

Dear Parents and Carers

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

We say farewell to Mrs Haywood as she retires at the end of this term, I know she has taught the vast majority of your children both at Newbold now and in the past. She is a highly valued member of our staff and will be sorely missed, however we wish her a long and happy retirement and hope she will drop by to share her adventures with us in the future.



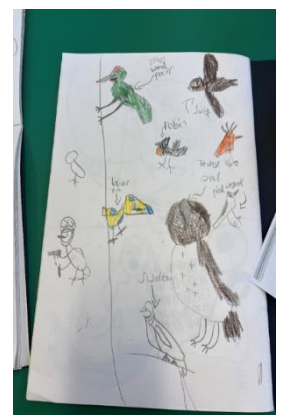
Many thanks to Mrs Kendrick who brought in Salty and Caramel to meet the children. The hand reared lambs were a great hit and led to lots of questions about sustainable farming in our local community.



A great time was had by all on our school trip to Calke Abbey. Robins enjoyed a scavenger hunt looking at flowers and wild life in the gardens.



The children produced some lovely work inspired by birds in Art Club.



Key Stage Two represented the school at De Montfort Hall in May, they sang brilliantly and I know the parents that went to the performance were immensely proud of all of the children.



We chose the hottest day of the year for Sports Day! The children enjoyed taking part in lots of different events and we finished the day with much needed iced lollies.



Robins

Year 1&2 enjoyed finding out about London in the first half of the term. They used the story of The Queen's Hat to write their own story about King Charles' Umbrella. After learning about the landmarks of London they were able to write a letter advising Marley the Meercat on his visit to London from Malaysia. We spent a lot of finding out about the great fire of London and the impact it had on the rebuilding of the city.

In science we explored the properties of different materials and about John McAdam's work on improving roads. We worked really hard on learning how to draw portraits and how artists include items in their paintings to say something about the subject.

In the second half of the term we moved onto the theme of coastlines and explored the geography and history of Whitby. We used maps of Whitby to learn about using keys and giving directions using the points of the compass. Investigating erosion using sand, rocks and water in a box and making waves was great fun and showed the damage that the waves do to the cliffs and beach. In art we explored texture to make a painting of the sea and then used it for our Father's Day card. Also, in DT we found out to make things more rigid and worked on designing and making for our beach huts which everyone was very proud of.

We particularly enjoyed reading the book 'The puffin Keeper' by Michael Morpurgo.



We continued to learn about the synagogue after our visit and also Muslim and Jewish places of worship. After half term we learnt about the gospel's good news of peace, friendship and forgiveness.



Reception spent the first half term learning stories associated with castles, Jack and the Beanstalk, Paddington at the Palace and St George and the Dragon. We all enjoyed our visit to Ashby castle and completing our activities as we explored.

We have been busy making things from junk, a castle and then a lighthouse. This half term we have enjoyed many different stories about the beach and enjoyed making artwork out of shells.

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>

KS2

What a busy term for KS2!



At the beginning of the term, the Year 6's coped amazingly with the Y6 SATs. They have all worked extremely hard in all subjects and we are excited to see their results. Well done Year 6, you did yourselves proud. The Friday of SATs week concluded with a French Art day. The children were introduced to French food and conversation and then designed a piece of artwork inspired by France and the Olympics.

This term saw the return of the Newbold Science Fair. What a fabulous atmosphere it was that afternoon. We welcomed many visitors into school and the children confidently talked "science" all afternoon! The

winners, Katy and Darcey with "What happens to bread over time?" and Kohan and Zachary with "Great inventors over time" were unanimous winners, who enjoyed a fabulous day at Ashby School for their primary school science fair. Well done everyone for making the event such a great success. We look forward to Newbold Science Fair 2025!



We had a member of staff from Leicester City Football Club in the Community running forest school sessions for KS2. The children have had a wonderful and adventurous five weeks participating in Forest Schools. They have hunted for bugs, made shelters, lit fires, made dragonflies, wands and wooden hangers. They have learnt a range of survival skills and worked hard together as a team. The final week proved a particular favourite, with creating improvised tyre slides and eating smores around the campfire.

The summer term brought a few sporting fixtures for us.

Swimming gala – A small group of Year 6 children represented our school at the Unity Swimming Gala at Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre. There were many schools and the children enjoyed competing. They especially enjoyed the relay race at the end. We were proud that Molly was awarded a bronze medal for girl's backstroke which was awarded at the Unity presentation evening where the football team received their runners up medal and Madi was awarded her medal for coming third in the Unity Art Competition. All children and parents had a great evening watching the performances of other schools and then performing two songs of their own.



Netball – The children took part in the Unity Netball tournament, we didn't make it to the play offs but learnt lots of new tactics.



Cricket – The children worked hard to learn the rules of kwik cricket and under the expert guidance of our team captains, Archie and Corey, were set to compete against Woodstone, Sheepy Magna, Griffydam and Snarestone. Unfortunately, rain stopped play. Thank you to the parents for providing shuttle runs to get everyone back to school. Play has been postponed to September.

The rest of the term has been heavily focused on the KS2 production of Let Loose. It has been absolutely fantastic for the staff to get their teeth back into school productions. Watching the children grow and realise their inner performer has been a treat to see. We must express our thanks to the parents for helping the children learn their parts and to the staff – without whom we couldn't have put on the production. Special thanks go to Nola for stepping in and to Archie for adding an additional role to his repartee at the last moment. There were some surprising stars – we watch this space for future am. dram. stars!





School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 2nd September to Thursday 17th October

Monday: Battlestations Archery all classes

Tuesday: Art Club all classes

Wednesday: Drama all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports all classes

Club sign ups will take the first week of the new term. Due to a change in clubs funding each week will now cost £2.50 and we will need a minimum of 20 places booked each week in order to make clubs viable. If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.

Key Dates 2024

Tuesday 27h August: Term Starts

Thursday 5th September: Parents invited into school to review this Year's expectations.

Thursday 25th September: Maths challenge at Griffydam

Friday 27th September: Macmillan coffee morning

Saturday 28th September: Congerstone cross country at Bosworth park

Monday 30th September: Kindness challenge week.

Tuesday 8th October: Parent's evening EYFS, Y3/4 & Y5/6

Thursday 10th October: Parent's evening Y1/2 & Y5/6

Friday 19th October: Term ends

Monday 28th October: 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 Summer Holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back for the next academic year. I wish all the Year 6 leavers a successful transition and best wishes for the future.

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 has been a great success this year and the children have looked forward to their rewards, ringing the school bell and extra play being firm favourites. Please take part in the reading challenge over the summer by hearing your child read, it makes a big difference in retaining their reading ability over the summer. The reading challenge in the green books will start a fresh at the beginning of next term with some new prizes.

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 "Sherryll Hitchman".

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