



Malcolm Sargent Newsletter

January 2024



Principal's message

Happy New Year! Welcome to the spring term of 2024. Despite the unpredictable weather, we are looking forward to plenty of exciting opportunities for our pupils in the term ahead and there's no better way to begin than by commending the work of the House Council in helping to rejuvenate our house system. Our previous house names had been in existence for a number of years and the pupils decided they wanted to modernise them. The voting system which they organised helped to show the children democracy in action. The various options were whittled down to a 'shortlist' on which pupils, staff and parents had the opportunity to vote. We are delighted to announce the winners along with their hot-off-the-press logos.



Tristan Revell, Principal

New House Names!

We are delighted with our 'revamped' house names and accompanying logos and are very proud of the pupils who worked so hard, in a democratic way, to make these changes.



Parks

(previously Dahl)

Named after Rosa Parks, a powerful figure in the civil rights movement, campaigning for racial equality and justice.



Cavell

(previously Rowling)

Named after Edith Cavell, a British nurse and a pioneer of modern nursing in Belgium who became famous for treating wounded patients from both sides during WWI without discrimination. There is a local connection too, as Edith spent part of her education at a school in nearby Peterborough.

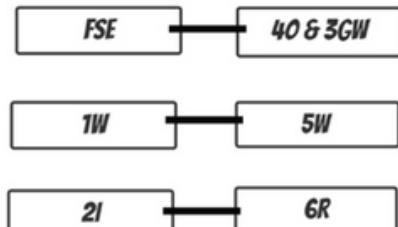
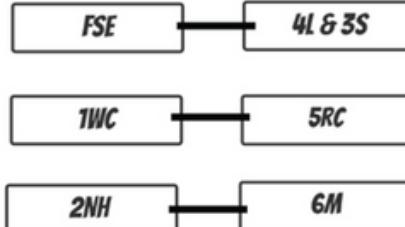
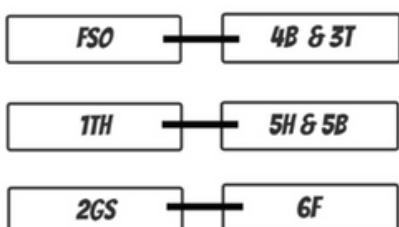


Attenborough

(previously Walliams)

Named after David Attenborough, a great and passionate advocate for nature and environmental causes, promoting the wonders of life on earth.

Each class is allocated to a particular house and the houses compete to gain house points which contribute as a whole. In addition to this, we have 'linked house families'. The linked house families connect classes from different year groups (a full list is below) and they work together for a full three years with Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils leading the FS, Year 1 and 2 pupils, forming a close bond and great working relationship. Year 3 pupils are in a 'training year' before they take the baton of leading in Year 4 onwards ... when a new Foundation Stage class joins us, they are linked with a Year 4 class and the cycle begins again!



This year, children in their house families will have lots of opportunities to learn and grow together. Here are some of the opportunities the teachers and House Council reps are working on:

House Reading Buddies – classes share stories together and the older children have opportunities to help the younger children to read and be inspired by stories.

House Sharing – classes regularly share the very best of their work with their linked class so children can give praise and encouragement to each other about their work and achievements.

House Play Buddies – classes have opportunities to socialise and play together during lunchtimes.

House VIP Invitations – classes can invite their house family class to attend special events, such as performances or sports events.

House Competitions – our whole school house system also has a competitive strand, enabling children to learn key skills around ambition, setting goals, feeling pride and achievement, the importance of taking part and doing your best as well as building resilience and understanding around managing humility, accepting defeat and loss, and valuing and supporting others within teams.

House Points – accumulated through our positive Dojo house school reward system.

House Sports – the competition which runs between classes in the summer with both track and field events. Each child's position provides their house with more points!

House Spelling Bee – a spelling competition run for all children when the best spellers in each year are celebrated. House points are accumulated from the finalists.

House Poetry Competition – an open poetry competition run by the House Council, when individual writing skills and creativity are celebrated. House points are accumulated from submissions and from finalists.

House Maths Challenge – a mental maths challenge to find our quickest mathematical thinkers in each year. House points are accumulated from the finalists.

House Art Competition – submissions of art work are judged and the house artists of the year are crowned. House points are accumulated from submissions and from finalists.

More information on all of the above in due course!

Timetable Consultation for 2024/25

We are already thinking ahead to the 2024/25 academic year and are currently consulting with our teachers over how their directed time is best distributed. We are interested to know if parents have any feedback on the current timetable. In particular we are interested to understand whether it is helpful for parents collecting children at the end of the day to retain the 15 minute difference in end times between KS1 (FS-Y2) and KS2 (Y3-6) classes. Please access the survey via this link below or click on the QR code; the deadline for responses is Monday 19th Feb @ 9am.

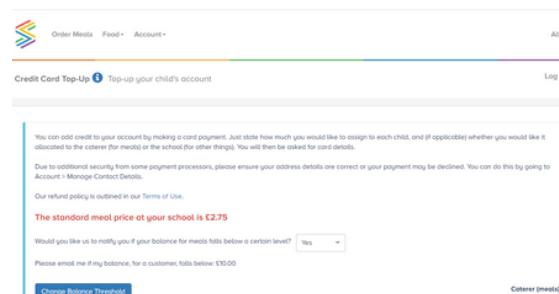
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Dolce 'low balance alert' feature available

If you're like me and have to frantically add money to the Dolce account after the email of 'no funds left' comes in, you might be pleased to know that you can set up a 'low fund' threshold. Log on to your Dolce account and when you go to top up the account, you can set an alert for notifications when your account gets below a certain level (you can set what this level is).

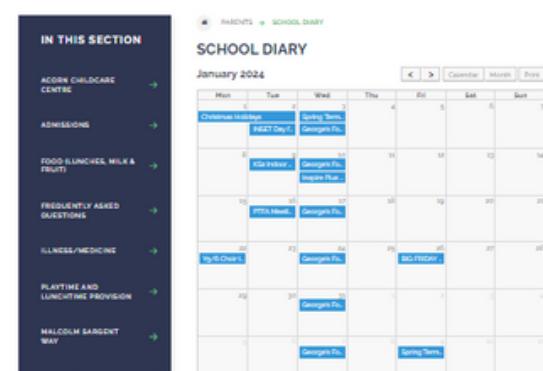
Remember your child may be eligible to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits. Speak to the school office to find out more.



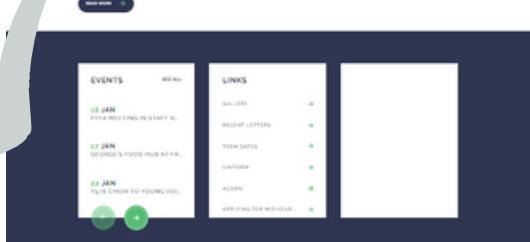
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Calendar on our website shows upcoming events

We know class WhatsApp accounts are often pinging with questions about upcoming events so we wanted to alert you to the features on our website that you may find useful! we have an 'events' scroll bar on the bottom left of our Home page. When you click on this box, it takes you to our school calendar (also within the parents' section of the website) where key information will always be kept up-to-date. We also have the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

The 'School Diary' section shows a monthly calendar for January 2024. It highlights various dates with colored boxes: blue for Christmas holidays, red for INSET Day, green for George's Day, and yellow for PTFA Meet. The sidebar on the left lists sections such as Acorn Childcare Centre, Admissions, Food Lunches, Milk & Fruit, Frequently Asked Questions, Illness/Medicine, Playtime and Lunchtime Provision, Malcolm Sargent Way, Recent Letters, Newsletters, School Diary (which is selected and highlighted in green), School Uniform, Special Educational Needs and Disability - SENDS, Secondary Transfer, Staying Safe, Happy & Healthy, and E-Safety.



Hands-on history workshop for Year 6

At the end of the last term, our Year 6 children took part in a Maya history workshop day to consolidate their learning from the term, when the children were immersed in pottery, maths, archaeological digs and a question and answer session with our expert! This hands-on experience day was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and thank you to our PTFA and The Lady Dorothy Cecil Charity for funding this exciting day!



Year 1 get their 5-a-day

As part of their DT topic, our Year 1 pupils spent time researching what makes a healthy smoothie, learning about where fruit and vegetables come from and what nutritional benefits they have. The unit culminated in the pupils making and drinking their own recipe. Lots of learning took place, such as how to safely chop fruit and vegetables, food hygiene and how a recipe is devised and then written down.



Reception make porridge 'just right'



Our Foundation Stage children have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They are using the story as a stimulus in all of their (17!) areas of learning. They have been busy making Goldilock's porridge, practising skills of mixing, measuring and pouring. They also discussed heating food up and how to measure ingredients accurately. The porridge was not too hot and not too cold but just right!

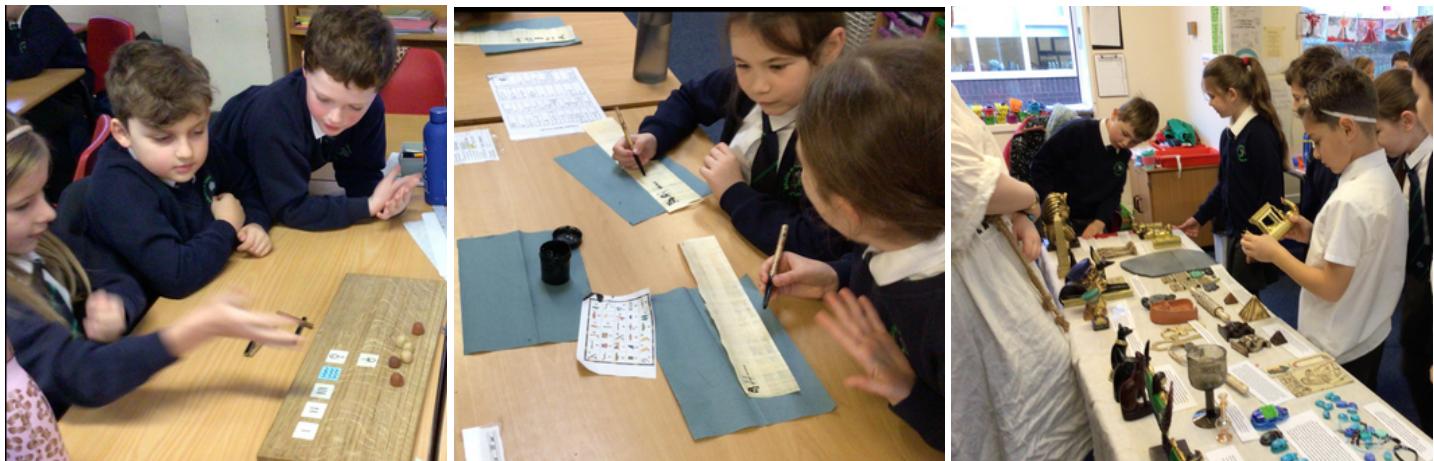
Year 4 have been making (sound) waves

What better way to learn about the complex subject of 'invisible' sound waves than through hands on demonstrations and experiments? Year 4 have been learning that sound is created from a 'sound source' which then creates sound waves which travel through the air to our auditory system. Using tuning forks and water, and beans on a drum, the pupils were able to see the science in action and created a real racket at the same time!



Ancient Egyptian workshop for Year 4

Our Year 4 children recently celebrated a themed curriculum day on 'Ancient Egypt'. They learned how to play Ancient Egyptian games, were hands-on with writing hieroglyphics with a reed and ink on papyrus, studied Ancient Egyptian artefacts and worked in groups to create Ancient Egyptian cities. Thank you to the PTFA and The Lady Dorothy Cecil charity for funding this inspiring day!



The tastiest lesson yet for Year 6!

Continuing their DT unit of cookery, our Y6 children made their main course of pizza! The children made the dough from scratch, making sure they had weighed out the ingredients correctly and then were able to choose their toppings, followed, of course, by a taste test! Thank you to Morrison's Stamford for the donation of the ingredients.



Newt rescue

Harrison in Year 6 saved the life of this little fellow during a break time. As he left his classroom behind some other children, he noticed this little newt in the middle of the pathway. He then stopped other people from walking near it and treading on it and called for an adult.

The adult, Harrison and another child then re-homed the newt in our nature area. This lovely newt had a lucky escape from foot traffic thanks to Harrison's vigilance and kindness. Well done, Harrison!



Thanksgiving celebrations in 6R

A huge thank you to Rowan and her family for providing everyone in Y6R with some pumpkin pie as part of their Thanksgiving celebrations. Accompanied by ice cream or cream, it went down a treat!



Stone Age day for Year 3

This term, our Year 3 children have been learning about the Stone Age in history. The pupils took part in an experience workshop with a variety of activities linked to the Stone Age, including creating cave paintings, firing a bow with arrows, crafting spears and investigating different bones whilst discussing what they may have been used for. A special thanks to our PTFA and the The Lady Dorothy Cecil Charity for funding the day and to History Workshops for an amazing day of immersive learning.



Memorable day (and night) at Young Voices

Members of our Year 5 and 6 Senior Choir attended the Young Voices 2024 concert in Birmingham this month. This is a massed choir event with over 5000 children and professional performers and musicians taking part. It is a truly amazing event and one which attendees never forget. Well done to our choir and staff members for learning all the songs and dance moves in advance and attending school the next day after a late night home!



Young Voices



Collaboration between all year groups for Advent

The Stamford Youth Council donated our House Councillors an Advent Jigsaw puzzle of 1000 pieces in November. Over the Advent period, groups of children were chosen to help put some pieces of the puzzle together, building the picture over the last week of term. It was great to see the groups of children from Foundation Stage all the way up to Year 6, working together to create the puzzle. The last few pieces were assembled by a selection of House Councillors. Well done to all of those children involved in finishing the puzzle and thank you to Amanda Wheeler, Town Councillor, for the donation and to Mrs Morpeth for her jigsaw expertise!



Heart dissection in Year 6 Science lessons

Our hands-on dissection lessons in Year 6 are incredibly popular and so valuable in being able to see physically everything learnt through diagrams, videos and descriptions. The pupils were fascinated to learn more about the circulatory system and the vital role of blood in keeping mammals alive.

Well done to our Year 6 children for making the most of the experience, and thanks to RP Meats for the donation of hearts.



Year 2 learn about climbing mountains



In Year 2, the children are studying mountains and natural wonders as part of their geography topic. Mr Cox, a keen walker, gave a talk with a slideshow presentation to the children about his mountaineering experiences and showed the children the equipment he might need to survive in the mountains.

If you have a particular interest or skill, please do speak to your class teacher. We love to introduce the children to real-life examples of different interests!

Festive Fun!

December is always a highly anticipated month with lots of fun and educational festive activities! We work hard to blend learning with a sprinkle of Christmas magic and I think these pictures show how much fun we had!

A regular feature in our festive calendar is our Year 6 Senior Choir visit to Newcombe Court (a retirement housing complex) when Christmas carols are sung and lots of festive cheer is spread! And what Christmas period would be complete without the obligatory Foundation Stage nativity play? Our youngest pupils were creating memories (and photos that can be used at their 18th birthday parties!!) with their wonderful depiction of the Christian story.

Christmas lunch is always a busy but fun-filled affair. This year was no exception with over 600 full turkey dinners being served; that's about 20kg of brussels sprouts and almost 50 litres of gravy! Thank you to all our Dolce team for cooking the meal and our staff who help serve and ensure that the pupils were adorned with glittery crowns and festive wreaths for the occasion! Many children then went back to party the afternoon away in their class Christmas Party!



Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for excellent candidates for Teaching Assistant roles supporting pupils across our school.

This is great opportunity to work in our large school team of excellent practitioners.

See the advert to the right for more information and contact Liz Town in the school office if you're interested in applying!



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TEACHING ASSISTANTS REQUIRED FOR IMMEDIATE START

Fixed Contracts to 31 August 2024

(with possibility of extension for further academic year depending on funding)
1 x 32.50 Hours Per Week (0830-1530) and 1 x 20 Hours Per Week (0830-1230)

Term Time Only

Pay starting at £13.42 per hour

- Do you have a calm and patient attitude, suitable to working with children?
- Can you work well in a team in a friendly and happy environment?
- Can you support teachers to ensure learning is effective within the classrooms?
- Do you have experience supporting children with additional needs?

If so, this is the position for you! We can offer you:

- ✓ The opportunity to make a difference to children who need support with their education.
- ✓ A position in a successful and well-regarded local primary school.
- ✓ Support to progress your skills and expertise with a strong CPD programme.
- ✓ Automatic enrolment into the local government pension scheme with an employer contribution of 24.2%.

Please request an application pack from liz.town@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk
Applications and interviews will be held as soon as possible
on a rolling basis until all vacancies are filled

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Thanks to local company for life-saving device

Local fire-safety company, Part B (part-owned by Mrs Ward's sister, Andrea Davis) has generously donated two Lifevacs to the school. These simple but effective devices help to clear blockages in the throat when all other methods of first-aid intervention have failed. All staff have been trained in its use. One is kept in our lunch hall and the other is available to be signed out for external trips.

A huge thank you to Part B for the donation; a device we hope we never have to use but are grateful to have if we do!

PART B



If you go down to the woods today...

As part of their 'In the Deep Dark Woods' topic, our Foundation Stage children have been learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The pupils developed their interpersonal and recall skills by acting out the story using books, pictures and toys. They have also started their literacy learning about direct speech by writing speech bubbles for the characters in the story.



Morale boosting letters for Ukrainian soldiers

The Stamford Diversity Group organised for postcards, written by some of our pupils, and pupils from other primary schools, to be delivered to the soldiers serving in Ukraine. They shared a couple of photos to show the postcards have reached their contact in Ukraine, Jack Bon Holly, in time to be distributed at the front by Christmas, boosting morale.

In Jack's words "I will try to get a couple of photos or video of the postcards being handed out but they are so much more meaningful when quietly slipped into a hand or a combat jacket pocket."

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a letter or postcard.



Green Team update



At the end of last term, our Green Team members made some wreaths from recycled clothes strips. The children loved this and, as you can see, some were very festive! Thank you to those of you who donated old clothing, some of which will live on in the form of a decoration for years to come!

The Green Team were delighted to welcome back Lincolnshire County Council to hold a workshop about recycling. The children learnt where our rubbish goes, how it gets sorted and how the different textiles are recycled in Lincolnshire. They played an interactive game when they learnt about which household rubbish goes into what type of bin. This was followed by a quiz and we were pleased to see that most of our pupils scored 5/5!



Mr Lynch does it again!

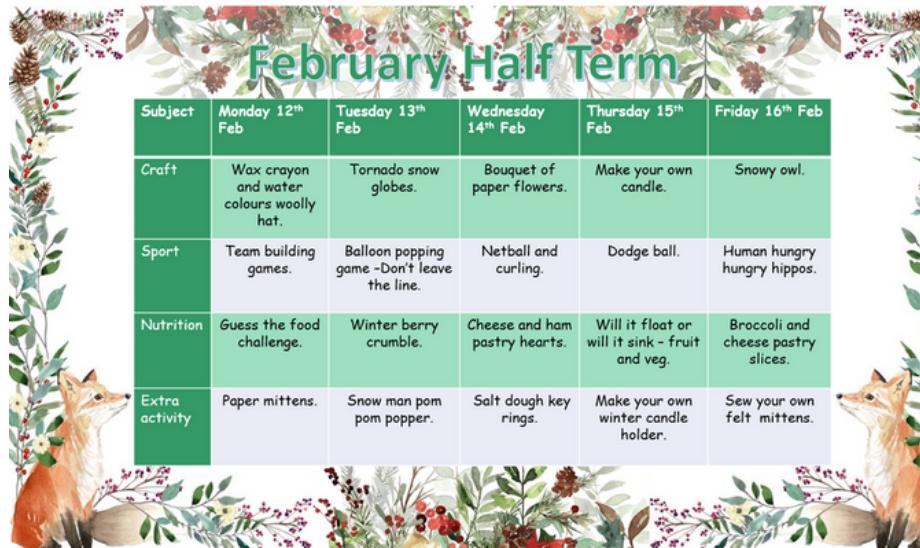


As some of you are already aware, Mr Lynch used to be a travelling musician, playing prestigious venues all over the world before he trained as a teacher. We are very lucky that Mr Lynch has created a tradition of writing a song with his class every Christmas and summer! How incredible for the children to see how songs are created and then have a chance to perform on stage with a world-renowned musician! The latest song can be found here. Thank you to Mr Lynch for inspiring our next generation of rock stars...



Half-term fun at Acorn Holiday Club

Lots of our pupils attend the fantastic Acorn breakfast and after-school clubs which host a huge number of craft and sporting activities. February half-term activities have been published and are below. If you would like to book your child in to our ever-popular holiday club, please contact Acorn Childcare centre direct on 01780766493 or enquiries@acornchildcarecentre.co.uk.



February Half Term

Subject	Monday 12 th Feb	Tuesday 13 th Feb	Wednesday 14 th Feb	Thursday 15 th Feb	Friday 16 th Feb
Craft	Wax crayon and water colours woolly hat.	Tornado snow globes.	Bouquet of paper flowers.	Make your own candle.	Snowy owl.
Sport	Team building games.	Balloon popping game -Don't leave the line.	Netball and curling.	Dodge ball.	Human hungry hungry hippos.
Nutrition	Guess the food challenge.	Winter berry crumble.	Cheese and ham pastry hearts.	Will it float or will it sink - fruit and veg.	Broccoli and cheese pastry slices.
Extra activity	Paper mittens.	Snow man pom pom popper.	Salt dough key rings.	Make your own winter candle holder.	Sew your own felt mittens.

Vacancy at Acorn Childcare Centre

Are you an Early Years practitioner? Would you like to work with the amazing team at Acorn?

Please see below a current vacancy. Applications should be made to liz.town@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk



LEVEL 3 EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER REQUIRED

Permanent Contract
 Full time (38hrs per week) and casual hours available
 Monday-Friday
 Competitive salary depending on experience and qualifications

We are looking for a practitioner who:

- ✓ Can work as part of a team to deliver outstanding childcare.
- ✓ Has a good knowledge of the EYFS Framework and can confidently contribute to planning and assessments.
- ✓ Is driven and motivated to continue their personal development within a childcare setting.
- ✓ Can contribute to a successful nursery setting where children learn and thrive in our busy and happy environment.
- ✓ Will thrive at the opportunity to make a difference to children's development.

In return, we can offer you:

- ✓ Support to develop your skills and expertise with onsite training including paediatric first aid qualification.
- ✓ Pension scheme with company contribution
- ✓ 30% discount for staff children who use Acorn Childcare Centre facilities including wrap around care.
- ✓ Paid for Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate.
- ✓ Part uniform.
- ✓ 28 days' holiday including Bank Holidays and an additional birthday holiday.
- ✓ Free parking.

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Sports update



Football league

This year we are fielding two teams for the football league, played against other local Stamford primary schools. Our B Team played against Bluecoat last week and won 4-0, with our A Team playing yesterday against St Gilbert's, winning 6-0!

The goal scorers from B Team were Jack x 2, Billy and Rafe. Player of the match, as voted by the opposing team, was Ronan. Goals scored by the A Team were from Rory, Freddie, Oliver x 3 and Toby, with player of the match being voted as Toby!

We have a series of matches for both teams taking place weekly now right through till March so will keep you posted on our scores!



New Age Kurling

On Tuesday 23 January, eight of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a New Age Kurling Competition against some of the other local primary schools. This inclusive competition has been set up to give children an opportunity to try a new sport.

The idea of Kurling comes from a mix of bowls and curling (on ice). The children had to roll the 'stones' along the ground and land them inside a target to gain points for their team. The pupils did an incredible job and all came back with big smiles on their faces. Well done to everyone involved!

World Champion visits our Year 5 and 6 pupils

We were delighted to welcome Joe Roebuck, a former swimming World and Commonwealth champion to visit our Year 5 and 6 children. Joe has had a glittering (literally with all his medals) sporting career, even competing in the 2012 London Olympics. He failed to qualify for the previous four Olympic Games to 2012 so he was able to speak to the children about his motivation and the importance to never give up on a dream!

Joe also spoke about always trying to push yourself and not settling to stay in your comfort zone which can often be the easy option. We know his words inspired the children and could lead some of them to be a champion one day!



Sportsperson of the month

This month goes to Florence in Year 4! Florence has been playing county tennis for a year now. She currently trains in both Cambridge and Huntingdon. She represents Cambridgeshire U9s in tournaments playing recently against Suffolk, Essex, Bedfordshire and Norfolk teams. You will also find her training in the pool; she adores swimming and likes to attend weekly training sessions. Florence loves team sports too and plays for SRJNC (netball club). She has been 'players' player' in recent League games and her favourite bib is GD!

Well done Florence and keep up the good work and dedication to so many different sports!



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LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS Spring 1 2024

Football

Y3 on Mondays and Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y4 on Mondays and Fridays 1245-1330 on the field
Y5 on Mondays and Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 on Mondays and Fridays 1245-1330 on the field

New Age Kurling

Y3 on Thursdays 12:00-12:45 in the studio
Y4 on Wednesdays 12:45-13:30 in the studio
Y5 on Thursdays 12:00-12:45 in the studio
Y6 on Wednesdays 12:45-13:30 in the studio

Boccia

Y3 on Tuesdays 12:00-12:45 in the studio
Y4 on Tuesdays 12:45-13:30 in the studio
Y5 on Tuesdays 12:00-12:45 in the studio
Y6 on Tuesdays 12:45-13:30 in the studio

Girls' Football

Y3 on Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y4 on Fridays 1245-1330 on the field
Y5 on Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 on Fridays 1245-1330 on the field

Netball/Basketball

Y3 on Wednesdays 12:00-12:45 on the playground
Y4 on Thursdays 12:45-13:30 on the playground
Y5 on Wednesdays 12:00-12:45 on the playground
Y6 on Thursdays 12:45-13:30 on the playground

Sports Clubs

Mr Keenan and Mrs Fedasch Y5-Y6 Football Club on Thursdays 1500-1600
Mrs Sturgess and Mr Diaz-Munoz Y3 Games Club on Thursdays 1515-1600
Inspire Plus Fitness Club Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays 1500-1600

Last Friday of each term at lunchtimes; a 'mini marathon' encouraging children to run for as far and as long as they can.

Don't forget that children should bring in spare trainers and joggers, together with a bag for their dirty trainers, for any field clubs.

If your child would like to join any of the lunchtime clubs, they can simply turn up! They should speak to Miss Blades or Mr Kavanagh if they are unsure where to go. For sessions running after school, children will need a permission letter which will be sent to the appropriate year groups in due course by ParentMail, and which will subsequently be available from the school office.

LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring 1 2024

For permission letters for after-school clubs, please contact the school office. For lunchtime clubs, the children can simply turn up to the club or they can speak to Miss Blades or Mr Kavanagh.

Instrumental Music Lessons:

Piano & Voice Y3-6 with Mr Jepson on Mon-Fri after school
Guitar Y3-6 with Mr McEwan on Tues at lunchtimes & Fri after school
Violin Y2-6 with Miss Smith on Wed lunchtimes
If you are interested in other instrumental lessons or if you are able to provide music tuition, then please contact the school office.

Choirs:

Y3/4 Choir with Miss Stewart and Mrs Seager (supported by Mrs Mills) is held on Wednesdays 1500-1545
Y5/6 Choir with Mrs Mills, Mrs Buck and Mr Jepson is held on Wednesdays 1500-1600

Drama:

Y6 with Mrs Mills, Mrs Buck, Mrs Seager and Mrs Reid will be held on Tuesdays 1500-1600.

Example of Daily Playtime & Lunchtime Activities FS-Y6

Cricket, Dodgeball, Nature Hunts, Sensory Circuits, Rounders, Tennis, Parachute Games, Colouring, Putting Golf, Basketball, Giant Snakes & Ladders, Chess, Reading Area, Trim Trail, Bubbles, Badminton, Skipping & French Skipping, as well as traditional playground games

After School & Breakfast Club with Acorn Childcare Centre (0730-1800 Daily Term Times and Holiday (01780 756056)

Painting, Football and Free play on Mondays with Mrs Ernest and Mr Keenan
Cooking, Football and Free Play on Tuesdays with Mrs Ernest and Mr Keenan
Playdough, Football and Free Play on Wednesday with Mrs Ernest and Mr Keenan
Knitting on Thursdays with Mrs Ernest
Football and free play on Fridays with Mr Keenan
A homework table is available daily with resources and assistance from the friendly Acorn staff team.

Pupil Voice (following formation of the 2023-2024 House Council):

Y4-Y6 House Council & Attendance Ambassadors with Mr Cox, Mrs Morphet and Miss Branson is held on Mondays 1510-1600
Y4-Y6 Junior Road Safety Officers with Mrs Buddle is held on Mondays 1510-1600
Y4-Y6 E-Safety and Equality Committee with Mrs Headland is held on Mondays 1510-1600
Y4-Y6 Green Team with Mrs Mills, Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Stephens is held on Mondays 1510-1600
Sports Ambassadors with Miss Storer is held on Mondays 1510-1600

Country Dancing:

Y3-Y6 Country Dancing Club with Mrs Harrison on Tuesdays 1515-1600

Could you volunteer your time?

A school is at the heart of a community but we couldn't do some of the amazing things we do without our community supporting us too. We are very lucky to have a number of volunteers who assist teachers in the classroom with teaching and learning (Regular Volunteers) as well as a group of parents and visitors to the school who come in on an occasional, ad hoc basis, to present to a group of children in class or to help on school trips (Occasional Volunteers). However, we are always looking for more support! It is an excellent way to boost your CV as well as providing a truly rewarding experience being able to support young learners.

What is an Occasional Volunteer?

If you currently have other commitments but would like to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis, you could become an Occasional Volunteer. This might be for a one-off school trip, or for a particular event or topic within school.

What is a Regular Volunteer?

Regular Volunteers are those people who would like to give back to the community and offer their services on a regular basis by supporting a particular class for a morning or a day a week or helping children to read, or to assist the class teacher with tasks, on a regular basis. We ask that our Regular Volunteers are able to commit to one session per week for a full term.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, all volunteers will be subjected to safeguarding training and checks in line with our policies. Full information will be provided on application, which you can do by contacting the office team on 01780 756056, via enquiries@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk or by popping into the office between 0830-1600 Monday to Friday during term times.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school team!





PTFA Update



Thank you so much for all of the donations for the RAG day which provided some bumper stalls at the Christmas Fayre. Here you can see our dedicated volunteers undertaking the massive task of sorting the items in preparation for the event. The Christmas Fayre was a roaring success with huge numbers of visitors, raising £4086 for the PTFA.



Thank you also to everyone who bought pupil-designed Christmas cards and other merchandise - an additional £901 was raised to support the school!

**Second hand uniform sale
including World Book Day outfits!**

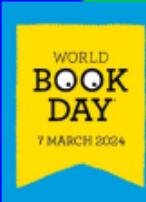


Friday 9th February

3.00-3.30pm

PTFA shed

(the shed is at the side of the Year 4 classrooms, near the Studio)



If you have any costumes suitable for World Book Day to donate, please leave them in the box outside the main office before the sale. Thank you

Fundraising Targets

All of this work is raising money towards the current projects to benefit children at our school:

- Large-scale playground activity stations promoting physical activity and keeping fit (climbing, jumping and balancing).
- Establishing more of the ever-popular willow tunnels for shade and creative play but also for those children who simply like having a natural area for hanging out with their friends!
- The next project is to buy more iPads for the school including headphones and keyboards which can be used by the children for times tables practice, learning keyboard skills and so much more.

The Parent Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) is an entirely voluntary organisation dedicated to enhancing the experience of the children at our school, raising money for special projects which would otherwise be beyond the means of the school and providing a range of events to enhance our community even more.

The PTFA is keen to thank all members of the school community for supporting the many fundraising events on offer! Their door is always open for more people to get involved.

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Dates for the diary

february 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Half Term Break						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

march 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Class photos with Tempest		World Book Day	
10			Y2 parents' evenings	FS/Y3/Y5 parents' evenings	Golden Boot Week & Book Fair	
			Book Fair last day	Y2 parents' evenings	Y3/Y5 parents' evenings	15
					Golden Boot Week	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Y1/Y4/Y6 parents' evenings		Y1/Y4/Y6 parents' evenings	PTFA School Disco	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Bank Hol	
31						

april 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter Holidays						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Easter Holidays						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Staff training day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Big Read KS1		
28	29	30				

may 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	Elections on site	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Ks2 SATS		PTFA School Disco	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Half Term						

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