 5th	Infant production to parents starts at 2pm
Wednesday 6th	Infant production to parents starts at 2pm Fixture: U11 Bottoms up Tag Rugby at AHS starts 2.30pm
Thursday 7th	Last day for Year 3 and Year 4 swimming this term Year 6 Dragons Den – details to follow soon
Friday 8th	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Shop (in school)
Monday 11th	<i>Hot lunches as usual</i> Junior Panto outing in town – (all juniors) – 10.15am Interhouse games Year 1 and Year 2 – am Reception outing to Penningtons – 10.30am
Tuesday 12th	Junior Christmas Party / fish and chips – juniors to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. Infant pupils - hot lunches as normal
Wednesday 13th	<i>Hot lunches as usual</i>
Thursday 14th	Infant Christmas Party / fish and chips – infants to come into school in party/play clothes with sensible shoes. Junior pupils – hot lunches as normal
Friday 15th	Willoughby Foods Christmas Lunch – whole school / order via Willoughby. Christmas Carol Service at Broad Street Methodist – Parents/Grandparents invited to attend - times to be confirmed soon (children will go home with parents/grandparents after the service.)

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Elizabeth
 Reception: Ryan
 Year 1: Olivia
 Year 2: Maddie
 Year 3: Edith
 Year 4: Teddy
 Year 5: Sacha
 Year 6: James



Headteacher Award: Year 2
 Golden Dustpan Award: Reception

Kindness Awards: Gabby (Junior) Carter (Infants)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

15th November – George A.

16th November – Rex

17th November – Harriet M.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright