



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 09/02/24

Dear Parents,

We had a very wet start to the day today, but the wonderful class assembly by our Reception class really brightened things up for everyone. The confidence the children displayed as they talked about their learning this term was exceptional and we were all so proud of them.

We were equally proud yesterday of our junior gymnasts who gave a really wonderful gym performance for parents. The children worked so hard to perfect their routines over several weeks this half term, resulting in some very polished and well-choreographed performances. What was particularly lovely, was the resilience and teamwork shown by the children as they supported each other through team member absence and nerves. Well done to you all.

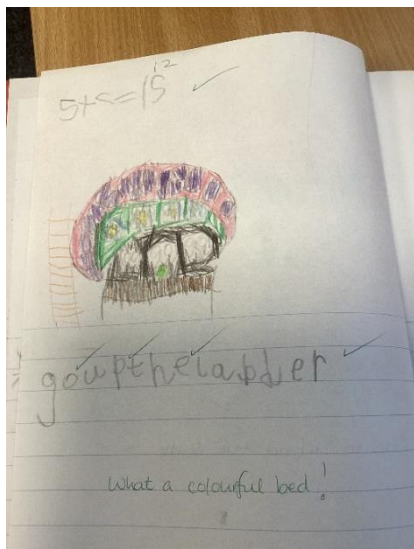
As we approach the midway point of our academic year, I would like to thank you all very much for your continued support for the school and wish you a happy half term break.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten have really enjoyed developing their throwing and catching skills in PE this term. This week was focused on hand eye coordination using quoits and balls. The children were trying really hard to catch the quoits. They also had to listen carefully to instructions so they could play some games, including a silly name version of 'Duck Duck Goose!' Mostly, after the cooking we've done this week, the ideas were food inspired. We liked 'Cheese, Cheese, Pineapple!'



RECEPTION



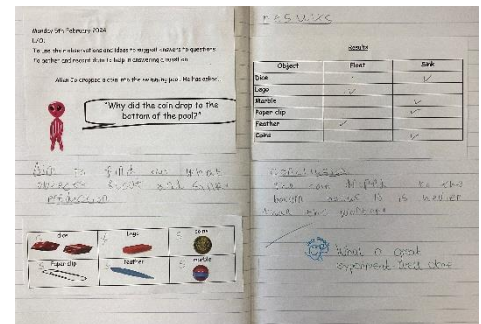
In Reception this week, we have enjoyed the story of The Princess and the Pea. The children created some amazing 'pea proof' beds in Drawing Club and have been writing more and more each day. They have been exploring height, size and length in maths and were keen to use the appropriate vocabulary.



YEAR 1



Year 1 have finished this terms science work on materials by completing an experiment all about floating and sinking. They had great fun dropping objects into bowls of water and were excited to see if their predictions were correct or not. The children had to write up the experiment, as well as making conclusions to answer the question from Alien Jo as to why his coin dropped to the bottom of the swimming pool. This week the children have also written their own adventure stories and have solved tricky missing number problems in maths. A busy week to end the term, well done Year 1.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had great fun this week measuring in centimetres and metres. They have been learning more about the oceans, including some of the important differences between oceans at the Poles and the Equator. We have been reading our third and final version of 'Goldilocks'; this one, 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' was voted the funniest and best in our discussion...and gave us a great chance to discuss democracy!



YEAR 3

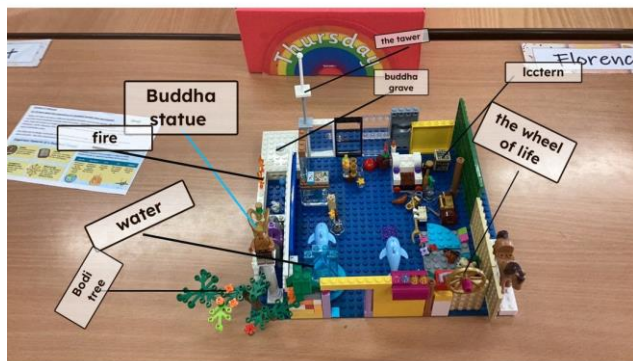
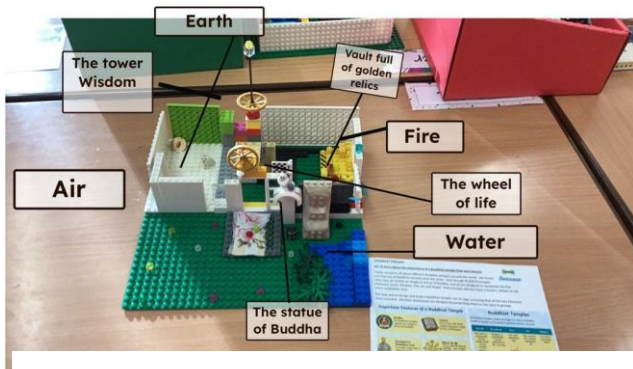
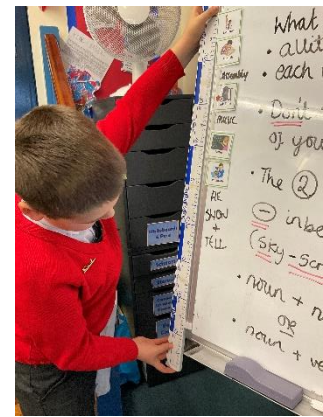
What an excellent, fun filled and fast paced last week before the holidays!

Year 3 planned and wrote their news reports about the fatal day of 24th August 79 AD, when Mount Vesuvius erupted, destroying the City of Pompeii. They then filmed their reports in a newscast style. Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen were very impressed with how much detail the children included in their reports and how confidently they held themselves! Year 3 also finished their Roman Villa projects in Art. They included such features as walled courtyards, fountains, pastures and animal enclosures, intricate floor mosaics and many more. The villas are on show in our classroom for anyone who would like to learn about Ancient Roman houses! Year 3 children, Mrs Periam and Miss Meachen would love to wish everyone a restful and fun half term break!



YEAR 4

In maths, we have been learning all about perimeter. We really enjoyed our practical lesson, looking for rectangles around our classroom, and measuring their perimeter. We even used our prior learning and converted centimetres to metres! Great learning, Year 4!



This week in RE, we learnt all about different Buddhist temples around the world. We found out that not all Buddhist temples look the same. Even though temples vary, they all contain an image or statue of Buddha, and all are designed to symbolise the five elements: Earth, Wisdom, Fire, Air and Water. Every temple will also have a lectern, Wheel of Life and a meditation area.

Our task was to design and build a Buddhist temple out of Lego, ensuring that all the key elements were included. We then showcased our temples by presenting them to the class in groups.

As part of our Mental Health Week, we played a game to understand that sometimes things happen that mean we have to change our plans and set new goals for ourselves when things don't always work out as hoped or expected.

We played Zoom!

EEK! Where the direction of the circle can change at any moment. Some children didn't get the chance to join in because the direction of the game changed. We spoke about how that felt and how sometimes in life, this happens. We discussed that feeling disappointment is very natural, but we must not let those feelings stay around for too long. The children showed a mature attitude and were happy to share with the class, their own experiences in life when they have had to overcome this feeling.



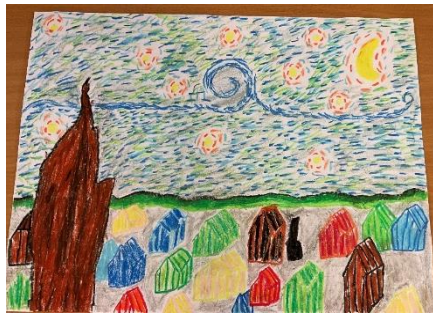
YEAR 5



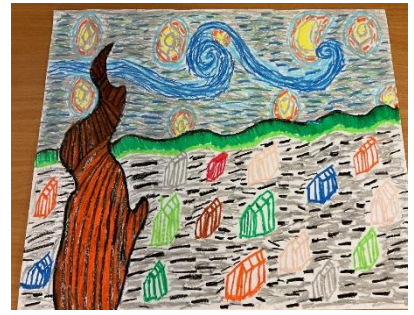
In maths this week, the children have been completing their Fractions unit. They have been using the Singapore Bar Method to represent fractions of amounts, and even heading outdoors to find the original whole number. The class showed fantastic understanding of this, and even tackled some challenging reasoning questions.



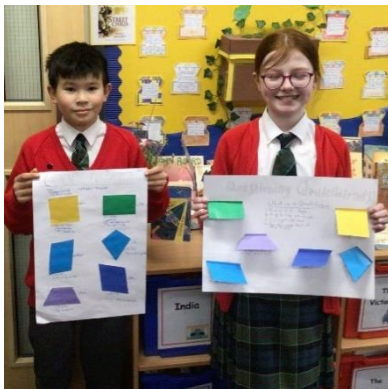
In English, the children have been writing their own Sci-Fi narratives. They have been adapting one we wrote together as a class and adding in their own personal touches to this. The use of characterisation has been impressive, and the children have even started to add touches of informality.



In curriculum, the children have been completing their Starry Night pieces inspired by Vincent van Gogh. Once this was completed, they then added their own modern-day twist to create their own masterpiece. I have delighted with the care and attention to detail with these, and they should all be proud of what they have achieved.



YEAR 6



This week, year 6 have been continuing to develop their knowledge of life in the extreme poles and have been learning about the life of Robert Falcon Scott. They have been looking at the features of biographies and researching facts about Captain Robert Falcon Scott, ready to write a biography about his life.

In maths, they have been learning about the properties of different quadrilaterals and created information posters to explain the number of lines of symmetry, types of angles and sides of equal lengths. They have also continued to develop their understanding of algebra and are now experts at solving equations and finding more than one possible solution to a problem.

In Science, the children have learnt about Darwin's finches and conducted their own experiment about which type of 'beak' was best for each type of food. They had to work as a team and ensure they conducted a fair and accurate experiment.

As part of Mental Health Week, the children have been thinking about what matters to them and have produced a spiral to show what is most important in their life. They are really proud of their finished pieces. Well done, Year 6!



SPORTS NEWS



Spalding Hockey Club Spalding Primary Schools Tournament 3

On a mild evening under the flood lights our two teams took to the astro-turf. Our A Team in League 1 had three matches, won 1 and lost 2. The three games were all fiercely competed. We beat John Harrox 3-2 in the first then lost 2-0 and 2-0 to Tower Road and MonksHouse respectively. Our team missed a few chances, though the results did reflect the play. Good bouts of play with some areas that could be improved on.

The B team competed hard and were developing their play in all positions on the field. They played four matches and kept battling hard to the final whistle. A 1-0 loss to Tower Rd D, A 0-0 Draw against Gosberton Academy B, A 3-0 defeat against John Harrox B and finally a 1-0 defeat to Spalding Parish.

Well done to all those that took part. A big thank you goes to Mrs Woodrow and Mrs O'Rourke for managing the B Team and to all the parents who supported the fixture.



Interhouse Event - Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in their Interhouse games event this week. It was extremely exciting and very noisy as the teams worked together to compete against the other houses in a variety of team activities.

Well done all of you, it was great fun and thank you Year 2 for helping to record the results and for being so supportive to our Year 1 children!

1st place = Super Saxons

2nd place = Valiant Vikings

3rd place Robust Romans

4th place = Noble Normans

Sports Values goes to the Robust Romans for their Honesty, Teamwork and Determination.



07.02.24 U9 U11 Football v The Grantham Prep School.

On a clear, sunny winter afternoon we welcomed Grantham to our two pitches on the Grammar school field. Grantham brought two mixed teams of U9 and U11 boys and girls who played us in good, spirited matches following the sports values.

Our U9 team got an early lead and by half time were 2-0 up.

Grantham improved in the second half and got an early goal back. We scored the next goal making it 3-1 and then in a final effort Grantham

got another one making it 3-2. It wasn't quite enough, and our team held out for a well-deserved win.

Our U11 team made a steady start, and scores were level 1-1 at the end of the first quarter. Grantham had a few missed chances during the game and did not score again due to our strong defence and Jack in goal. We were consistent and scored in the next two quarters, making the score 3-1 to us. The final quarter was very evenly balanced without a goal. So, two good wins and a lovely afternoon of football with Grantham. Well done to all who took part.



PTFA NEWS

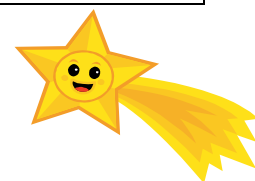
For regular updates and information on our upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

PARKING

We have been asked by Spalding Grammar School to remind parents that parking on Welland Road is restricted between 3.30pm and 4.00pm for school buses.

Dates for Your Diary

February 2024	
Monday 19th	School resumes – Clubs and Music start PTFA Meeting – 3.30pm
Tuesday 20th	Year 6 Parent Meeting (online safety) – 6:30pm
Wednesday 21st	Class Photos – rescheduled. Fixture – Away – U8 / U9 Football at St Hugh's – starts 2.30pm
Friday 23rd	Class Assembly – Year 4 class – starts at 9am – Parents welcome. PTFA Family Bingo night – 5.30pm – 7.30pm – book online via Parentmail
Monday 26th	10am online booking opens for Parents' Evening appointments
Tuesday 27th	School Council Treat Sale and Cake quiz at breaktime – donations taken for Cancer research UK
Wednesday 28th	Reception visit to Spalding Library – 9.15am Fixture – Away – U11 Football Festival at The Peterborough School – starts 2.30pm
March 2024	
Friday 1st	Class Assembly – Year 3 – starts at 9am – Parents welcome.
Tuesday 5th	World Book Day – Children and staff are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character
Wednesday 6th	Fixture – Away – Copthill Cross Country – starts 1.15pm
Friday 8th	Mother's Day Shop Class Assembly – Year 2 – starts at 9am – Parents welcome.



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Ronnie
Reception: Eden
Year 1: Azra
Year 2: George S
Year 3: Chloe
Year 4: Anesu
Year 5: Henry
Year 6: Amelie

Kindness Awards: Audrey (infants) Hollie W (Juniors)

Headteachers Award: Reception Class and All Juniors

We have the following birthdays coming up:

20th February – Henry E & Iris

22nd February – Evie & Mrs Godderidge

25th February – Mrs Chester

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright