

Dear Parents and Carers

As this incredibly busy term draws to a close I would like to share some of the fabulous activities that have taken place in school.



The lambs are always popular visitors to the school and this year was no exception. A big Thank you to the Kennisons for bringing the lambs and hosting the FONS Film night that was also a great success.

Thank you all of you that supported our Gardening afternoon, it has given us the opportunity to review our plant varieties in school and plan what we would like to add for next year.



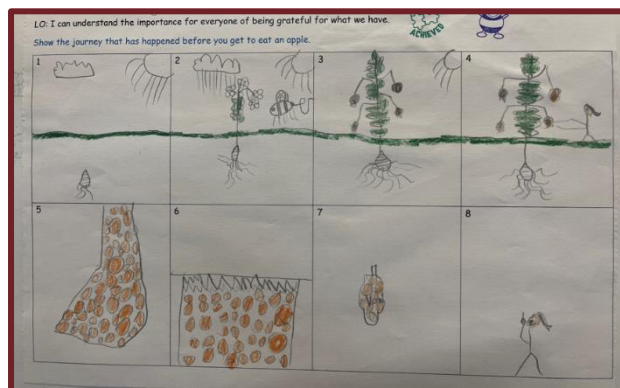
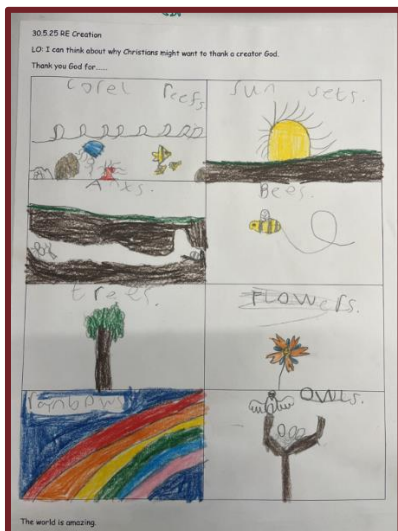
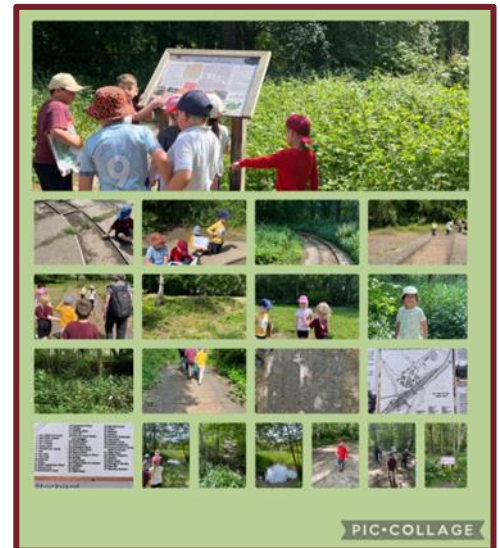
We were fortunate with the weather this year and had lovely days for both the Maypole competition and the sports day. It was lovely to have so many supporters of both events, the visiting schools also had a great time at the maypole competition.



### Robins

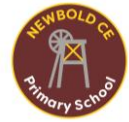
During the first half of the term the year one and two in Robins explored our local environment, finding out about Newbold and the different physical and human features in it. We enjoyed investigating Lount Nature Reserve to find the different remains of the mine using our maps to work out where the different buildings were. We looked at the different houses in the village and how they were built to house the different workers in the mine. We also investigated plants in our local environment and discussed why they are so important and how they change with the seasons. It was very interesting to peel open a bud and find all the layers that are hidden inside.

During RE we found out about the Christian story of creation, asked questions about the world and thought about being grateful for the world around us.



In DT we spent time investigating how wheels and axles and chassis work and then made our own vehicles that could roll. In art we worked on looking carefully at objects and working on different still life drawings. Mrs Mack helped us to develop these skills further when she visited on Fridays which produced some great drawings. We explored the sounds different objects can make in music and found lots of interesting sounds to build up our own pieces of music. In PSHE we talked about the different times we need to take risks and how we can take responsibility for trying to ensure we stay safe in the things we do. In computing we worked on building up our basic computer skills so are all improving on and becoming much more independent.

Reception had great fun exploring stories about castles and making their own using different junk. There was lots of play involving retelling of stories and making up some of their own.



Since half term reception have been finding out about the beach, reading stories like Grandad's Island, The Storm Whale and Commotion in the Oceans as well as books which told us facts about whales and the beach. We found out about Barnaby Bear and the hot and cold countries he visited and then dressed our school bears in the correct clothes for a hot and cold country. They enjoyed visiting the garden centre and were really curious about all the plants, looking closely at them and asking lots of questions. It was very exciting going on a teddy bear's picnic at Griffydham and joining in with lots of different activities.



Year one and two have been excited to find out about Brazil. As well as learning some phrases in Portuguese we have found out about Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia and are really good at finding South America and Brazil on the map and globe. We have been comparing our capital city, London, to Brasilia and finding out about different places in Brazil such as the Amazon River and rainforest, including the animals that live there. Mr Greening visited to tell us about living in Brazil, teach us a little more Portuguese and he made us some delicious Brazilian sweets. We found out about the Rio Carnival and made shakers and head dresses so that we could have a go at our own Samba dancing.



We have been working on using 3D aspects in our artwork and have produced pictures of city landscapes in the style of James Rizzi.

In RE we found out about Christian, Jewish and non-religious views on the importance of caring for our world and other people, treating others how you would like to be treated.

The whole class are doing really well with their number skills using the mastering number programme and we will continue with this next year. In PE we have enjoyed improving our skills and worked hard on Sports Day to do well for our teams. All the children are looking forward to moving up to their next year group and welcoming our new starters next term.

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.

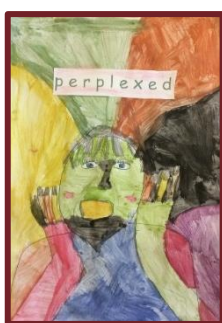
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### KS2

#### Swans

##### Art

In Art this term we have been learning about Expressionism. We started by studying 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch, then; we explored how to create expressionist style pictures of our own, firstly by experimenting with non-naturalistic watercolours and then by applying oil pastels to photographs of ourselves pulling different facial expressions. Finally, we put all of these skills together and drew and painted an expressionist style portrait. We also added overlay text to enhance the meaning of the pictures we created,



We have also explored multimedia collage. This has involved us making our own recycled paper and making collages with paper, fabric and other materials.



#### Eagles

##### PSHE

The Eagles have been learning about healthy lifestyles in PSHE. They have looked at the Eatwell plate and the importance of eating a healthy and balanced diet. They have also been learning about nutrients in foods that they eat by looking closely at information on food packaging. They have also been focusing on personal safety. This involved learning about how to keep safe around railways, how to cycle safely and how to manage risk in a range of other everyday activities.

##### Music

In music, Eagles have been learning about sound effects in old movies. They have learnt how to add simple sound effects to short movie clips focussing closely on the timing of hit points (precise points where actions begin) and by 'Mickey-Mousing' (matching actions closely e.g. using a woodblock to match footsteps)



### Water Safety Session

On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June the Swans visited Whitwick Leisure Centre to attend some Water Safety workshops.

First, they took part in a First Aid session. The children found out how to bandage arms and legs to stop bleeding. They also attempted to make a sling with a triangular bandage (some more successfully than others!)

The second session was all about Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. The children worked on resuscitation dummies and learnt how to approach different aged casualties (babies, children and adults) confidently. The children listened really carefully. They also practiced putting one another in the recovery position.

Next the children watched a presentation about water safety around different bodies of water. There was a particular focus on safety whilst swimming at the beach. The children were taught about the different flags that lifeguards use and their meanings.

They also learnt what they should do if they get caught in a rip-

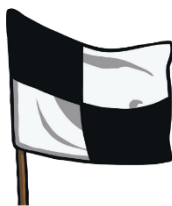
tide. If you are going to the seaside over the summer holidays, please ask the children to look at the flags and tell you what they mean.

#### Bathing Flag



The area is watched by lifeguards. Between two of these flags is a safe place to swim and use a body board.

#### Surfing Flag



The area is safe for water activities like surfing and kayaking, but not safe for swimming or body boarding.

#### Danger Flag



Danger! **NEVER** enter the water when you see this flag.

Finally, the children enjoyed an informative pool session in which they practised floating on their backs in clothing. They also practised throwing in a variety of objects (rings, floats, poles and ropes) to assist someone struggling in the water. The children listened well throughout the morning and learnt some important and essential skills to keep themselves and other safe around water. Well done Swans!

### History

In history this term, KS2 have ventured into the world of Ancient Greece. We have delved into the different civilisations, explored the cultures and landscapes as well as the various contributions famous Greeks have made to our lives now. We investigated the hierarchy of society with the help of role play and criticised various historical sources of information.

### English

We compounded our knowledge of Ancient Greece by writing our own version of the Greek Myth "Theseus and the Minotaur" and developed our knowledge of non-chronological reports by writing an ultimate guide to our own mythical creatures.

## Y6 Leavers

We wish all of our leavers the very best of luck at secondary school.



## FONS

A big thank you to our wonderful parents and wider school community who have supported FONS fund-raising events this academic year. Over £450 has been raised through two Film on the Farms, the school Christmas Fayre and Christmas on the Green in Coleorton.

At the same time FONS have donated £850. This money has covered transport costs so all the children could enjoy a pantomime at Christmas and a trip to Drayton Manor at the end of term, as well as providing an Easter egg hunt at school.

With your continued support we hope to be able to part-fund a theatre trip for the children again this Christmas. (Please stockpile any unwanted gifts for the Christmas Fayre tombola)

FONS is solely run by volunteers (we are a committee of three full-time working Mums) and as such are always on the lookout for additional help. This doesn't need to be on a permanent basis: helpers for individual events are hugely welcome.

Wishing you all a very happy summer break.

**Lissa, Julia and Tilley.**



### School Clubs

**Our after-school clubs will run from Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The sign up form is now live on Weduc.**

Monday: Remote control cars

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 2025

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August: Term Starts**

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September: After school clubs begin**

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September: Year 5/6 residential**

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2pm: Harvest Festival at St Matthew's Church**

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October: School closed for Inset**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October: Closed for Half Term**

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October: Term Starts**

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December: Pantomime at Diseworth.**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December: Finish for Christmas**

### 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 lovely Summer holiday. 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.

Our reading challenge continues to be a great success. Please continue to hear your children read and discuss their books, it makes a considerable difference for their enthusiasm for reading if they know that you love to share their books with them.

We continue to enjoy your support in achievement assemblies on Fridays as the children are delighted to share their successes with you.

FON's 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](mailto:office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk) if there is anything we can support you with.

Take Care & Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sherryl Hitchman'.

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