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“Inspiring minds to foster confidence”

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Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2023/2024

What an exciting start to the summer term we've had! There's been so much going on in our classrooms, with lots of engaging activities keeping our children busy and inspired. It's been wonderful to see our school rules – be safe, be kind, be your best – being displayed by the children throughout the school.

Our school values of respect, empathy, kindness, excellence, resilience, teamwork, and confidence have been at the forefront of our assemblies and daily interactions. We're so proud of the children who embody these values, and we love celebrating their achievements during our Friday celebration assemblies.

Speaking of celebrations, a big well done to Class 1 and Class 2 for their fantastic assemblies! The children did such a great job showcasing their hard work and talents. We're so proud of them all.

Mental Health Week was a special occasion for our school community. Our School Council paid a visit to the local doctor's surgery to present some beautiful artwork created by our fabulous children. It was a wonderful way to spread awareness and positivity throughout the community.

Annual school reports will be sent out next term. These reports are a great opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and achievements throughout the year.

It's been a busy and rewarding term so far, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the summer has in store for our school community.

Wishing you all a wonderful and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Rachel Mckeown

Dates for your Diary

3rd June – School re-opens and Class Photographs

13th June – New Starters' Welcome Evening – **6.30pm start in the school hall**

14th June – 'Dads' to school – **9am – 10:15am**

14th June – PTA Summer Picnic – **3.15pm start**

21st June – EYFS Class Assembly – **9:10am start**

25th June – Sports Day – **EYFS - 9:00am start**

25th June – Sports Day – **Class 1 and Class 2 - 1:45pm start**

27th June – Class 1 and 2 School Trip

28th June – EYFS School Trip

9th July – Last day of term (children are in school on this day)

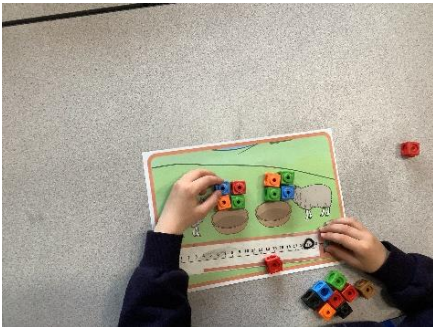
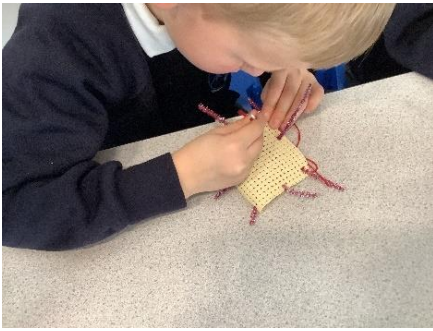
EYFS



In Foundation Stage this term we started our Transport topic with a visit from Ashby Fire Service. The children loved being able to squirt water from the fire hoses and sit in the truck too. We have been finding out about lots of different vehicles, and exploring how they have changed over time. The children have become experts at using our new vocabulary 'old fashioned, past and present'.

We have loved making maps and using these in our play. We have been learning to program the Beebots to visit different places on our maps too.

Class 1



Class 1 have continued to work really hard over the past few weeks, and we have even found time to prepare for our Class Assembly! The highlight has been having Ashby Tennis Club in to deliver coaching sessions. The children have thoroughly enjoyed developing their basic tennis skills over the past 7 weeks.

We have continued with our Jack and the Beanstalk work in English, and we are currently writing a diary entry in role as Jack to write about the events in his day. In DT, we are going to make hand puppets for the characters from the story, so we have been practicing using a range of joining techniques ready to add our embellishments onto our puppets. In Maths, we have been looking at finding a half and a quarter of shapes and objects as well as quantities and we have been exploring which numbers can be shared equally into half and quarters.

Our main focus has been the weather and the impact this has on plants and trees in the UK. We have learned about weather forecasts, and we have had a go at creating our very own weather forecast to perform for the class. In science, we have been identifying and naming lots of British plants and trees as well as looking at fruits and vegetables, and how these can be grown so that we can enjoy them! Well done Class 1, another busy half term and you are all doing so well!

Class 2



Summer 1 has been an exciting half term for Class 2! We have been using clay in Art and the children have loved getting their hands dirty when creating sculptures. The artist focus has been 'Rachel Whiteread' and we have enjoyed looking at and discussing her artwork.

In English, we have explored the book 'Lila and the secret of rain'. We have particularly enjoyed retelling this story, focusing on using interesting vocabulary and description. We could remember that this story shares similarities with 'Handa's Surprise', a book that we read back in Class 1!

Learning to read the time has been a challenge that Class Two have mastered! We now know o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and all of the 5-minute intervals of time, so please ask us what the time is to help us to remember our learning!

Our favourite subject this half-term has been Computing. We have enjoyed creating our very own PowerPoint presentations on a hobby or interest. The children have learnt how to create a new slide, add a text box, insert pictures into their presentation and how to create transition effects!

In PE we have had so much fun learning Martial Arts with Coalville and Ashby Martial Arts. We have worked on how to defend ourselves, and how to kick and punch in a controlled manner. Our favourite lesson was when we undertook Ninja Turtle training AND we all passed! Great work Class Two!

Message from the PTA

Once again, we would like to thank the school community for your generosity and support with our first PreLoved Sale, both with donations and being there on the day. We raised an incredible £245.61! As well as this, the school did some shopping of their own, and grabbed a few bags worth of bits for the classrooms for free!

The PTA has now purchased a huge amount of resources for the school, from anatomy models, sports carpet spots, binoculars, inflatable globes, watering cans and a digital microscope to name a few! These are already in the classrooms, so the funds you help raise are already being put to good use.

We've also secured funding from larger companies, with hundreds of pounds worth of books and sensory equipment from DSV and £200 worth of garden storage from Wickes, which have already been delivered to school.

Our next big event will be our Summer Picnic at 3.15pm on 14th June. You should have already received some information about it through Weduc, but it promises to be an afternoon of fun in the (hopeful) sun and we look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you from your PTA.

School Clubs

Art Club

In Mr Cooper's after school Art Club, we had a different focus each week so that we could learn about a different artistic style and practice a range of techniques. In one session, we looked at creating an under the sea silhouette. We placed a cut out of a sea creature and then mixed different blues to create a watery scene. We also looked at creating a Pop-Art inspired piece of art by colouring in a grid using four different colours and then using a cardboard shape to print on the top. We spoke about the choice of colours, and which would stand out and how we might want to create a repeated pattern. It was lovely to see so much care and concentration used for each piece of art and the children's final pieces look fantastic.



Athletics Club

Over the last half term, Mr Grice ran an Athletics Club after school, which allowed the children to practice running, jumping and throwing. The children loved to have a go at Javelin and really enjoyed seeing if they could beat Mr Grice by throwing theirs the furthest!

Luckily, the sun was shining in our final session and the children were able to take part in some races around our school field. Hopefully, with a bit more practice in the Autumn term, we will have a team ready for the North West Leicestershire Cross Country events next year! Look out for more details in September.

Lunchtime Clubs

All of our children from all 3 classes have continued to enjoy being able to get involved with our lunchtime clubs, which have included drawing club, Lego club and film club. We will be adding Board Games Club to the lunchtime club choices available to children after half-term. Children are able to make their own choice about whether they would like to attend a lunchtime club each day.

Castle Medical Group



Members of our School Council were proud to present a piece of artwork created by all the children at Ashby Hastings, to Castle Medical Group this term. It was lovely to meet some of the people who are part of our local community and we can't wait to see where our picture is displayed in the surgery!

Sun Safe

Now that summer is finally (hopefully!) on its way, please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle and a named sun hat each day after half-term.

Sun cream is to be applied before school. If sun cream is sent in to school to be reapplied, it will be for your child to apply themselves (with suitable support and supervision). Please ensure sun cream sent into school is named. No sun cream will be shared between children.

