

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy short term I would like to thank you for supporting the school and our chosen charities. It has been an action packed term filled with learning opportunities.



Many thanks to the parents for supporting our termly community lunch and the Year Six's who practiced their waiting skills.



Children across the whole school fully immersed themselves in Maths Enrichment Day, discovering how important Maths is in the workplace and everyday life. We had visitors from HSBC Bank running workshops where the children learnt about the importance of Maths with keeping track on household bills and shopping, and the crucial role that the subject plays in the global industry of Gaming.

In the afternoon, some parent volunteers kindly offered their time to speak to the children about how they found Maths at school and how they now rely on the subject in their workplace setting. All areas of Maths were covered, from accounting to measuring and the children had some excellent questions to ask!



The week before World Book Day the West End School of Dance came in to do dance workshops with children. Robins workshop was inspired by What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson and Swans performance was inspired by Roald Dahl's Matilda.



The Robins really enjoyed singing at the Town Hall in Loughborough with other schools that took part in the Leicestershire Music Event.

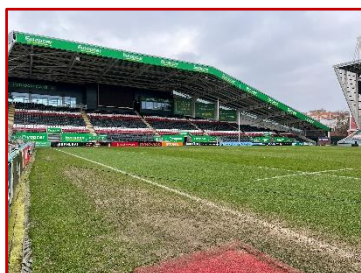


Congratulations to Kate who was our first pupil to reach 75 reads and ring the bell. She has now been joined by George, Nellie, Casen, Ethan, Zachary, Nola and Reggie. The children that have now reached 100 will be enjoying extra play on the park in the last week of term.

The whole school trip to the Synagogue and the Leicester Tigers Stadium were a great success. The children explored some artefacts and found out how these are used in Jewish events and celebrations and looked at Leicester's five copies of the Torah.



The children had a tour of the Leicester Tigers stadium, compared both sets of changing rooms and took part in curling, seated volleyball and wheel chair rugby



The children and the staff had great fun dressing up as book characters and sharing their books in the afternoon across the whole school, it was lovely to hear them reading their favourite stories to each other. Funds raised on World Book Day were added into the Red Nose Day funds.



Red Nose Day followed hot on the heels of World Book Day and the school were delighted to raise £52 for the charity.



The children enjoyed sharing their Easter service with you and the local church community.



KS2

KS2 have been enjoying learning about rivers and mountains this term. We have explored different mountain types and how they are formed, as well as the role the water cycle plays in the formation of rivers.

We have studied rivers of the UK and across the world.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Ashby, where we walked along the Gilwiskaw Brook – noticing key features and natural phenomenon. Many children found information to interest them in the Ashby Museum – it's well worth a visit!



In our English lessons, we have been writing a story about the journey of a paper aeroplane and an explanation text about a chosen river.

In Year 5/6 maths lessons, we have been getting to grips with algebra and preparing for the end of KS2 SATs assessments in May. It's been a quick – but busy term!

Robins

During the first half of spring term the Reception children focused on the theme of 'Amazing Bodies'. They explored different ways of keeping healthy including learning how to brush their teeth. They started the term by making bread like the Little Red Hen and learning to retell the story. They also explored healthy eating by making fruit salad to eat and found out about the fruit Handa collected and lost in the story Handa's Surprise. They also spent time learning the story and the vocabulary from the story Handa's Hen.



Many of the other stories we explored were about the weather and the children enjoyed telling everyone about how they would make the weather monster happy so he would produce sunshine. The children also worked hard on their paintings of people who help us.

In the second half of term they have been learning about growth. Both their cress and bean seeds are doing really well and we hope you will be able to continue to care for them during half term so we can continue to watch their growth next term. We have finished with the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and hopefully after Easter we can watch some caterpillars change into butterflies. We are also visiting the garden centre at Staunton Harold just before we break up which will help develop our understanding of how to role play in our school garden centre.



Year 1&2 were looking at the theme of movers and shakers. It was good to look at how different people through time have brought about different types of significant change for different reasons. We looked at activists like Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks. The children also really enjoyed our literacy unit on Malala and produced some good biographies about her.

In DT the children developed their chopping skills and knowledge of vegetables and salads and also exploring sandwiches sold in supermarkets. They finished the unit by designing and then making themselves a sandwich. Some interesting combinations! In science the children were learning about human survival and what they need to stay healthy including the importance of good hygiene.

In RE, Robins have explored Who is a Muslim and How do They Live? It is good to see the children building on their understanding of different people's beliefs and start to make links to things they know and experience. After half term the whole school were working on the Understanding Christianity unit on salvation. We enjoyed spending a morning together exploring different parts of Easter week, the last supper, Peter's betrayal and the resurrection. The children did a good job of talking about different art work by Nebiyu Assefa an Ethiopian artist together and we had fun tasting some Easter food and decorating the cross with flowers to reflect the story moving from sadness to joy.

As part of our theme Paws, Claws and Whiskers we have focused on habitats and food chains and many of our investigations, such as exploring camouflage have linked into this.





The stories we have used in literacy have had an African theme and we really enjoyed making up our stories about how animals developed different features.

As we have moved through the year it has been good to see the children enjoy their learning and develop their ability to talk about what they have learnt. For example, in maths the children are now explaining how they know the answer and what they can do if they get stuck. With help from Mrs Mack their awareness of how to improve their drawing and colouring of people and observation drawing is improving. We are about to start some embroidery next term based on their Cath Kidston style designs.

Please can I ask you to continue to read regularly with your child and change the library book you read to them regularly. Reception and Year One need to practice their sound cards very regularly and try to make sure they know all of them as it gives them the confidence in their learning.

It is really important to make sure we are expecting them to say their sounds correctly mmm not muh, nnn not nuh, Please use the link below to check the pronunciation.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>

All are welcome to attend the Breedon Priory Church Activity Event.



School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 8th to Thursday 23rd May

Monday: Zorbing all classes

Tuesday: Art Club all classes

Wednesday: Drama all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports all classes

If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.



Key Dates 2024

Monday 8th April: Term Starts

Saturday 13th April: Griffydam Cross Country – please let Ms Hitchman know if your child would like to take part

Wednesday 24th April: KS2 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 25th April: KS2 Performance De Montfort Hall

Thursday 2nd May: Closed for Local Elections

Friday 3rd May: 1.45pm parents invited in to watch Maypole Dancing, there will be Tea, Coffee & Cake available before achievement assembly at 2.50

Monday 6th May: Closed for May Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May: Reception Children Visit to Ashby

Monday 13th May: SATS Week for KS2

Friday 17th May: French Art Day

Monday 20th May: Calke Abbey Trip

Tuesday 21st May: KS2 Swimming Lessons Start

Friday 24th May: Term Ends.

Monday 3rd June: Term Starts

Headteachers Message

As this busy term ends I would like to thank all members of the school community for their support.

I hope you all have a great Easter Holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.

A massive thank you for supporting our fundraising events, both the children and staff appreciate your contribution to making school a great place to be.

FONS would like volunteers to help to plan and run events to raise money for the school and the community please let the office know if you can help with this and we will pass the message on.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk if there is anything we can support you with.

Take Care & Thank You

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ms Hitchman'.

Sherryll Hitchman