

Malcolm Sargent Newsletter

February/March2024



Principal's message

What a super way in which to finish our Spring term, with a celebration of some great recent events! We're very proud of all our children's hard work; we always seem to cram in lots of learning events in a very short time and I hope that this edition helps give some insight into the vibrant work of my team.

On behalf of the staff, I want to wish you all a very happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Summer term; at Malcolm Sargent Primary School, this always involves sports days, talent show performances and lots of games on the playing field too!

Tristan Revell, Principal

Children and adults had a blast celebrating all things books for World Book Day!

World Book Day is always a big hit with children and adults alike and this year was no exception. There were some fantastic and creative costumes of favourite book characters which created lots of conversations about stories and why they were loved! There was also a masked reader quiz (the YouTube link is below if you want to watch it for yourself) and a 'decorate your classroom door' competition. A selection of photos capturing the excitement of the day are below!



























Professional storyteller wows pupils across the school

As part of National Storytelling Week, Mark Fraser (a professional storyteller) visited children throughout the school, re-telling some traditional tales and some new ones too! He enthused his audience of pupils with his interesting visuals, and captivating voice.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for funding this visit.



Holocaust Memorial Day visit for Year 6

Some of our Year 6 children attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Service at St Michael's Churchyard before heading to the Town Hall to view the artwork they completed in school as part of their war topic. Their art formed part of the town's art exhibition to commemorate the occasion. The pupils represented the school excellently and were able to describe their artwork to the exhibition's visitors.







Chinese New Year celebrations for Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage children loved studying the Chinese New Year as one of their topics. All 17 areas of the EYFS curriculum are taught through their topic so they completely immerse themselves in that subject. They enjoyed tasting prawn crackers and dumplings, listening to stories, designing dragon puppets and writing Chinese symbols.





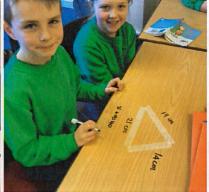


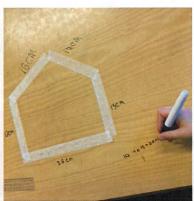


Year 3 pupils explore perimeter!

As part of their maths topic on length, our Y3s measured the length of masking tape shapes and demonstrated how they work out the perimeter. We work hard to make topics engaging for the children so doing practical perimeter work on tables is great for this!







Year 6 perform at the Stamford Corn Exchange

Some of our Year 6 children took part in a Spotlight Dance performance with several other local primary and secondary schools. The children spent time in school during their PE lessons practising their dance with Mr Keenan and Inspire+ across the term, showed dedication in rehearsals and confidence in performing to parents and other audience members.



We wore red for 'Red Nose Day'

Thank you so much for all of your donations for wearing red for Comic Relief 2024. We raised just over £600 which has been donated to the very worthy cause of Comic Relief which supports people in the UK and around the world.







Attenborough House shares their Love of Reading

To inspire the love of reading, some of our KS2 pupils from Attenborough House have been sharing books with Miss Eady's Foundation Stage class. They helped them to read books, understand what the stories are about and demonstrate how to read out loud.









Year 1 explore clay in art

In art this term, our Year 1 children have been learning to make clay houses.

They were developing their skills of rolling, cutting and making gentle indentations into the surface before letting it dry. They then showed their understanding of colour when they painted them.







"On Our Doorstep' topic is a hit for the Foundation Stage children

The topic 'On our Doorstep' is always so much fun for our youngest pupils because they not only think about their own houses and those of their friends and families, but they also explore our local area to understand how buildings are made. We have been delighted to welcome visitors, such as Dan the carpenter from Part B (a local fire-engineering company) as well as going on a walk taking in the local sights and a bus trip exploring even further afield.

Children learnt about working safely from Dan the carpenter and how to construct an internal wall using power tools. They also built their own structures from foam blocks and re-created the buildings they spotted on their walk and bus trip by using junk materials.

Thank you to everyone who has offered their time and expertise to inspiring and engaging our young pupils!



Year 5 children learn about Sikhism in RE

We are very grateful to Mr Singh who visited our Year 5 children as part of their Sikh stories topic. They learnt about the importance of acceptance and forgiveness in the Sikh religion and how they can apply these life skills in their own life and faith, if they have one. The children were inquisitive and asked respectful and thoughtful questions to Mr Singh to further enhancing their learning.







Children recreate the Stone Age Skara Brae village in Lego

Year 3 pupils have really enjoyed studying the Stone Age, in particular the Neolithic Period and the Skara Brae village which was discovered on the Isle of Orkney. They recreated the village using Lego which deepened their knowledge and allowed them to see visual representations of what they had been studying.







Green Team set up a wormery and make treats for the birds!

Lewis from Project Abundance helped our Green Team set up a wormery in our Sanctuary at the bottom of the field. This will not only act as a terrific science resource for the entire school but also provide a continuous supply of organic fertiliser for our allotments and plants. Lewis kindly supplied the horse manure, tiger worms, straw and cardboard. A huge thank you to Lewis from Project Abundance in Peterborough and Mrs (Dorothea) Mills who organised and ran this inspiring activity. The Green Team also made fat balls to hang on trees, providing food for birds during a time when food can be scarce for them during the winter months.



Travelling Book Fair raises money for library books

Thank you to everyone who supported the Travelling Book Fair. The school receives 60% of all sales to spend on books and because of your incredibly generous purchases, Mrs Morpeth is delighted to have £1245 to spend on brand-new books.

We hope those who visited enjoy their new books!





KS2 pupils win books in World Book Day Quiz

For World Book Day, the children took part in a quiz to identify the title and author of book covers. Here are the three proud winners of their new books!

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to Mrs Morpeth for organising this challenge!



National Storytelling Week celebrations

Children across the school loved creating, telling and writing their own stories using imaginative and creative writing prompts for National Storytelling Week. Each class was given a 'no story sack' and the children had to create a story of their own using objects from the bag. These were then shared across the school and with our house buddy classes.









Michelin-starred chef visits Year 3 pupils

Aaron Patterson, local Michelin-starred chef at Hambleton Hall in Rutland, visited our Year 3 pupils as part of the DT topic 'Eating Seasonally'. He displayed menus from different times of the year and discussed how the ingredients change across seasons. He also brought in ingredients for the children to touch and smell, all of which had been grown in the kitchen gardens at Hambleton Hall. Mr Patterson also showed the children how to handle and chop food safely.







Road safety visit for Year I from Mrs Hutchinson

Mrs Hutchinson, who is our fantastic Road Crossing Patrol Person, visited Year 1 pupils to talk to them about road safety which linked to the PSHE sessions about keeping safe and healthy.

They were told how to look and listen for traffic, choose a safe place to cross and make sure they are with a trusted adult before crossing a road.



Local artist inspires Foundation pupils

Naomi, a local artist who specialises in drawing iconic Stamford buildings, visited our Foundation Stage children to teach them how to draw buildings. It was great for the pupils to learn artistic techniques, to recognise local landmarks from Naomi's drawings and to draw their own buildings!







Year 3 learn about food and their bodies in Science

The pupils in Year 3 made their own 'Eat Well' plates after learning about different food groups and which foods are in each group. They learnt what each food group does to our bodies and how important it is to have a balanced diet which includes all food groups.

They also learnt which foods we should have 'more of' and 'less of' to keep our bodies and minds healthy.







Local nurse talks to Year 2 about modern hospitals

If any parents in Year 2 wondered why their child came out of school wearing medical examination gloves, it was because Debbie, a fantastic local nurse, came into school to talk to the pupils about modern day nursing! This linked with their history topic about Victorian nurses (including Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale) and including comparing how hospitals and patient care differs from Victorian times to the present day.

See if you can spot the Malcolm Sargent Egg in town this Easter!

We jumped at the chance to be involved in a local Easter Egg Trail organised by South Kesteven District Council's Art and Cultural Services Team! Over the Easter holidays, members of the public can take part in the free Giant Easter Egg Hunt where they spot 3 feet high wooden eggs, decorated by local community groups as well as completing puzzles. On Saturday 6th April, collect a trail sheet between 11am and 3pm. If you manage to spot all of the eggs and solve the puzzles, participants can return to the starting point to receive a sweetie reward. A huge thank you to Miss Blades who volunteered her time after-school to decorate the Malcolm Sargent egg with some of our Year 2 children. We hope you have fun completing the trail!









The first Golden Ticket in the library has been found!

Mrs Morpeth has hidden a number of golden tickets in books in the library. The more books the children read, the more chance they have of winning a golden ticket! Winners of the tickets can then choose their own book to keep!

Here is our first winner who chose a Magic Animal Friends book as her prize.

Special time for many faiths celebrated in school

This term, in RE, all year groups have been learning about Christianity's Easter festival, the origins of the festival and how and why people of the Christian faith celebrate this special occasion. We also teach the children about the many other faiths which have special festivals at this time of the year, such as the Hindu festival of Holi, the Muslim festival of Eid-al-Fitr and the fasting during Ramadan. Our school office reflects our learning and celebrates the wonderful diversity of religions of our pupils and staff.



EYFS learn about our Capital city

Our Foundation Stage children have been learning facts about London, familiarising themselves with landmarks as well as making a pretend visit to Buckingham Palace with a very dignified tea party!

Thank you to our wonderful EYFS team who work so hard to put such wonderful, immersive experiences together for our children!





Easter Garden Competition wows judges!

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Easter Garden Competition. Lots of children (including a nursery child) worked hard on their entries and the judges were absolutely blown away by the finished gardens and the effort which had gone into them.

Easter gardens typically celebrate the joy of Easter and these colourful entries certainly brought joy to many adults and children who were able to view them!

Well done to our two winners!







Food planning in DT for Year 3 pupils

As part of their DT topic in designing a sweet and savoury tart, Year 3 children used collage materials to create a mock-up of their tart. They had to choose a base and three toppings. They enjoyed cooking and eating the tarts after their hard work designing, evaluating each stage and re-designing where needed.



French Cafe returns for Year 5

Year 5 brought their French topic of 'Au Café' to an exciting end, by having their own French café in their classrooms. They used their newly learnt vocabulary to order a range of French breakfast items, which they then enjoyed tasting.

Bon appétit!



Parking for blue badge holders



We've had an increasing number of parents or visitors parking in the Blue Badge holder spaces in our visitor car park without displaying a blue badge.

We have disabled children in school and visitors to the school or nursery who rely on access to these spaces. Please park considerately and only park in these spaces if a clear blue badge is displayed.

Please also make sure that you are not blocking local residents access to their homes.

Ofsted want your views

Ofsted has launched its 'Big Listen' consultation. it is seeking views from the full range of professionals and providers with which Ofsted works, as well as parents, carers, children and learners. It asks a series of questions based around four themes:

- How Ofsted reports on its findings
- · How Ofsted carries out inspections
- · How Ofsted can have a positive impact in all the sectors it inspects
- What Ofsted needs to do to be a world-class inspectorate and regulator

The consultation will close on 31 May 2024 - you can access it using this QR code:

Layby to be closed to the public

The layby at the front of school is being closed off by Highways Lincolnshire as they have deemed it dangerous for members of the public to use.

It will be made available for buses and taxis only but we have no date as yet for the closure. More information will follow as soon as we have it.









National attendance award!

Thank you to all of our parents with their support in making sure their child has good attendance. Just one day's learning missed can affect a child's understanding of a particular concept or topic.

We are delighted to have been awarded this award for being in the top 10% of FFT schools nationally for our attendance!

When to keep your child at home if they are unwell...

We know how important attendance of school is for children. However, there are, of course, times when they should be kept at home if they are unwell. Some parents may be unsure when they should send their children to school if they are under the weather. The NHS has a really handy guide on this which can be accessed through this QR code.

We have some children currently in school who are immuno-suppressed, usually through severe illness. Of course, we talk to the other children who are in contact with them, and we take all the usual precautions against the spread of bacteria/viruses with enhanced cleaning routines and encouraging good hygiene with all the children.

It's critical that you inform our office team if your child is diagnosed by a medical professional with any illness such as chickenpox, shingles, measles, flu, tonsillitis, covid etc so that they can share this vitally important information with parents. Thank you so much for your support with this.







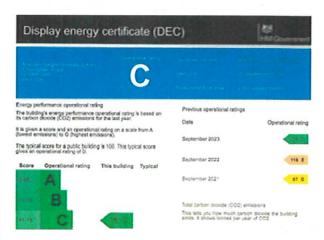
Staff Quiz Night raises money for charity

In February, 32 current staff and 7 ex-staff members gathered for a two hour fun quiz during which they were tested by Mrs Harrison (on general knowledge, Geography, History, films of 2023 and pop music). The Early Years staff (Mrs Poncia, Miss Olver, Miss Eady & Miss Stainsby) were the quiz's winners, but the real winner of the night was Miss Storer as the event raised £303 for the 'Asthma & Lung UK' charity for whom she is fund raising (soon running in the London marathon to raise even more money!)

DEC Rating improvement from E to C!

Our DEC (Display Energy Certificate) rating has made significant improvement from our previous rating of E to a much better rating of C. This is due to improvements to energy efficiency made across the school, educating children on the use of energy but mainly due to the hard work of our wonderful Site Manager, Mr Wallace.

Further consideration is being given to solar panels, new heating systems and other green initiatives!



Hot off the press, sports days announced!

We are delighted to be able to invite parents to our sports days. As last year, we will be holding class sports days to maximise participation and engagement for all children. We will have heats for each event followed by a final competition. We will record the performances (times etc) of the winners so that their achievements can be celebrated across the school, as an inter-house event too.

Your child will need to come to school on their sports days dressed in their PE kit, with a water bottle. Please also send in sun cream and a sun hat or joggers and a coat, depending on the vagaries of the British weather on that day!

Entrance for parents for their sport day will be via the entrance on Dundee Drive. The gates will be manned and open for 15 minutes before the start time, and then locked to ensure the school site remains safe. Late visitors will need to attend the school office to be chaperoned to the field so please try and arrive on time!

Full information about our Sports Days can be found on the Parentmail sent out on 28th March.

Dates	Session 1 0900-1030	Session 2 1100-1230	Session 3 1330-1500	
Monday 13 May	Y6 SATS	Y6 SATS	FSO	
Tuesday 14 May	Y6 SATS	Y6 SATS	FSP	
Wednesday 15 May	Y6 SATS	Y6 SATS	Y1W/C FSE Y1W	
Thursday 16 May	Y6 SATS Y3G/W	Y6 SATS		
Friday 17 May		Y21		
Monday 20 May	Y4B	Y2N/H	Y5W	
Tuesday 21 May	Y4L	Y3T	Y6B/R	
Wednesday 22 May	Y5H	Y2G-S	Y3S	
Thursday 23 May	Y5B Y4O		Y6R	
Friday 24 May	Y6M	Y6M Y1T/H Y		
Monday 3 June	RESERVE	RESERVE	RESERVE	

Sports update



Swimming success

Our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in a competive swimming gala Grantham pool against some of the local schools in Lincolnshire. The children took part in either individual events, relays or both. The whole team was fantastic and came a well-deserved second in both the overall relay competition and the whole competition (when results were totalled together).

A huge well done to our swimmers, some of whom competed in five events in total!

Our football team are through to inter-county finals!

Our KS2 football team were delighted to take part in the Lincolnshire County finals in Sleaford. The team knew they were up against some incredible teams but they went on to win all three games in the group stage and then drew 2-2 in the final against the talented Scotter Primary School.

This took us to penalties, which as you can imagine, was incredibly tense, but we were ecstatic to win 6-5 in the shoot out, which means not only are we Lincolnshire County Cup winners but we're also

through to the inter-county event in Birmingham!



What a win!



More wins for our football team

We have had over 50 children involved in our football tournaments this term and we currently remain unbeaten!

Events we have been victorious in, including, the Stamford local school's league, Stamford school tournament (which we host), South-west Lincolnshire Large School Cup, as well as our fantastic county win mentioned above.

Our footballers and staff involved were interviewed by Rob Persani for Stamford and Rutland Sound to find out more about their amazing achievements!

Trophies at a soggy cross country event!

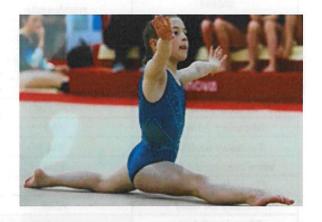
21 Malcolm Sargent pupils took part in an Inspire+ event at Burghley Park (organised by Inspire+) on a day which certainly challenged their perseverance through wet, rainy, windy and muddy conditions. Well done to five of our children who collected trophies and a huge thank you to staff and children for supporting the event on a Saturday!

Sportsperson of the month

Goes to...Thea Smith!

Thea trains with Corby Gymnastics five days a week, racking up over 19 hours of training in that time! She is on a national pathway in gymnastics and has her next regional competition coming up soon. Thea has also been recently recognised for her efforts with a 'Gymnast of the Year' award at her club's annual awards and celebration evening.

Well done Thea for the determination and dedication you show to your sport!





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LUNCHTIME CLUBS Summer 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

Tennis

Y3 on Wednesdays 12:00-12:45 on the playground

Y4 on Wednesdays 12:45-13:30 on the playground

Y5 on Wednesdays 12:00-12:45 on the playground

Y6 on Wednesdays 12:45-13:30 on the playground

Tag Rugby

Y3 on Tuesdays 12:00-12:45 on the field

Y4 on Tuesdays 12:45-13:30 on the field

Y5 on Tuesdays 12:00-12:45 on the field

Y6 on Tuesdays 12:45-13:30 on the field

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

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

Kwik Cricket

Y3 on Thursdays 12:00-12:45 on the field

Y4 on Thursdays 12:45- 13:30 on the field

Y5 on Thursdays 12:00-12:45 on the field

Y6 on Thursdays 12:45-13:30 on the field

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.

On the last Friday of each term at lunchtimes we have a 'mini marathon' encouraging children to run for as far and as long as they can.

Instrumental Music Lessons:

Guitar Y3-6 with Mr McEwan on Tues at lunchtimes

Violin Y2-6 with Miss Smith on Wed at lunchtimes

If you are interested in other instrumental lessons or if you are able to provide music tuition, then please contact the school office.



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AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS Summer 1 2024

For permission letters for after-school clubs, please check Parentmail or contact the school office.

Instrumental Music Lessons:

Piano & Voice Y3-6 with Mr Jepson on Mon-Fri after school

Guitar Y3-6 with Mr McEwan on Fridays after school

If you are interested in other instrumental lessons or if you are able to provide music tuition, then please contact the school office.

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

Y4-Y6 House Council & Attendance Ambassadors with Mr Cox and Mrs Morpeth 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 Sturgess and Mrs Fairchild is held on Mondays 1510-1600

Sports Ambassadors with Miss Branson, Mrs Stephens and Miss Stewart is held on Mondays 1510-1600

Country Dancing:

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

Choirs:

Y3/4 Choir with Mr Lynch 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 an Tuesdays 1500-1600

Book Club

Y3/4 with Mrs Morpeth on the first Wednesday of every month 3:00-3:30 (invite only)

Y5/6 with Mrs Morpeth on the first Tuesday of every month 3:00-3:30

Afterschool FA Football Club

Y3-6 with Aspire to Inspire on Fridays 3:00-4:00 (selected children only)

After-School Gub with Acorn Childcare Centre (0730-1800 Daily During Term Times and Holidays (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.

Engage & Inspire

Nurture & Growth

Pride & Joy



PTFA Update



Disco success

Thank you for your support of our most recent Valentine's Disco which raised a whopping £620.71 for the PTFA. They couldn't do it without the support of their volunteers and school staff who give up their Friday evening to make sure the children have an absolute blast!

The next disco is on Friday 17th May so if you are able to volunteer for one or both of the discos, please contact the PTFA on ptfa@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk.







Join a PTFA meeting!

Thank you to all of our PTFA volunteers who attend a monthly meeting to generate ideas for fundraising, discuss the spend of the money raised and plan out coming up events and activities. If you would like to join a meeting, everyone is welcome. The dates of the upcoming PTFA meetings are Tuesday 30th April and Tuesday 21st May.

Summer Fayre date is set for 6 July

Put the date in your diary for our hugely popular Summer Fayre! Please also let the PTFA know if you can volunteer any time at all on the day (including setting up and breaking down).



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 practise, 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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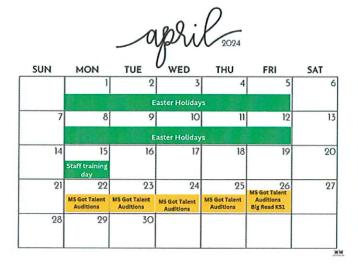






Dates for the diary













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		Casterton College Transition Week					
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