



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 02/02/24

Dear Parents

We have really enjoyed celebrating 'Number Day' in school today in conjunction with the NSPCC. Thank you for your kind donations towards this very worthwhile charity and for the support you have given the children in producing some truly outstanding numerical outfits!

Congratulations to our Year 6 children, for a wonderful class assembly this morning all about the Polar regions. They gave a great insight into the learning they have been doing this term, covering many areas of the curriculum. As always, their singing was beautiful and gave us the most fantastic start to the day.

Next week is the final week of this half term and there is lots to look forward to. No doubt many of our Junior parents will be joining us for the gym assembly on Thursday afternoon and Reception will be treating us to their class assembly on Friday morning.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN

This week in Kindergarten, we've been learning about germs and the importance of washing our hands. We did an experiment in which we pretended some pepper was germs. We sprinkled the pepper in water and we all had a turn dipping our finger in. It was covered in germs! However, when we coated our finger in soap first, the germs were repelled and our finger stayed clean. We will keep trying hard to wash our hands really well with plenty of soap and water.



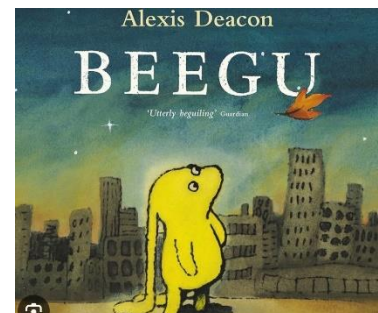
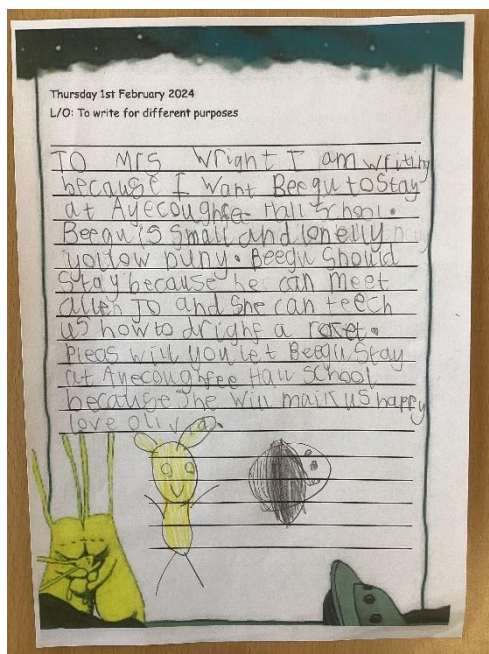
RECEPTION

Three Billy Goats Gruff is our story of the week. We have been learning the words triple, fearless, gruesome and determined. The children have been making gruesome trolls and have been determined to create strong bridges for the Troll to live underneath!



YEAR 1

This week the children have become immersed in our English text 'Beegu', a story about an alien that is abandoned on Earth. We decided that we would like Beegu to stay with us at AHS but thought we should ask Mrs Wright first. In groups, the children came up with great reasons as to why Beegu should stay and then planned their work before writing great letters to Mrs Wright. I think it was an easy decision for her in the end! In our curriculum lessons the children impressed me with their geographical knowledge of the countries and capital cities of the UK. They spoke really well about their experiences in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



YEAR 2

Tuesday 30th January

We acted out our own story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears.



This week Year 2 have had great fun acting out their own sequels to Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have started to look at an alternative version, 'Me and You' by Anthony Browne, set in an inner city, and considering the reasons that he set out the text as he did. In History we have been studying the Bill of Mortality and other evidence for the plague in Eyam. Our minibeast hunt during Forest School was marginally less successful, but we had great fun anyway examining what we now understand to be 'Microhabitats'!

YEAR 3

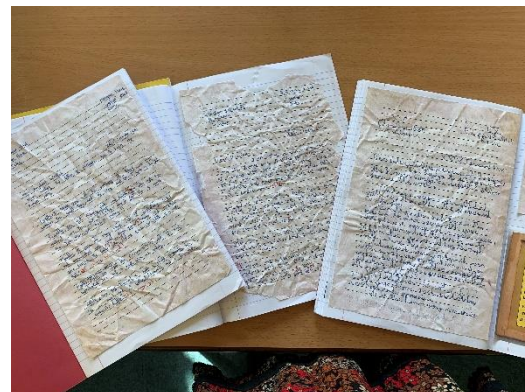


What a fun, exciting week! English lessons this week were tightly linked with our Year 3 History topic: Ancient Romans. Year 3 have started working on the new genre of news report. The children learned about the City of Pompeii and the eruption of Vesuvius. They have learned how to ask engaging questions and transformed themselves into reporters, interviewing their classmates, Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen.



In Art, the children started working on their new project, Roman villas. The children are enjoying decorating the courtyards of their villas with fountains and mosaics. Some villas even come with farmland, complete with sheep and cows! What an imaginative group of children!

During History lessons, Year 3 children researched information about Roman theatres, gladiators, Roman baths and chariot racing and presented their findings to their classmates in the shape of impressive posters, videos and PowerPoints. All children held themselves confidently and researched the subject thoroughly. Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen are incredibly proud of them and would like to thank the parents for their support and encouragement!



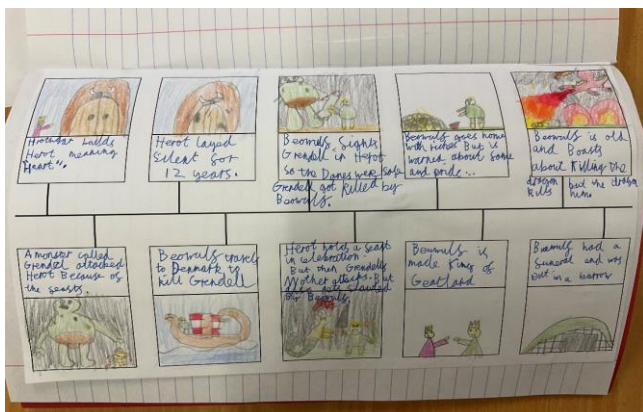
YEAR 4

SCIENCE: Does the size of the pinnae affect the volume of a sound?

Today, the children planned an investigation to answer the question – does the size of the pinnae affect the volume of a sound? They worked in groups to plan their investigations to ensure it was a fair test. Next, they tested each pinnae and recorded their results.

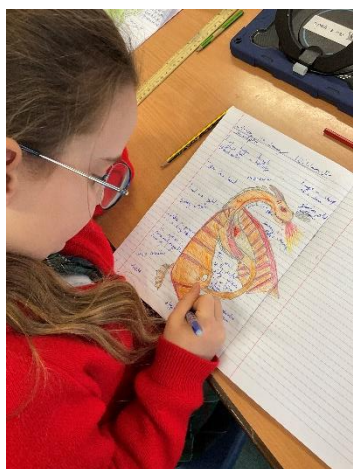


In English, the children were introduced to an epic poem. We discovered that 'epic' means a very long poem about heroes and warriors. Beowulf is one of the first recorded stories we have in Britain, and it was written in old English. The story of Beowulf, first told around 800AD, tells of events around 200 years before that! It wasn't written down back then. Instead, the story was passed down orally by storytellers.



We watched short films of Beowulf and worked in groups to orally retell the key events. Next, we decided on 10 key events and created a timeline to help us remember the sequence.

The children were given the opportunity to choose a character and draw their own interpretation based on their individual beliefs and recall of the story. They ended the lesson by generating descriptive language to support their imaginative artistic work!



YEAR 5

In Maths this week, the children have been introduced to the concept of multiplying fractions by not only other fractions, but also by whole numbers. They showed great understanding as to what fractions of amounts mean and have used their knowledge of times tables to help find these at pace. The class also drew pictures to show their understanding, before completing a range of challenging reasoning questions to stretch them further.

In English, the children have been drafting their short sci-fi narrative based on the Pixar animation: Lifted. They recapped the elements of a story mountain and analysed another narrative. This enabled them to identify which elements belong where in different stories, as well as their purpose. The children have been experimenting with characterisation and speech to advance the action based on this clip, before using this to help in their own narrative.



In Science, the class took their learning outdoors and created the solar system to scale. They used accurate measurements and learnt the distance between the planets, their orbit paths and how the distance impacts on their time to orbit the sun. We even used real fruits (to scale!) and placed them on our solar system.



In Art, the famous Vincent Van Gogh was introduced, and the children are now at the stage where they are producing their own Starry Night. We look forward to showing you the masterpieces next week!

YEAR 6

This week, the Year 6 children really enjoyed their forest school session, where they were learning all about adaptation and evolution to support their science topic. They created their own creatures and even looked at ways that they might adapt further in the future. They have been writing about their creation's incredible adaptations as part of their science lesson.

In PHSEE lessons, the class have been looking at 'Dreams and Goals' and this week they have been thinking about their dreams for the world and hopes for the future. They created a class banner for the classroom, showcasing their fabulous ideas, and have thought of ways that they can help to bring about change.

In English, we have been looking at performance poetry. We have watched some fabulous poets performing and have used this to help us perform our adaptation raps. The children are really looking forward to presenting them to the class.



Our penguins are now all ready for mod-roc, as the children have carefully created the form for their sculpture and have transformed their simple bottle into their penguin structures. We cannot wait to paint them.

Well done, Year 6 – another busy week!

SPORTS NEWS

U10 and U11 Netball Wednesday 31st January 2024

Our U10 and U11 pupils were out playing netball this week against The Grantham Prep School at AHS. It was a really lovely afternoon with all the teams progressing well through their games. We played six short games of six minutes each, which allowed all the children to rotate around the positions on the court and gain some valuable experience in all areas.

The U10 game was very close all the way through, with AHS

drawing 3-3 going into the last game, Grantham played some fluent netball and just managed to pop a goal in during the last few minutes of the game, ending in a 4-3 win to them.

The U11 team led their game 1-0 for most of the match and held their own all the way through, with some clever marking and good attacking strategies. On the last rotation Luca found himself in a shooting position and certainly made the most of it by scoring an amazing 4 goals to put the final score at 5-0 to AHS. What a super afternoon of netball, well done everyone, I was very proud of you all.

Thanks go to the PTFA for their help with refreshments.





31.01.24 - U9 Football Festival at St Hugh's (Woodhall Spa)

On a breezy afternoon we were given a lovely welcome by the St Hugh's team.

The festival covered 5 round robin fixtures of 10mins duration each.

We comfortably won our first game against Greenwich House, which gave us a good confidence boost as a team. The second match was much closer, we had to battle hard against St George's to gain a well-deserved 1-0 victory. We drew the next game, which could have gone either way, against the St Hugh's Red team. In our fourth game fatigue and a little complacency were in evidence; we

missed our chances and were defeated 1-0. Our players sadly did not hear the whistle that blew seconds before they put the ball in the opponent's net. The final game against the St Hugh's red team was played in good spirits by all, St Hugh's lending us one player so all the children were taking part. We won this friendly match 2-0. So, 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss - a good result from an enjoyable afternoon of football. Our team was awarded the 'Determination Award' (one of the sports values) by the St Hugh's Pupils. Well done to all who took part and thanks go 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.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES –

Our pre-loved uniform shop will be open next **Monday 5th February** from 3pm – 3.30pm. Please feel free to pop in and have a browse, or if you have any uniform donations, please drop them in.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 5th Feb – Non-uniform day / Child Mental Health Week – Dress to Express
Pupils can wear the clothes that they feel most comfortable in. (No donations needed)



Wednesday 7th Feb – Infant interhouse games – children will need their house t-shirts along with PE kit.

Dates for Your Diary

February 2024	
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
Monday 19th	School resumes – Clubs and Music start PTFA Meeting – 3.30pm
Tuesday 20th	Class Photos – rescheduled. Fixture – Away – U8/U9 Football at St Hughs – starts 2.30pm
Friday 23rd	Class Assembly – Year 4 class – starts at 9am – Parents welcome
Monday 26th	10am online booking opens for Parents Evening appointments
Tuesday 27th	School Council Treat Sale and Cake quiz at breaktime
Wednesday 28th	Reception visit to Spalding Library – 9.15am Fixture – Away – U11 Football Festival at The Peterborough School – starts 2.30pm



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Jayela

Reception: Ryan

Year 1: Ellie

Year 2: Mollie

Year 3: Harry H

Year 4: Oliver

Year 5: Sacha

Year 6: Sophie

Kindness Awards: Mr Clark (infants) Jessica (Juniors)

Headteachers Award: Year 6

We have the following birthdays coming up:

6th February – Amelie and Zara

7th February – Henry S.

11th February – James G.

13th February – Valentina

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright