



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 16/01/26

Dear Parents,

As you will see below, we received a new consignment of reading books this week, which we are very excited about. The books are to replace/supplement our existing Infant reading scheme and also extend this into the lower Juniors. The new titles give a breadth of genres, both fiction and non-fiction, which will really enrich the children's reading and encourage them to enjoy a variety of text types. It is our intention to continue adding to the books the children read in class and at home and to extend these further across the school.

We are deeply grateful to the PTFA for raising the funds for these very valuable learning resources, and to all of our parents for their continued support for PTFA events. Thank you very much, the money truly does make a huge difference.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

KINDERGARTEN



We are continuing to investigate robots in Kindergarten this week. We're reading a story called 'The Littlest Robot' and enjoyed creating pictures of the weird and wonderful characters he meets in Drawing Club. We have been dancing like robots with Danny Go and following instructions like robots. We used printing to make our own robots and they look lovely on the wall outside our classroom! We think that robots are made of metal, so we've been using magnets to investigate and sort metal and non-metal objects. Another busy week! 🤖



RECEPTION



Reception have had a brilliant week of inventing. We built junk model robots and learned about 3D shapes while thinking about recycling. We created names for our robots and imagined the amazing jobs they could do. Well done for your wonderful creations Reception.

In Drawing Club, we read *My Grandpa's Amazing Inventions* and enjoyed the wacky creations, especially the 'Fabulous Deep Sea Tentaclon'. We imagined being inventors ourselves and designed our own fantastic machines.



We also kept our brains busy by solving maths challenges set by our function machine robot. What a creative week!



YEAR 1



Year 1 have had another fun and fantastic week! All of the children have enjoyed their swimming lessons and we have been having lots of fun in our café role play area. The children have been wearing their chef hats, taking food orders and they have even been making different meals for their customers! The children were also applying their knowledge about fruits from our DT lesson where we sorted different food into two groups of fruit and non-fruits.



The children have been very interested in our Geography topic. We have looked at where the UK is on a map and they have used atlases to identify the four countries and capital cities that make up the UK. The children have been able to identify where the different countries are on a map and we have also been comparing Spalding to London. We recapped our prior knowledge of human and physical features and we then researched the different features in Spalding and in London.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have had another wonderful week of learning. In English, the children have enjoyed continuing their work on 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. After exploring the original text closely, this week they have been writing their own sequels. The children chose brand new settings for their adventures and thought carefully about creating an exciting problem for their characters. Just like Aaron Becker, they used the idea of a magical chalk to draw something that would help resolve the problem. We were very impressed with the creativity and detail they put into their writing.



In ICT, the children have had great fun programming the Beebots. They have been building pathways and challenging themselves to create square patterns by repeating a sequence of commands. They have also been learning how to use quarter turns to help give clearer instructions, which has helped develop their early coding and directional skills.

In class we regularly practise our handwriting and are working especially hard on keeping our letter sizes consistent and neat on the line.



Well done, Year 2—another fantastic week of learning and teamwork!



YEAR 3



Year 3 have had a fantastic start back and have quickly settled into our usual routines. They have thrown themselves into our exciting new topic, The Ancient Romans, with great enthusiasm. The children were amazed by the incredible craftsmanship of Roman mosaic artists as they continued to work on their own creative designs inspired by their interests and hobbies. We have been treated to some wonderful mosaics featuring themes such as space, cars, pets and flowers.



In English, we have started exploring a new text type: personal recounts. The children read and discussed a range of examples before identifying the key features and creating a class checklist. They then used this to plan and write their own recounts, sharing stories about favourite holidays and special experiences.

In Science, our learning has focused on healthy eating. The children investigated food labels and explored the nutritional content of products we often eat and drink.

This sparked some thoughtful discussion and some excellent questions, including: "What happens to the body if we only eat unhealthy foods?", "Are all fats unhealthy?", "Is it okay to eat chocolate?" and "Do unhealthy snacks also contain good nutrition?" Year 3 have shown brilliant curiosity and investigative skills throughout.



The focus of our history lesson this week was what life was like for Roman soldiers and the equipment they used. We learned that Roman soldiers, known as legionaries, were part of one of the most powerful armies in history. Their training was extremely rigorous and demanding because they needed to be strong, disciplined and always prepared for battle. We are looking forward to making our own Roman shields and practising marching formations next week.

YEAR 4

In maths this week, Year 4 have been developing their understanding of place value through dividing by 10 and 100. The children explored how digits move when numbers are divided, using place value charts and practical examples to support their learning. Alongside this, we focused on multiplication and division related facts, helping pupils to see the important links between the two operations. The children practised using known facts to solve calculations efficiently and explain their reasoning with confidence. It has been lovely to see them growing in accuracy and using mathematical vocabulary to talk about their thinking.

In English, Year 4 have been learning about the importance of using commas, modal verbs and parenthesis to add clarity and detail to their writing. The children applied these skills by writing a descriptive piece inspired by *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. They imagined the characters beginning their story in an alternative setting of a café, using rich vocabulary and carefully chosen punctuation to bring their scenes to life. It has been wonderful to see the children experimenting with sentence structure and developing confidence in crafting engaging descriptions.

Design and Technology this week, has linked to our learning about Anglo-Saxon in history, introducing the children to the famous Sutton Hoo helmet. The children studied the helmet closely, discussing what it was used for, who may have worn it, when it was made and why it was such an important historical discovery. To begin our own helmet project, the children paper-mâché balloons to create the shell of their helmets, working carefully and cooperatively. A huge thank you to Mrs Grew, Emma and Jane for their support with this exciting and creative lesson!



YEAR 5

In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard on the challenging concept of fractions. The children have been comparing and ordering fractions by finding common denominators and using their multiplication facts confidently to support their reasoning. They were fantastic at using concrete resources, particularly fraction walls, to visualise relationships between fractions. This hands-on approach really helped to deepen their understanding, and the children showed great resilience and determination when tackling tricky problems.

In English, the children have been drafting a biography based on the life of Steve Jobs. They have been highly enthusiastic while learning about his achievements, challenges and impact on the world. The children have focused on using a wide range of writing skills, including varied sentence openers, subordinate conjunctions and relative clauses. Their drafts show increasing confidence, thoughtful structure and a clear understanding of how to write engaging and informative biographies.



In PSHE, the children explored their future careers and discussed what they might like to be when they are older. They researched different jobs and learned about the qualifications and skills needed for these roles. This sparked lots of excitement and thoughtful conversations, as children shared their ambitions and interests. It was a fun and engaging way for them to think about their future and begin understanding the steps needed to achieve their goals.

YEAR 6



This week, Year 6 pupils have been really engaged in exploring the fascinating world of the Arctic. The children have been learning about the key features of explanation texts, which has helped them research how polar bears adapt to their environment. They're currently putting their findings into informative paragraphs, getting ready to write their own explanations and have been exploring the features required to write an excellent introduction.

Alongside their writing, the children have been using this knowledge in science by looking into how animals and plants adapt, as well as studying the evolution of different species. They are now looking forward to writing some animal adaptation raps later in the term.

Maths has also been a big focus this week, as the children have been securing their understanding of measurements by converting metric units to imperial units and miles to kilometres. Not only have they been using their skills in maths lessons but have been using their calculation skills to help run the school stationery shop – well done, Year 6.

Another busy week!



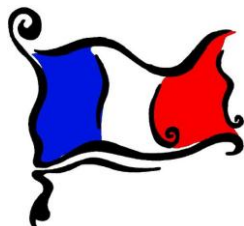
LANGUAGES

This week has been a rich and engaging one in Modern Foreign Languages, with pupils across the school developing both their linguistic skills and their cultural understanding.



In the Infant classes, Spanish lessons have focused on building confidence and enjoyment through a range of interactive activities. Pupils have enthusiastically participated in language-based games and songs, which have supported pronunciation, listening skills and vocabulary acquisition. They have also demonstrated impressive creativity and confidence by acting out short stories in Spanish, bringing language learning vividly to life through performance. Their willingness to take risks and express themselves orally in another language has been commendable – ¡bravo!

Our Junior pupils, who are studying French, have been deepening their understanding of French culture alongside their language learning. A particular highlight this week was the exploration of authentic materials, including menus, brochures and ski maps, kindly brought in by a pupil following a holiday to France. These real-life resources provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to apply their developing knowledge and use their 'language detective' skills to infer meaning, identify familiar vocabulary and make connections between languages. The activity was met with great enthusiasm and curiosity, reinforcing the value of authentic contexts in language learning.



ECO CLUB



Feeding the birds at this time of year is very important as there are very few insects, berries or other food sources around. Eco club did Miss Davies and me proud with a busy Eco Session creating gift tags for next Christmas and getting very sticky by squeezing lard and seeds together to make birdfeeders which we will hang up around the school next week. This will hopefully attract more birds to the environment ready for the RSPB Big Bird Watch the following week.



SPORTS NEWS

U10/U11 Netball Wednesday 14th January against The Peterborough School and The Grantham Prep



Our Year 5 and Year 6 children were out playing netball at The Peterborough School on Wednesday this week. They took part in a mixture of games against The Peterborough School and The Grantham Prep School. The U10s got off to a great start in their first game against TPS U10 team. They worked extremely hard defensively and were able to move the ball down the court confidently securing a win 2-1. Their second game was against TGPS U11 team, so quite a challenge, but they

really kept their cool and continued to work hard and remained focused, conceding only three goals to our one, very well done! Their last game was against our own U11 team, both teams produced some good netball, the U11s crept ahead winning 2-0.



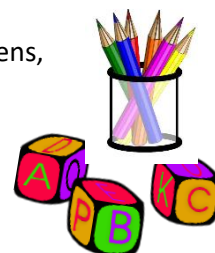
The U11 team played TPS U11 team for their first game, they worked hard to keep possession and vary their play on the netball court, TPS just stretched ahead by one goal, with the final score being 2-1 to them. Our second game was against TGPS, a familiar team as we played them last week. We got off to some very positive play and really began to link up well as a team, passing fluently and maintaining possession down the court, we found ourselves ahead at full time 2-0, super! Thanks go to our captains, Edith and Annabelle and to our players of the matches, Jessica, Afiyah, Edith, Phoebe, Annabelle and Molly. Well done to all girls who took part, we were very proud of your efforts on the netball court. Thanks go to parents who came to support the children.

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

The school stationery shop will be open during breaktimes every Thursday for pupils to purchase pens, pencils etc.

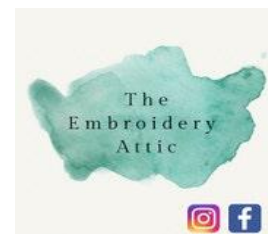
Bright Beginnings – Toddler Group

Just as a reminder to all parents and especially to those with younger siblings, please remember we have our Toddler Group which runs once a week in the School Hall on a Friday morning from 10am – 11.30am. Join us with your little ones for a warm welcome and a fun playtime. Toys, stories, singing and activities for all ages up to 3 years old. Enjoy a hot drink and a snack for the children in a friendly space. £4 per child. Everyone is welcome so please tell your friends.



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PTFA NEWS



The staff and children would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTFA – and to everyone who supports their fantastic work. Thanks to your generosity and continued commitment we have been able to purchase a wide range of brand-new reading scheme books for the children to use, enjoy and be inspired by. These new resources will make a real difference to our reading journey across the school, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

The PTFA would like to invite any parents to join the “Ayscoughfee Hall School PTFA” Facebook & Instagram page. These pages are private groups used by the PTFA to keep parents up to date on any news and events.

COSY FRIDAYS – PTFA members will be selling hot chocolate at the end of the school day every Friday throughout this first half of Spring Term.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP – (see the attached poster)

The shop will be open **Monday 19th January** – 3pm to 4.30pm in the hall foyer or **Monday 2nd March** – **3pm to 4.30pm**. If you are unable to make either of these dates you can arrange an appointment by emailing PTFA@ahs.me.uk.

PTFA Upcoming Events:

- **Friday 30th January – Winter Disco – 5:30pm – 7:30pm (see the attached poster)**
- **PTFA Meeting – 3:30pm on Monday 23rd February.**
- **Friday 20th March – Family Bingo night – 6pm – 8pm (details to be sent out nearer the time).**



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

- **FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY - YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY – Year 2 parents invited - 9am in the School Hall**

Dates for Your Diary

JANUARY

Mon 19th **Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop – 3pm – 4.30pm in the hall foyer**
Wed 21st **Fixture: Away – U9 Netball Festival at St Hugh’s – starts 2pm**
Fri 23rd *Class Assembly – Year 2 – starts 9am – Parents welcome.*

Mon 26th Year 6 outing to Warning Zone / Year 5 outing to National Space Centre –
Leicester

Wed 28th **Fixture: Away – U9 Football Festival at St Hugh’s – starts 2pm**

Fixture: Home – U9 & U11 Netball at AHS – starts 2.15pm

Fri 30th *Class Assembly – Year 6 – starts 9am – Parents welcome.*

PTFA Winter Disco – 5:30pm – 7:30pm

FEBRUARY

Mon 2nd Fire Safety Workshop in school – Year 2 and Year 6

Tues 3rd National Measurement – for Reception & Year 6 pupils (nurse in after lunch)

Second date - Writing Workshop for Year 2 to Year 6 parents – 3:30pm

Wed 4th Reception visit to Spalding Library – 9.30am

Fixture: Away – U9 & U11 Football at Grantham Prep School – starts 2:15pm

Infant Interhouse – Infant pupils will need PE kit and house t-shirts in school

Thurs 5th **Junior Gym Assembly – (details to follow nearer the time)**

Fri 6th NSPCC Numbers Day – £1 donation – children can come into school dressed as
their favourite number.

Class Assembly – Year 5 – starts 9am – Parents welcome

Year 1 Smoothie tasting – 2:45 pm – parents invited in school hall

Fixture: Away – Hockey at Surfleet – starts 3:45pm

Mon 9th Early Years Open Week – new prospective parents to look round between
11am – 12noon & 2pm – 3pm.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils leave for the York residential

Thurs 12th Year 5 and Year 6 pupils return from York residential

Fri 13th *Class Assembly – Year 4 – starts 9am – Parents welcome*

Year 3 outing to Peterborough Museum – Roman Day

Mon 16th – Fri 20th FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Mon 23rd School resumes / Clubs and Music lessons resume.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Kindergarten: Joshua

Reception: Aiden

Year 1: Jayela

Year 2: Milo

Year 3: Ellie

Year 4: Noah

Year 5: Katie

Year 6: James

Kindness Awards: Joshua (Infant) Zach (Junior)

Headteachers Award: Year 1 and Year 2

Golden Dustpan Award: Reception

We have the following birthdays coming up:

19th January – Mrs Staples

20th January – Vera

22nd January - Rehna

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright