



# AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER: 03/11/23

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week after our half term break. I hope that you all enjoyed your time and managed some rest.

We have had a busy start to the second half of our Autumn term, with Halloween activities and visits out. I was delighted to be invited to join Year 5 on their visit to Burghley House yesterday for a Tudor Christmas experience. We had a fascinating time learning about how the Tudors celebrated and the children were, as always, wonderful to be with. We enjoyed sharing the coach with a bunch of very excited pirates too, who also had a fantastic time at Nene Park.

This half term is always a busy and exciting one and we are all looking forward to the weeks ahead.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### KINDERGARTEN



We've enjoyed lots of pumpkin based activities in Kindergarten this week. We cropped the pumpkins planted by the children in Kindergarten last year and cleaned them ready for carving. We're going to keep the seeds for the next crop and use the flesh to make pumpkin purée. We freed some pumpkins that had been caught in spider's webs and we've been making our own pumpkins in different ways. Happy Halloween everybody!



### RECEPTION

Halloween has been great fun in Reception. We have enjoyed making potions and using all sorts of strange elements such as slugs, eyeballs, arms and spiders and then writing lists of ingredients. The children have crafted their own pumpkins and practised their fine motor skills by drawing and colouring lots of spooky pictures.

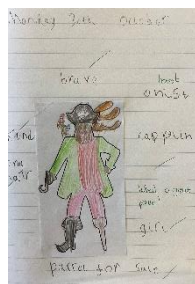




## YEAR 1



Year 1 have thrown themselves back into school mode with lots of great work all week. This term's topic of 'Land Ahoy!' has been greatly anticipated and the children have loved sharing their knowledge of pirates and also learning what are true facts, and what are actually myths about pirates. They have enjoyed designing their own pirate and using the different pirate activities in the classroom for the first time. In maths we have been learning about the part whole model to help us partition numbers and enjoyed using the bean bags, hoops, counters and cubes to help us with this new concept.



## YEAR 2



Year 2 came back to school with a bang! We have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, writing about it and acting the story. We considered whether Guy Fawkes and the plotters were bad men or if they might have had reasons for acting as they did.

In science we have begun our topic of 'Feeding and Exercise', imagining ourselves stuck on a desert island and how we could manage the essentials of fresh water, food, fire and shelter.

We then prepared messages in a bottle with lists of non-essentials to be brought by potential rescuers. These included such necessities as mosquito nets, toothbrushes, books and teddies. Potential rescuers, please note!



## YEAR 3



Year 3 have had a busy first week back – it has simply flown by! In English we have started reading our new story, "Storm", a ghost story by Kevin Crossley-Holland. The author uses personification to describe the storm in the story and the children, inspired by the engaging language, composed their own sentences describing various weather phenomena. "Fog created an impenetrable maze...", "The rainbow arched its back into a yoga pose...", "Dandelions dance in a calm breeze..." are

amongst numerous gems produced by the Year 3 children. In Art we continued the spooky theme and made our own ghosts out of wool. We have also celebrated Halloween which takes its roots from the Celtic festival of Samhain. The children enjoyed carving their pumpkins and creating spooky Halloween lanterns. What a great start to the second part of the Autumn Term!



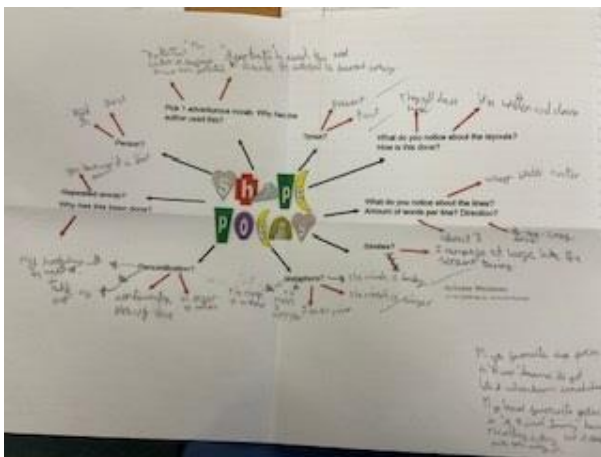


## YEAR 4



In maths this week, we have been perfecting our subtraction skills and learning multiple strategies for varied questions. We have been using the counting on method, exchanging in column subtraction and mental methods too.

In English, we have started off the term with shape poetry. This week, we have been reading a mixture of shape poems all about rivers (our topic this term) and deciding what a good one looks like (WAGOLL). We have been busy generating adventurous vocabulary to use in our planning stage. Look out for our finished poems next week!



## YEAR 5

In maths this week, the children have been using their times tables to support their learning of multiples. Lots of numbers were scattered around the room, and they were given the challenge to find multiples of different numbers. This was then extended on the tuff trays with larger numbers!



In English, the children have been introduced to the class text 'Treasure' answering a range of questions with confidence. We have been learning the tricky skill of using speech to advance the action, and how this helps move the story forward, engaging the reader further.

In curriculum, the children have been creating their own Tudor timelines. We have learnt where this fits in with other times in History, as well as being introduced to the famous king himself: Henry VIII!

## YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a busy week starting their new topics for the term. In science, they have been learning about electricity and have been finding out about key scientific inventions and discoveries, as well as looking at the different ways it can be generated.

In English, the children have been exploring report writing and are developing their journalistic skills ready to write a news report based on our topic of the Victorians. They have been learning about direct and indirect speech, in order to include some fantastic quotes, and also the key features expected in Year 6 newspaper reports.

In Maths, Year 6 have been putting their problem-solving skills to the test and have been tackling tricky word problems, as well as learning about the order of operations - they have really impressed me with their questioning and inquiry skills. Well done!

In History this term, the children are learning about the Victorians and they have been using primary and secondary sources to help them investigate the past. They have been using a range of evidence to draw conclusions about life in Victorian times and have been able to compare it with modern day life.



## SPORTS NEWS

### St Hugh's School U9 Tag Rugby Tournament, 01/11/23



St Hugh's gave us a warm welcome and the weather was excellent for Rugby. We had two teams compete in the tournament. Our AHS-White team developed their play and skills throughout their 7 matches. Annabelle captained the team and played an exemplary game. Due to the team's effort and diligence, they were given an award for 'teamwork'. The AHS-Red team, driven on by George, had an excellent tournament, not losing a match. Some of our players were also commended by teachers from opposing schools. Our team played

some lovely passages of rugby and followed the core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. Our Reds were given the award for 'Respect'. Well done to all of those who took part and thanks go to the parents who supported our teams.



## PARKING

A polite reminder to parents to please be mindful when parking near school for drop off and pick ups. Please do not block neighbour's drives or park too close to the zebra crossing. Thank you for your support.



## PTFA NEWS

Please see the attached details regarding our PTFA.



## PINK DAY – THANK YOU



A big “thank you” for all the donations received in the last week of term for Pink Day - Breast Cancer Now. We raised £111.00 for this fantastic cause.

## FOREST SCHOOL



### HELP NEEDED

We are looking for some help with donations of any tree stumps, rocks or wood chip please. Rowena, our forest school teacher, and her weekly gardening club, are on a mission to revamp the forest school area and put together a permanent fire circle (see photo below). If anyone can help at all with any of the resources, please pop in and see Mrs Staples in the office or contact Mrs Jeffries. Thank you.

## 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 & 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.

## REMINDERS:

### 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 in to the main school office until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. See the attached flyer for more details. Thank you in advance for your support.

## FRUIT AT BREAKTIME

Please can I remind parents to ensure that any grapes sent into school for snack or lunch are cut up beforehand. These do present a choking hazard if left whole. Thank you for your support.

### AFTER SCHOOL INFANT LEGO CLUB – CANCELLED - 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The Infant lego club next week on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November has been cancelled but will resume as normal the following week. Please ensure your child is collected at normal pick-up time or arrange to book them into Kids’ Club on this day.

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>November</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Flu vaccine nasal spray – Reception – Year 6
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Molsom Opticians in to visit Reception Class – 1.30pm <b>Fixture: U10 &amp; U11 Netball at The Peterborough School starts 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	After school Infant Lego – cancelled. Deadline for Parents’ Evening bookings closes at 3pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Remembrance Assembly – pupils only
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	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
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents’ Evening – 15:30 – 17:40

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture: U9 &amp; U11 Tag/Touch Rugby at AHS against Grantham Prep School starts at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 outing to Ayscoughfee Gardens
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Children in Need Day <b>Fixture: Hockey at Surfleet starts 3.45pm and finishes at 6pm</b>

### STARS OF THE WEEK

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

**Kindergarten: Harrison**

**Reception: Thea**

**Year 1: Ronnie-Rose**

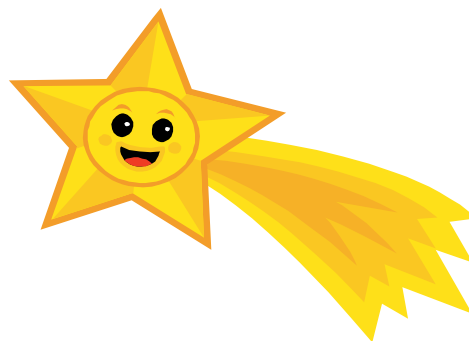
**Year 2: Rafferty**

**Year 3: Franklin**

**Year 4: Molly**

**Year 5: Teddy**

**Year 6: Noah**



**Headteacher Award: Year 3**

**Golden Dustpan Award: Kindergarten**

**Kindness Awards: Henry S (Junior) Ryan (Infants)**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> October – Mafaro**

**1<sup>st</sup> November – Mrs Patman, Sophie DC and Rafferty**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November – Holly W.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November – Matthew**

**5<sup>th</sup> November – Mrs Gibson**

**7<sup>th</sup> November - Thea**

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright