

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.



Thank you to all who supported our Easter service at St Matthew's Church. Every year the children look forward to sharing their Easter service with you.



Easter Lunch was a big hit with chocolate rice crispy cakes and bunny biscuits. The tables were decorated with chicks and eggs to add to the festive spirit.



This term's community lunch was supported by past parents, parents, grandparents and members of the community. The Year 6 children were delighted to meet you and try out their waitering skills. A big thank you to Julie for cooking and to the community for supporting this popular event. The next community lunch will be on 10th June 2025.



World Book Day was a great success this year with parents and grandparents visiting school to share stories with the children. It was lovely that so many of you came into school for this activity to promote the love of books and reading.



The children enjoyed dressing up for comic relief and taking part in our fund-raising challenges. We were delighted to raise just over £50 for Comic Relief.



Robins

Robins started this term thinking about how amazing our bodies are and what we have learnt to do with them. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed exploring what they can do with their senses. Reception learnt all about how their bodies have changed over time and how to keep healthy, including cleaning their teeth for two whole minutes! In art and design we started by looking at Picasso's painting and then making lots of different portraits, some of them were really funny. In DT we learnt how to use recipes to prepare different food and the tools that are best.



We found out about lots of different historical figures, Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Louis Braille and how they made changes to the way we live through the things they did.

We have all had an opportunity to do some story telling this term. Reception learnt to tell the story of the Little Red Hen and KS1 to retell the story of The Papaya That Spoke. The children learnt the story so well, it made their own story writing much more successful. KS1 listened to different stories by Roald Dahl and enjoyed finding out about George's Marvellous Medicine and writing dreams from the story of the BFG.

As part of our topics on 'Growth' and 'The Enchanted Woodland' we have been learning about plants and trying to name some of them. We have been growing some of our own with mixed success. We have taken a lot of care in making, painting and drawing flowers and have looked at different artists work. Mrs Mack has continued to help us to sew and also to make flowers from wool in preparation for VE day. We have also learnt about different animals and their lifecycles.



Robins have a set of brand new balance bikes with helmets, these were supplied with training for staff by Bikeability. We also have two new bikes with pedals for the children to move up to once they have mastered the balance!

This is part of our being active campaign, please encourage your children to be as active as possible to support healthy development.



In computing this term Y1 learnt how to use WORD and Scratch Junior and Y2 how to search on the internet in a safe way and also programming Turtle and Scratch. Reception have also been learnt how to use the Beebots.

As we come to the end of the term we are really enjoying practicing our songs for the KS1 singing performance in Loughborough. They are all about animals and great fun to sing.

Robins had a great visit to Morrisons to research where our food comes from followed by a library visit followed by a trip to the gym, where they developed their gymnastic skills.



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>

KS2

This term, KS2 have studied farming practices in the UK and significant areas of the world. We launched the topic with a fantastic farm trip, where we learnt all about the life of a farmer in Newbold. We discovered the effect pastoral and arable farming has on the farming family, especially during calving time and harvest.



We carried out case studies that focus on how the soil fertility, drainage and the climate affect the crops grown in different parts of the world – potatoes in Jersey, coffee in Peru and oranges in California. We used Ordnance Survey maps to explore the topography of the local area and compared images and maps from different parts of the country to explain farming land use.

Dear Parents

A small amount of plastic can be found on the surface of the sea, but the rest is at the bottom of the seabed or making its way there. Should there be any pieces of plastic in our oceans? NO!

You will be horrified to know that 51 million tons of plastic makes its way into the ocean each year. Frighteningly, 94% of plastic has already sunk to the ocean floor causing marine animals to suffocate. Strangled or tangled, we worry about the lethal losers: PLASTIC!

During the Spring term, we undertook a surprise lunch-box survey. Of the plastic items in our lunchboxes, 82% were single-use!

In December 2018, political leader Damian Hinds commanded all schools to be single-use plastic free by 2022. The challenge is massive: frustrating, frightening, fearful. We know that plastic is a phenomenal material and it gives us mind-blowing equipment and safety objects like helmets and water bottles. The majority of this plastic pollution consists of single-use plastic waste. A blizzard of careless people doing tiny things but having big impacts.

We could make a major impact if we just stop the surge and come together as a community. We aim to create ground breaking, system shaking, sea saving changes.

From schools to seas, we need to make a wave of change. Just imagine, shiny yellow beaches and sparkly glamorous seas. Just imagine, funny fish flopping fast. We can choose to relish or annihilate. Should we put a stop to this immediately?

Every little piece of plastic ever designed is still here alongside us. We believe that single-use plastic objects are getting out of control: Recycle, reduce, reuse. Let the plastic age roll into the present of the positive ages.

We want your help to make our school the next "Single-use Plastic Free School". To obliterate single-use plastic from our lunchboxes, our classrooms and our bins. To educate our families and friends to become rubbish recyclers. Can you help us to be a single-use plastic free school? Let's obliterate it from our lives once and for all. To educate you to be amazing recyclers and eliminate this forever. We will carry out another lunch box survey during the Summer term. Can we reduce the proportion of single-use plastic used?

You're the captain of your own vessel of change. Strength to the students!
By Joshua, Corey, Lucas and Archie

In English, we wrote powerful persuasive texts to discourage the use of single-use plastics, followed by fabulously creative descriptive stories based on animals found in the school grounds.

Science supplemented this natural topic by studying animal and plant life cycles – including naming the parts of a flower and the role they play in plant reproduction. We have also developed our knowledge of the process of working scientifically – using the acronym PEMROC.



Key Stage Two took part in Leicester's Choral spectacular at De Montfort Hall, the children sang beautifully and the parents in the audience were impressed by the level of the performance.

The lunch time coding club has been a great success with the children coding microbits to make music and emojis.





School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 28th April until Thursday 22nd May – there is no club on 2nd or 5th May

Monday: Fencing 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 2025

Monday 28th April: Term Starts

Thursday 1st May: School closed for local elections

Friday 2nd May: Maypole dancing competition am: Gardening afternoon with parents/grandparents 1.30pm-3pm – ice lollies will be on sale from 3pm

Monday 5th May: Closed for the Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May: School celebrates V.E Day: Children dress in red, white and blue, picnic lunch outside, parents and community members welcome to bring a picnic for lunch.

Monday- Thursday 12th-15th May: Y6 SATS Week

Tuesday 20th May: KS2 swimming lessons begin

Thursday 22nd May: Y5/6 Netball Competition.

Friday 23rd May: Finish for half term.

Monday 2nd June: Term starts, residential meeting in the mobile for Y4 & Y5 parents

Tuesday 3rd June: KS2 Swimming Gala Y5/6 Whitwick

Tuesday 10th June: Community Lunch

Monday 16th June: Sports Day pm

Thursday 19th June: KS2 water safety at Whitwick

Monday 23rd June: Reserve Sports Day

Friday 27th June: School reports sent home

Thursday 3rd July: Leavers Golf

Friday 4th July: Achievement assembly at 2.20pm

Monday 7th July: Whole school trip to Drayton Manor

Tuesday 8th July: End of Term

Tuesday 26th August: 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 lovely Easter 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 if there is anything we can support you with.

Take Care & Thank You

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