



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 19/01/24

Dear Parents,

There have been some unusual goings on in school lately! An alien has crash landed on our playground, and I have heard many amazing tales of his visits home with our Year 1 children. Last Friday, a whole crowd of Romans appeared through the gate, very excited about their visit to the Peterborough Museum. Upon their return, year 3 were able to give some very interesting facts about some of the more unsavoury habits of our Roman ancestors. This week, we were invaded by a particularly fearsome looking band of Vikings; many with home-made swords and axes, all ready to enjoy a day of fun and learning in school. Year 4 certainly looked the part and enjoyed all the exciting activities through the day. We all know that when learning is fun the children engage with it and get so much from it. I would like to say thank you to our teaching staff for organising and participating in these events with such enthusiasm, and to our parents for providing the children with the necessary costumes which help to make these days authentic and memorable.

As you will see below, there has been lots of engaging learning going on this week; I hope you enjoy reading about it.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten this week we have been investigating ice. We tried to melt ice using different things and we worked out that the ice must have been made by freezing some water. It's so cold outside that we made some more ice. Then we spotted some penguins stuck in the ice! We had to rescue them using warm water, salt and some tools.



RECEPTION



Reception class have been learning about Traditional Tales. We have begun learning the story of Rapunzel as the children have shown an interest in the film 'Tangled'. We have noticed the story language "Once upon a time a time" and "Happily ever after" and are using them in our play. We have enjoyed creating Rapunzel's hair and her tower! Our plaiting skills are really improving.

YEAR 1

This week we have been working extremely hard on our DT project for the term, which is to make a moving vehicle. First, we investigated the different features on moon buggies to make sure we had a detailed list of what we would need to include. We then learnt all about axles and wheels before designing our own moon buggy. Our afternoons have been full of measuring, sawing, glueing and sticking to ensure our vehicles are fit to be used on the moon. We will then make sure we evaluate our finished products to think about what went well and what we would do differently next time.

In maths we have been continuing our work on understanding larger numbers and ensuring we are confident using a number line. There has also been time to plan and write our own stories all about when Bob, the Man on the Moon, met an alien! What a busy week! Well done, Year 1, you have worked hard.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had fun this week with the book 'Jim and the Beanstalk', writing thank you letters from the Giant to Jim. In science we have started group research into a variety of habitats including the desert, rain forest, ocean and Arctic and we are looking forward to giving our presentations. In History, we have been considering primary and secondary evidence, using Samuel Pepys's diary to gather information about the Plague in London.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have all been enthusiastic about writing their personal recounts in English this week. They wrote about their recent visit to Peterborough Museum. The children had a great time! They learned about the Roman invasion of Britannia and the founding of the city of Durobrivae (Peterborough). The children experienced life in Roman times through play: they sourced the ingredients for a typical Roman meal, dressed each other in togas and found out what life was like in the army. The children also created clay faces to decorate the jugs and handled real Roman artefacts, some of which were 2000 years old! The most entertaining part of the day was learning about the interesting and somewhat unusual practices in an Ancient Roman doctor's surgery. What a memorable visit!



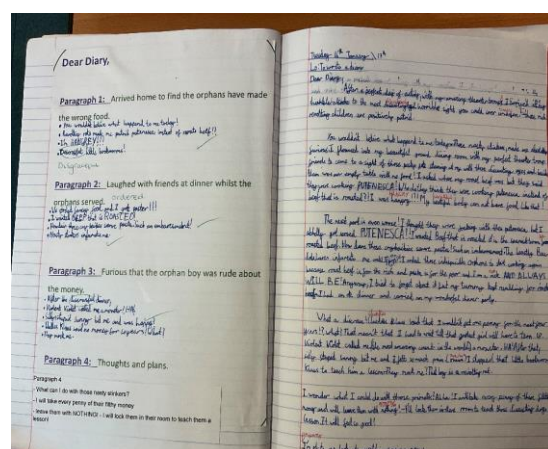
YEAR 4



In English this week, Year 4 have been getting into the role of Count Olaf. We have been very busy generating vocabulary and success criteria for a diary entry. We added all our ideas to our working wall to support the writing process and we have now drafted our diary entries. Our next step is to edit and up level our writing and then finally, we will be writing them up in neat for a fabulous display.



Our topic for this term's PSHE learning is Dreams and Goals. We read a story all about Michael Jordan and his childhood. We soon discovered that Michael's success is down to a positive attitude, determination, perseverance, and resilience. We discussed what these words mean to us and then thought about our own dreams and goals for the future. Look at our wonderful dreams and goals tree!

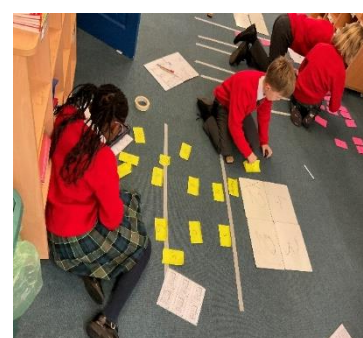


YEAR 5

In maths this week, the children have been developing their knowledge of formal multiplication. They enjoyed learning in a practical way how to answer questions involving 4 by 2 digits numbers, and this method allowed them to identify the orders of operations. The class also participated in a fun warm-up game called Duel. They had to write a calculation for a friend using certain digits, before solving each other's. This challenge was then progressed to larger numbers!

In English, the children have been completing their biographies on Tim Peake before editing these. The children have grown in confidence with their cohesion and range of punctuation, and this has been a great introduction to our topic of Space.

In curriculum, the children have been learning about Sikhism. They took part in 'The Mantle of the Expert' approach where they were given the jobs of experts and listeners. This tested their ability to work as a team, their listening skills and general understanding of the lesson. From here, the class learnt all about the 5 Ks and it was brilliant to see the children learn in this way.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been busy extending their knowledge of the Arctic and life in the extreme poles.

In Art lessons, they have been covering their plastic bottles ready for layering their sculptures in Modroc. They have thought carefully about the proportions, referring back to their pictures, to help ensure that the wings and beak are the correct lengths.



In Maths lessons, the children have shown determination and perseverance with the challenging concepts of ratio and proportion. They have been using bar models and double number lines to help them present the information clearly and have been able to tackle challenging reasoning problems.

In English lessons, the children have now completed their fantastic explanation texts and I am extremely proud of the effort they have put into the task and with the quality of the writing that they have produced. Fantastic effort, Year 6!

In Science, we have been learning about adaptation and environment and the children have been looking at how different animals are able to survive in their unique habitats. We are now going to be finding out about the work of key scientist, Charles Darwin, and his theory of evolution.

Well done, Year 6 – another brilliant effort!

ECO CLUB



This week Eco Club took part in quite a chilly litter pick. We noticed that the amount of litter around the roads surrounding the school had definitely increased and Mrs Godderidge and Mrs Patman built some muscles carrying the bags. Thank you, Eco Club, for your hard work!

PTFA NEWS

For regular updates and information on our upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK...

REPORTING A CHILD ABSENT

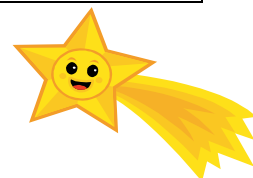
Just a reminder to parents, if your child is absent, you must contact the school office by telephone (01775 724733) in the first instance. This should be followed up by an email to Absence@ahs.me.uk. Each subsequent day of absence should be confirmed by email.

Dates for Your Diary

January 2024	
Wednesday 24th	Fixture – Away – U11 Netball at Grantham Prep School – starts 2.30pm Fixture – Away – U9 Netball Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm
Friday 26th	Class Assembly – Year 1 – starts at 9am – Parents welcome. PTFA Winter Disco – 5.30pm – 7.30pm (poster details attached)
Monday 29th	On-line Safety workshop – Year 2
Wednesday 31st	Fixture – Away – U9 Football Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm Fixture – Home – U11 Netball at AHS against Grantham Prep School – starts 2.30pm
February 2024	
Friday 2nd	NSPCC Number Day - £1 donation – Children can come into school wearing clothes which represent a number or something mathematical such as patterns etc. Class Assembly – Year 6 – Parents invited – 9am in the school hall. Fixture – Away – Hockey at Surfleet – starts 3.45pm
Monday 5th	Child Mental Health Week – Non-uniform day – Dress to Express – details to follow.
Tuesday 6th	Class Photos – taken in school
Wednesday 7th	Infant interhouse games – children will need house t-shirts along with PE kit. Fixture – Home – U9/U11 Football – starts 2.30pm
Thursday 8th	Junior Gym Assembly VR Sessions – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 5 (in school)
Friday 9th	Last day of term Class Assembly – Reception class – starts at 9am – Parents welcome.
Mon 12th – Fri 16th	FEBRUARY HALF TERM

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: Gabriel
Reception: Zara Maria
Year 1: Amelia
Year 2: Leo
Year 3: Harry C
Year 4: Phoebe
Year 5: Mafaro
Year 6: Jet

Kindness Awards: Jacob (Infants) Hollie (Juniors)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

25th January – James D

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright