



AYSCOUGHFEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 11/09/26

Dear Parents,

Our first full week back has flown by and has been both busy and enjoyable. The children really have settled back well and are now engrossed in their first topics of the year. Walking around school, I have enjoyed seeing the children working on cave paintings, learning about the continents of the world, being excited by their Egyptian museum project, uncovering the secrets of the Indus Valley, getting creative with writing about volcanoes and much more. Our Early years children have settled so well into the new classes and it was wonderful to have Kindergarten join us this morning for our first celebration assembly of the year.

Well done children, we are so proud of you all.

KINDERGARTEN



"I'll tell you something a little bit funny, Jackson likes bees, but he doesn't like honey!" The book we've shared in Kindergarten this week has got us all thinking about our likes and dislikes. Mrs. Thorpe can't believe how many of the children like mushy peas! We've shared our favourite colours and been outside on a colour hunt. We've all been getting to know each other a bit better and we are so proud of how well the children are settling into new routines. We've enjoyed our first P.E. lesson with Ms. Lawniczak and music with Mrs. Carr. Well done everyone!



RECEPTION

Reception class have had a wonderful first week in school learning the rules of the classroom, how to tidy up and care for our equipment and most importantly that they are a valued member of the Reception Class Team. We have enjoyed joining in Drawing Club using Supertato as our first story and have played matching and sorting games in Maths. It has been lovely getting to know the class and having so much fun settling them in and making sure they are settled and happy. They have been a delight!



YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week of learning and they have also had lots of fun along the way!

The children have been working incredibly hard on writing simple sentences. They have been focusing on using capital letters, finger spaces, their phonics knowledge and full stops correctly. The children were able to practise these skills during their Drawing Club sessions, which were all about The Colour Monster.

In Science, the children were able to correctly name different parts of the human body and discuss the five senses. They showed fantastic knowledge and enthusiasm when sharing what they had learned.

The class also loved taking part in their Forest School session. They used a variety of natural materials from the Forest School area to create self-portraits. The children were incredibly creative, using objects such as leaves and mud to bring their artwork to life.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning and fun! We are so proud of all your hard work.



YEAR 2

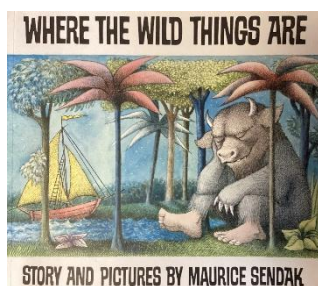
Year Two are definitely getting into the swing of being back at school after the summer holidays, and it has been wonderful to see everyone settling into our routines and enjoying their learning.

In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the text 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children have been looking closely at different writing features and developing their vocabulary. They have also had lots of fun creating their own setting descriptions, using interesting and imaginative language to bring their settings to life.

In Maths, we have continued our work on place value. The children have been completing a range of practical and written activities to develop their understanding of tens and ones, and they have worked very hard to explain the value of each digit in a number.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about how we can work together as a class. The children were very proud to sign our Class Charter, which we have all agreed to follow throughout the year. We have also been introduced to our PSHE character, Jigsaw Jo, who will be joining us during our PSHE lessons throughout the year.

It has been a fantastic week, and we are so proud of how brilliantly Year Two are settling back into school!



YEAR 3



Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their first full week in the Juniors and what a busy week it has been! The children are already settling brilliantly into their new routines and have approached their learning with lots of enthusiasm.

In Maths, it has been all about place value, with the children exploring different ways to represent and understand numbers up to 1,000. They have been busy partitioning numbers and thinking carefully about the value of each digit.

Our History lessons have taken us on a journey thousands of years into the past as we began our exciting Stone Age topic. The children

have been fascinated to discover how early people lived, what they ate, where they sheltered and how different their lives were from ours today. We continued our Stone Age theme in Art, where the children studied examples of prehistoric cave paintings before creating their own. Using natural, earthy colours, they produced some wonderfully atmospheric artwork inspired by the images left behind by people thousands of years ago.

In English, we have been developing our descriptive writing by exploring expanded noun phrases and creative vocabulary. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas, ready for writing their own forest setting descriptions next week.

A fun, creative and very busy first full week - well done, Year 3!



YEAR 4



Maths – Place Value

This week in Year 4, we have been busy developing our understanding of place value and building our confidence in recognising, representing and understanding numbers. We have made use of practical manipulatives, including Base 10, place value counters and place value charts, to help us see how numbers are made up and understand the value of each digit.

English – Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx

In English, we have begun reading our exciting new class text, *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*. The children have been developing their reading comprehension skills by predicting, summarising and making inferences, carefully using evidence from the text to support their ideas and answers. We have enjoyed discussing the characters, exploring new vocabulary and making predictions about what might happen as Marcy's adventure unfolds. The children have already shown lots of enthusiasm for the story and its fascinating Ancient Egyptian setting.

History – Ancient Egypt

In History, we have begun our exciting new topic exploring Ancient Egypt. We have been finding out what everyday life was like for the Ancient Egyptians and comparing this with our lives today.

We have discovered just how important the River Nile was to Ancient Egyptian civilisation, providing water, food, transport and fertile land for farming. The children have also enjoyed becoming young historians by carefully examining a range of artefacts, thinking about what they can tell us about life in the past.

Using their observations, Year 4 have been encouraged to raise thoughtful historical questions and consider what further information they would like to discover. We are looking forward to uncovering many more fascinating facts about Ancient Egypt as our topic continues!



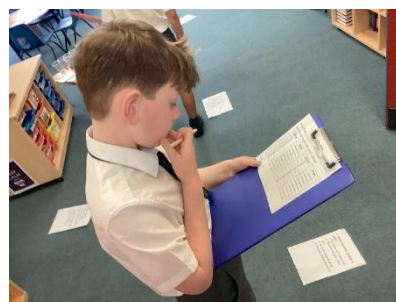
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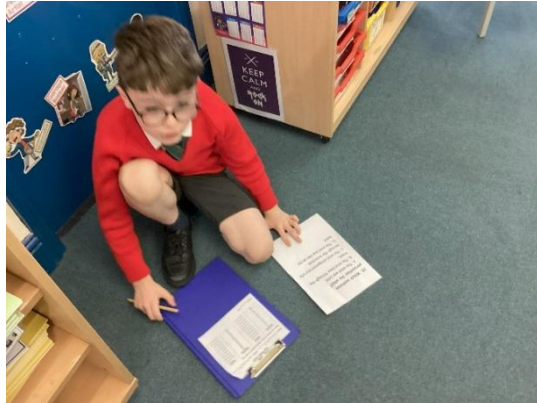
In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of place value. They have explored what each digit represents within a number and have been finding 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less. Place value charts have been a particularly useful tool for helping the children visualise how numbers change.

In English, we have been exploring figurative language, including similes, metaphors and alliteration, as the children begin planning their own animal shape poems. They have really embraced the creative process and have enjoyed experimenting with language to bring their chosen animals to life!

Across the wider curriculum, we have been learning about the structure of the Earth and introducing key vocabulary such as tectonic plates. The children have impressed us with their fantastic prior knowledge of natural disasters and have been incredibly enthusiastic about sharing facts and ideas with their classmates.

A fantastic week of learning — well done, Year 5!





YEAR 6



The Year 6 children have made a fantastic start to the term and have really enjoyed diving into their new topic all about India. They have been building upon their prior learning and finding out about the key human and physical geographical features of this amazing country. They have been developing their map / atlas skills and identifying the surrounding countries, physical features and different regions



In art, the children have been designing intricate mehndi patterns and created beautiful rangoli artwork using natural resources during their Forest School session last week. They are really looking forward to our visit from Sunita and developing their artistic skills further.



In Maths, they have been working incredibly hard on their place value unit. They have been practising reading and writing large numbers, exploring powers of 10 and estimating on number lines. Their focus and perseverance have been excellent and they have made their teachers extremely proud.

The children have also been enjoying their science work and have been investigating how light travels and different light sources - their curiosity and questioning have led to some excellent discussions, and we are now ready to undertake some practical experiments to prove that light travels in a straight line.

Alongside this, Year 6 have begun their new class novel linked to our India topic. They are really enjoying using their inference skills to make thoughtful predictions in their work on *Asha and the Spirit Bird* and are now using this novel to inspire their descriptive writing.

Well done, Year 6 – so much learning in one week!

SPORTS NEWS

09.09.26 U11 Touch Rugby v The Grantham Prep School

Our first fixture of the year at a very welcoming Grantham Prep School. We played 10-a-side on a large, sun-scorched pitch. The game consisted of playing 4 quarters, enabling players to rotate their positions on the field. Grantham were very strong in offloading and passing the ball. Our team's enthusiasm and effort matched their play and could not be faulted. In the end, Grantham proved to be more successful at breaking through and scoring, thus narrowly beating us. Rhea was named player of the match for her determination and teamwork.

Well done to those that took part. A good solid start to build on. Thanks go to the parents who came and supported the team.



REMINDERS:

THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Registers are taken at 9.00am each day and it is essential that the children are in school in good time for this. Lessons start promptly after registration, and it can be very unsettling for children who arrive late and are not ready to start lessons with their friends.

We do understand that sometimes arriving late is unavoidable due to traffic problems etc. and on these occasions, children should be brought to the main front door to enter school. Your support in helping us to ensure a smooth start to the day for the children is very much appreciated.

KIDS CLUB IS AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

Do remember that our Kids' Club wrap around care is available from 7.45am to 6pm every day. Our Kids' Club staff are always ready to welcome children. If you need to contact Kids' Club after 3.20pm, please use the dedicated phone number which is 01775 513024.

If you are a regular user of Kids' Club, please contact the school office to arrange for a fob to allow you to enter the side green gates. Could we please remind everyone using Kids' Club that it is very important that the gates are closed properly and securely on entry/exit to keep the children safe.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

- **ALL CLUBS START TODAY**
- **YEAR 6 INDIAN CULTURE WORKSHOP – IN SCHOOL**
- **PTFA AGM / MEETING – 3:20PM**

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

- **RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT SPALDING MARKET IN TOWN**

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

- **HOME RUGBY FIXTURE – U10/U11 @ AHS STARTS 2:15PM**

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP –

The school stationery shop will be open during breaktimes starting next week on Mondays and Thursdays for pupils to purchase pens, pencils etc.

PTFA NEWS

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

PTFA AGM MEETING – MONDAY 14th September – 3.20pm (followed by a PTFA meeting) We would like to invite any parents, grandparents or friends who would like to be a part of the PTFA to join us at Annual General Meeting.

PTFA MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 24th September – 9am – 10.30am in the school hall.



PTFA SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER – 5.30PM – 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL
(details to follow soon)

Dates for Your Diary SEPTEMBER

Mon 14 th	All Clubs start today. Year 6 Indian culture workshops – with Sunita in school from 9.15am PTFA AGM at 3.20pm followed by a PTFA Meeting
Tues 15 th	Reception visit to Spalding market - 10.30am
Wed 16 th	HOME FIXTURE: U10 / U11 TOUCH FOOTBALL STARTS 2:15PM
Sat 19 th	11+ test (Non - Verbal Reasoning) at the High & Grammar schools – 10am
Tues 22 nd	Individual / Family photos – start 8.30am
Wed 23 rd	AWAY FIXTURE: U10/U11 NETBALL AT PETERBOROUGH STARTS 2:15PM
Thurs 24 th	PTFA Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9am – 10.30am
Fri 25 th	PTFA Disco – 5.30pm -7.30pm (details to follow nearer the time)
Wed 30 th	HOME FIXTURE: U8/U9 TAG RUGBY AGAINST ST HUGH'S STARTS 2:15PM
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Fri 2 nd	AWAY FIXTURE: HOCKEY AT SURFLEET
Mon 5 th	Reception Superhero Day – (Reception children come in dressed as a Superhero.
Tues 6 th	Harvest Festival – parents invited – 9am
Wed 7 th	AWAY FIXTURE: U10/ U11 NETBALL AT PETERBOROUGH STARTS 2:15PM
Fri 9 th	Year 3 Outing to Flag Fen
Mon 12 th	Money Mules in school workshop – Year 5 and Year 6 pupils (details t.b.c.)
Wed 14 th	Interhouse – Year 1 / Year 2 games (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)
Thurs 15 th	Interhouse – Junior Interhouse Netball/Rugby (pupils will need PE kit in school along with house t-shirts on the day)
Fri 16 th	Pink Day Last day of term
Mon 19th – Fri 30th	HALF TERM BREAK

STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Kindergarten: Mason

Reception: Rory

Year 1: Zak

Year 2: William C

Year 3: Evie

Year 4: Laurelyn

Year 5: Barney

Year 6: Elijah

Kindness Awards: Aiden (Infant) Rehna (Junior)

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 6

Lunchtime Award: Reception

We have the following birthdays:

13th September – Jayela and Joshua

17th September - Everett

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright