



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 26/01/24

Dear Parents,

Another busy week in school has flown by and so much has been covered. It was wonderful this morning to start our new set of class assemblies. Year 1 were fantastic and gave a very confidently presented outline of all they have been learning about space. I am sure that all the parents who attended really enjoyed the assembly, as did all of us in school. Well done Year 1, you have got us off to a great start.

I would like to thank and congratulate our sports staff and children for representing the school impeccably as always. Two fixtures took place this week and the children made us very proud with their attitude, determination and superb sporting values. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport, we appreciate so much the time you give to support us with this.

In school, it was very surprising to see a legion of Roman soldiers marching down the hallway this week, all bearing expertly designed shields. It is these moments that make every day at Ayscoughfee special and bring a smile to our faces. Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN

This week in Kindergarten, we started using Drawing Club to help us bring the stories we read to life. From Monday, when we opened our first club, we discovered that our youngest school members have weird and wonderful imaginations! From lions losing their manes in the wind, to magical moving cakes, while in drawing club, the children are immersed in a magical world of their own creating. We are learning new vocabulary, writing secret codes using letters and numerals and taking the characters in the stories we read on new adventures.



Drawing
club

RECEPTION

This week we have enjoyed the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood. The children have joined Drawing Club and are happily inventing and creating characters, settings and storylines as well as adding secret code words and sentences.

Maths has focused on the numbers 6, 7 and 8 this week and we have loved representing the numbers using tens frames, Numicon and number sentences. Our number knowledge and reasoning are developing wonderfully.



YEAR 1

This week the Year 1 children have been working on understanding the differences between fiction and non-fiction books and learning the features of both types of books. They went on to produce their own non-fiction piece of writing, all about the planet Mars. We have picked up on our history work from last week and have been investigating lots of facts about Neil Armstrong. The children loved using their 'true' and 'false' paddles to show what they had learnt about his life. It was interesting to hear their thoughts when they were asked to share their ideas about why Neil Armstrong wanted to go to space in the first place! We have finished off another great week in school with an amazing class assembly all about... yes, you've guessed it... space! Well done Year 1, Miss Webster and Mrs Jeffries are very proud of you all for a great assembly today.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have been busy with their new text, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', looking at font style and size and how it can be used to make the story more interesting. We have also taken the opportunity to talk about homophones. In History, we have started learning about the story of Eyam and how it used quarantine and social distancing to prevent the spread of the Plague. We have completed and delivered our presentations on habitats and learnt some very interesting facts in the process.



YEAR 3



Year 3 children have worked hard this week and approached every task with enthusiasm. In English they planned, wrote and edited a persuasive letter trying to convince their friends and family members to join the Roman Army. They wrote eloquent letters and put forward excellent persuasive arguments. The theme of the Roman Army and the soldier's life continued into our Art lessons, with the children designing their own Roman shields.



They learned about the battle tactics used in Ancient Rome and practised marching in testudo formations. They have shown themselves to be well disciplined and attentive soldiers. What an engaged and enthusiastic group of children!

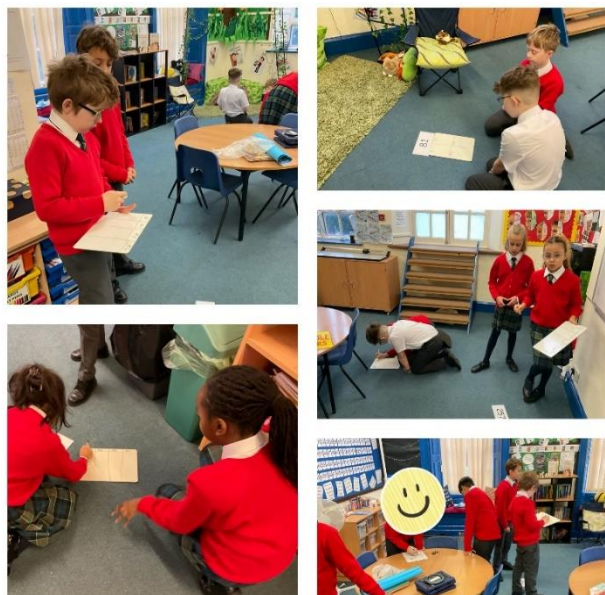


YEAR 4



Year 4 have had a very busy week, but as always have risen to the challenges we have faced! In Maths, the children have been using their division facts to build on their knowledge of dividing a 2-digit or 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. We used our base ten equipment and place value charts to explore the sharing structure of division. We moved on to calculations where an exchange was needed between the tens and the ones. Some tricky learning this week – well done Year 4!

YEAR 5



This week in Maths, the children have been completing the unit of division with a focus on remainders and reasoning. The children have completed a range of reasoning questions, including missing number problems, to apply their knowledge further.

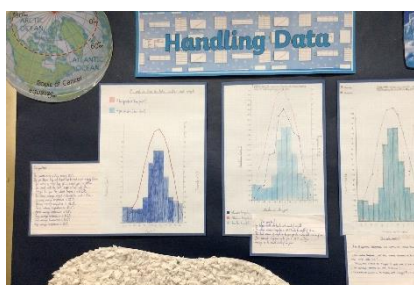
In English, the children have been completing their biography based on an inspirational person. They have carried out their own research, drafted and edited their work both independently and with their peers. The class have been enthusiastic with the editing process, showing a great understanding of the need to revisit and improve their work.

In curriculum, the children have been learning about the 10 Gurus in RE and how they influenced Sikhism. They were given the task to find information hidden around the room, making notes on certain qualities they each have. The children enjoyed the activity and showed great investigative skills.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been working hard on their topic Poles Apart and have learnt about the climate of the poles. They have been using their maths skills to create line graphs and climate graphs and have even managed to use excel to graph their data. They have thought carefully about the scale they need to use, accurately plotted the data, and have used their results to draw conclusions as to the climate of this harsh environment. They really enjoyed visiting Kindergarten to talk about penguins and polar bears.



Our Art lessons have seen our plastic bottles transform into the shape of penguins and some of the children have been starting to add layers of Modroc to harden the exterior – hopefully our plastic bottles will soon turn into a fully-fledged waddle!



In Maths lessons, the children have shown determination and perseverance with the challenging concept of algebra. They have been learning about how to use 2-step function machines and form expressions. They have been keen to learn about algebraic equations and are looking forward to continuing their learning next week.

In English lessons, the children have been learning about semi-colons and how to include them in lists and have been creating their own 'Adaptation Raps' as part of our work on performance poetry. We will look at how to develop our performance skills next week.

Well done, Year 6!

ECO CLUB



This week in Eco Club the group worked hard to feed the birds!

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch is approaching and in order to prepare we want to attract as many species as we can.



SPORTS NEWS

U9 Netball Festival at St Hugh's School Wednesday 24th January

Our U9 children took part in St Hugh's netball festival on Wednesday this week. They played six other teams in Stinger Netball, which is a five a-side game, rotating into different positions. The festival is designed to encourage maximum participation, so lots of matches against different schools and involves a lot of coaching games, learning through match play. It also encourages England Netball's core values, Respect, Good Sportsmanship, High Standards of Behaviour and Ethics. I can certainly say with confidence that our children demonstrated all of these in abundance.

Well done all of you, you played some lovely fluent netball really progressing well throughout the afternoon.

Thank you, parents, for your help with transport and encouragement throughout the afternoon.



We were given a warm welcome at the Grantham Prep School. Our two teams settled quickly and got into their matches. We played High 5 Netball with the players rotating position throughout the match. The teams that competed on the astro pitch had a very close game. At half time it was 4-3 to Ayscoughfee and the result could have gone either way. Our team grew stronger as the match continued and, in the end, Ayscoughfee won 8-5. Noah was named player of the match by Grantham. In the other game, scores were level at half time 3-3. As rotations continued, our players found it harder to keep their shape, opportunities to score were missed and in the end were defeated 16-3 by a strong Grantham team. All our players gave their full effort and played some lovely flowing netball, giving them encouragement for future matches. Esmae was named player of the



match by Grantham. Well done to all those who took part and many thanks to the parents who supported the fixture.



PTFA NEWS

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

WINTER DISCO

Don't forget the Winter Disco tonight from 17:30 – 19:30 in the School Hall – see the attached poster as a reminder.

STAFF CAR PARK

A polite reminder to Parents to please not walk through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up children. Cars may be moving around at any time and we wish to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

January 2024	
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
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: Maggie
Reception: Jackson
Year 1: Beatrix
Year 2: Max
Year 3: Hetty
Year 4: Annabelle
Year 5: Zara
Year 6: Katie

Kindness Awards: Sophia (infants) Noah W (Juniors)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

2nd February – Barnaby

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright