



Principal's message



The autumn term is always a busy one as we welcome new children to our school, establish routines and support our pupils to make the best start possible! This year has been no exception and we have been absolutely delighted with how this term has gone so far! We have seen a wealth of exciting and engaging lessons and workshops, bringing our fantastic curriculum to life. Of particular note has been the super uptake of all the extra-curricular clubs. We hope to build on these opportunities as the year progresses! We have so much to look forward to this term including our open evening when we see our school buzzing with activity throughout the evening, showcasing how our year groups teach their curriculum and also how the skills and knowledge progress from one year to another. We also look forward to even more visitors inspiring our children, as well as seeing year groups organising local trips and visits. As always, thank you for reading this edition of our newsletter to show you a small snippet of the brilliant activities and events we have been up to in these last couple of months.

Tristan Revell, Principal

Year 6 recreate famous paintings!

As part of the Year 6 'Photo Opportunity' art topic this term, our pupils have been learning how to compose art using iPads and photo editing software. They have taken a deeper look into 'macro photography', edited the saturation and tone of their photographs and used Picollage to add additional visual effects and import images. They had a great time recreating famous paintings using the skills they have learned.



Year 3 develop their 'testing scientifically' skills

In Science, Year 3 have been working on the 'Nappy Challenge' topic. They learnt how to make predictions, create a fair test, how to manage variables and record their findings. They were able to conclude which nappy was the best absorber by using their newly-learnt science skills! Overall (for all the interested parents) the best nappy for absorption was Sainsbury's!



EYFS have had a brilliant first term!

We have been absolutely delighted with the way in which our new EYFS children have taken to starting school. They have been busy developing routines, learning to read and investigating the world around them. They were absolutely delighted to experience a real-life bonfire to teach them the story of Guy Fawkes as well as giving them great first-hand experience to develop their writing skills.



Harvest Festival Assembly

Our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children were treated to an extra special Harvest Festival by Mrs Harrison who is our subject leader for Religious Education (RE).

The pupils learned all about the history of the Harvest Festival, why it is still important today and how it links with the Christian festival calendar.



Diwali extravaganza for Year 3

Our Year 3 children have been finding out about Diwali as part of their RE topic on Hinduism. They had a brilliant time on their Diwali afternoon, working hard to make firework posters, Rangoli rice patterns and clay Diva lamps. The pupils then painted their lamps, using their art knowledge of mixing primary colours to make secondary colours!



Planned roadworks which might affect school drop off and collection

[Arran Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire](#)

11 November - 13 November

Roadworks, Delays possible

Traffic management: Traffic control (give & take)

Description: STAMFORD - 1188890 - Install 1 x duct interception, and approx 1mtr new duct in the footway

Works location: Outside 19 Arran Road

Public facing description: one.network has automatically assigned a category of Unclassified to this Works based on the information available. Please note: Works Descriptions are not published by Openreach.

Responsibility for works: Openreach

Current status: Planned work about to start

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Year 5s were Anglo-Saxons for the day!

Our Year 5 children were delighted to welcome an archaeologist/re-enactor to experience everything 'Anglo-Saxon' for the day. They learnt about Anglo-Saxon battle formations, played historical board games and even explored Anglo-Saxon artefacts. The children loved dressing up in replica helmets and immersing themselves in Anglo-Saxon history. A huge thank you to our PTFA and the Lady Dorothy Cecil Trust for funding this inspiring event!



Lincolnshire County Council want to hear from you ...

Do you have a child under 5 who is not fully vaccinated?

HWLincs is conducting research into parents' vaccination choices in Lincolnshire and want to hear your thoughts.

If you like to share your views or concerns, fill in a short survey and make your voice heard by visiting:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Under5Immunisations>

Year 3 create abstract sculptures

In art, our Year 3 pupils were looking at abstract sculptures. They used lots of recycled materials to create their own pieces, thinking about turning 2D shapes into 3D shapes and using different joins to connect them together. They also thought about colours and how to make the sculptures look more interesting.



Year 1 learn about family history

Year 1 children were thrilled to have a wonderfully engaging visit from Liz, Mrs Buck's Mum, who came into school to tell the children about what life was like for her when she was growing up. The visit was to support the children in their history topic called 'Family History'.

Liz's talk allowed the children to hear first hand about how different life was in the past. They could not believe she grew up without a television or a mobile phone, and even worse than that, the toilet she had as a child was in an outhouse!



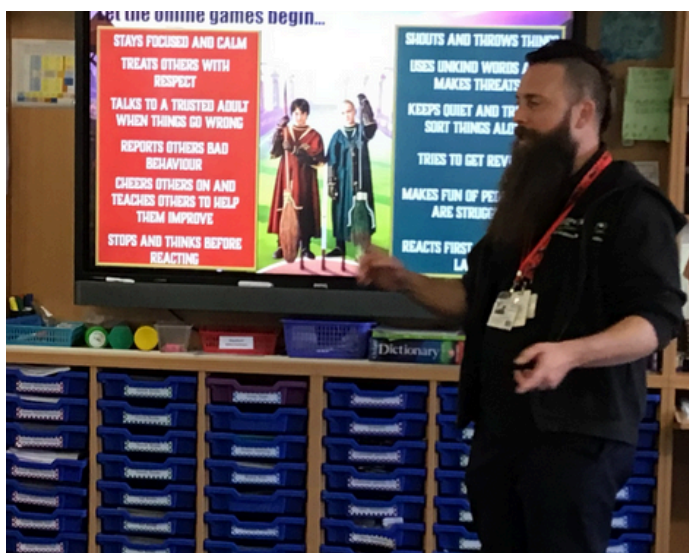
Indian dance workshop for EYFS and Year 3

Our EYFS and Year 3 pupils were delighted to join a traditional Indian dance workshop related to their respective Diwali topics. The children learnt various traditional dance moves, complete with props and traditional Indian music to create a vibrant and beautiful dance routine. They were able to learn about the art of dancing, as well as the links to our physical health. A big thank you to our PTFA for fundraising to funding this workshop!



Harry Potter themed online safety workshop for Year 4

Our Year 4 children were given a fun and informative online safety workshop by Dan Hawbrook from the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership (SSP). Using a Harry Potter theme, the children thought about what they do online and discussed the best choice to make in different scenarios. They really enjoyed this session and learnt a lot about how to stay safe when playing games online.



Year 5 go on a field trip to research 'How is the UK changing?'

Our Year 5 children loved walking into the town centre to take part in their geography fieldwork around Stamford to research their topic, 'How is the UK Changing?'. They walked into the town centre looking for clues along the way as to how Stamford has changed and how it may change to be sustainable in the future. They were lucky to see lots of building work to see 'change in action' and discuss the historical architecture we are lucky to be surrounded by in our town. We also reinforced important safety rules for crossing the road and staying safe in public.



Year 2 learn about their feelings

As part of our work within PSHE, our Year 2 children enjoyed a performance-based session provided by The Conversation Stamford, to help them recognise fear/anxiety and how it feels in their bodies, so that they can manage their feelings better.

The children were encouraged to talk to someone about their worries; practise mindful/calm breathing and to make use of sensory toys.



Congratulations to Mr Keenan!

Our fantastic sports teacher, Mr Keenan has been working hard on his Level 5 Certificate in Primary School PE specialism and his Level 6 PE Subject Leadership qualification. Mr Keenan passed the courses with flying colours and his mentor said that his contribution to all of the sessions, engagement with all activities and his colleagues made him confident that he is a strong PE leader.

We are very proud of Mr Keenan's success and are grateful he is such a positive and inspiring sports role-model for our pupils!



Photography competition for Years 4-6

The House Council is running a House Photography Competition for children from Year 4 to Year 6. The closing date for entries is Friday 6 December.

The best photographs will also be submitted to this year's Rotary Young Photographer Competition regional heats.

The photo must be based on the theme 'Wonderful Water' and be in digital format of at least 1500 pixel on the longest length. The entries must be emailed to enquiries@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk with the subject 'House Photography Competition'. and be no more than 15Mb in size. Your child's name and class should accompany the photo please.

The photos can be a close-up artistic image, or a panorama; in fact any creative, imaginative piece linked to the theme! It is hoped that children, whilst supported, will be completing this work independently and therefore have some knowledge of how to use a digital camera or phone and some idea of how to create photographs that are visually artistic or meaningful.

The judging criterion for the competition is:

- Technical merit
- Content and composition
- Imagination and style
- Relevance to the theme of 'Wonderful Water'

Our school art leader will be judging the competition, with a medal awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each year group or phase (depending on how many entries are submitted). House Points will be added to House Totals for all entries submitted and 50 points awarded for finalists, 1st to 3rd.

Attendance

As you may have seen in the press, attendance continues to be a key focus for the Department for Education. Nationally, children are expected to have attendance of 95% or above. At Malcolm Sargent, our attendance is higher than the national average, but we continue to check this monthly. Any pupil who falls below 95% attendance is identified and monitored. If the attendance of any pupil falls to below 90%, then our Pastoral Team will contact the family to discuss this and begin to work with them on improving attendance over the following weeks. Our Pastoral Team comprises Mrs Buck in Y5/6, Mrs Reid in Y3/4 and Mrs Hargreaves in FS/Y1/Y2.

See below a table which shows how even a small amount of absence can build up over time. Thank you for your help in supporting us with your child's attendance!

% Attendance In A School Year	Absence In A School Year	Lessons Missed In A School Year*	Weeks Missed Over Your Child's Primary Education
100%	Here all year!	0	At an advantage, having had every opportunity to learn all year!
98%	Nearly a week	20	Nearly a half term
95%	Nearly 2 weeks	45	Two half terms
90%	Nearly 4 weeks	95	Over four half terms
85%	Over 5 weeks	140	Around a full year
80%	Around a half term	190	Around a year and a half



Rotary **YOUNG**
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COMPETITION



Exciting library news!

We have updated how our children can access books from the library to make it even easier for them to take books out and help to promote a **love of reading** and the enjoyment which can come from immersing yourself in a story!

We have redistributed hundreds of books from our library to 'class libraries' and located a scanner in each classroom. This means children can now have access to a wider range of high-quality texts throughout the day alongside their weekly library slot. Class library books will be replenished regularly which we hope will encourage children to have more ownership over their reading.

Our wonderful library is now restocked with hundreds more gorgeous books and the space has been redesigned to welcome more students at one time to settle down with a good book.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is our reading platform, designed to monitor and manage our students' independent reading practise. When a child moves onto Accelerated Reader (usually around Year 2/3), they will bring home books which are 'levelled' and 'graded'. Each book has a book level (BL) on a sticker inside the front cover. The book level indicates for which level the book is recommended. Children are given their book levels when they take a 'Star Reader' quiz on Accelerated Reader in class. The tests are retaken half-termly to make sure the levels remain up to date.

Once a child has finished a book, they can complete a quiz on it, which identifies their level of comprehension as well as how many words they have read, and how long it has taken them.

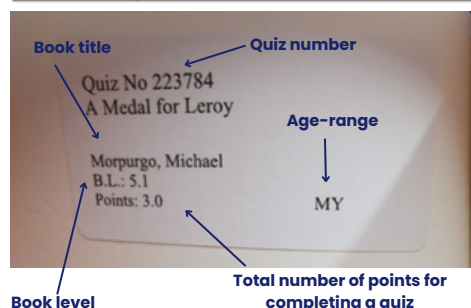
Accelerated Reader groups the books into four categories: UY (upper Years) MY+ (Middle Years +) MY (Middle Years) and LY (Lower Years). This is based on a chronological age and takes into consideration the content of the book. At the same time, we understand that some students may select books outside their chronological age and therefore we may ask for your permission from time to time. This may be in your home/school diary, face to face, or on Seesaw.

We hope you find the changes support your child to develop their love for reading even further!



Code age levels

Code	Recommended age
LY	Year 1 - Year 3
MY	Year 4 - Year 6
MY+	Age 12+
UY	Age 14+



Adopt a book

At the front of school, just to the right-hand-side of the school office door is our 'Adopt a Book' box. In it, there are some well-loved books ready for retirement and which are absolutely free for you to take home and keep!



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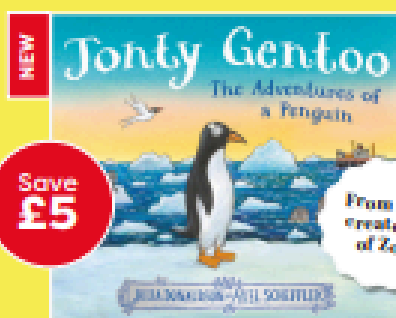
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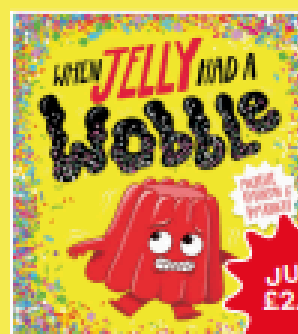
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Sports updates

Netball winners

We have had a busy start to the netball season, with some fantastic wins! Here is a picture of our Y5/6 netball team which played an enthralling match and saw them taking the win against St George's. The team demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination throughout and a special well done to Lucy who was nominated player of the match by St George's.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came to watch and support too!



South-West Lincolnshire champions!

Our girls' football team were delighted to be crowned champions of South-West Lincolnshire at a tournament in Grantham.

All the girls played amazingly, winning all their games and not conceding a single goal all day!

We are very proud of them all!

Paralympian visits Year 2 and Year 4

Jonathan Broom-Edwards, who is a decorated Paralympian and 'Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins' contestant visited some of our pupils this term. He discussed resilience, determination and a good mental attitude, based on his own experiences living with a disability.

He led an assembly and then each of the six classes involved, completed a class-specific workshop. Children were able to ask questions and understand more about what truly goes into being a professional athlete.

The pupils were absolutely buzzing after their session with Jonathan and we can't wait to welcome more professional athletes to the school over the coming months, as part of our partnership with Inspire Plus.



After-school clubs

Mondays

Pupil Voice (following formation of the 2024-2025 House Council)

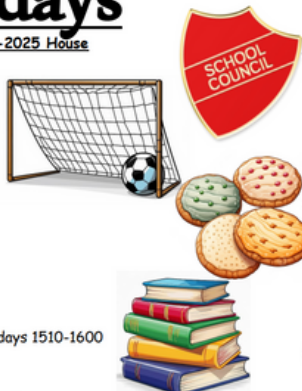
House Council & Attendance Ambassadors
Junior Road Safety Officers
E-Safety and Equality Committee
Green Team
Sports Ambassadors
Class Representatives
Youth Council
Music Ambassadors
Play Leaders
(All held on Mondays 1510-1600 for Y4-Y6)

Y5/6 Football Club

Y5/6 with Mr Keenan and Mr Kavanagh on Mondays 1510-1600

Book & Biscuit Reading Club (invite only)

Mondays 3:10-3:50 with Mrs Perry starting Monday 11 November till Monday 16 December



Tuesdays

Drama:

Y6 with Mrs Mills, Mrs Buck, Mrs Seager and Mrs Reid on Tuesdays 1515-1615

Netball (invite only)

Y5/6 with Miss Raistrick on Tuesdays 1510-1600 (ending 12 November)

Y3/4 Football Club

Y3/4 with Mr Keenan and Mr Kavanagh on Tuesdays 1510-1600

Author & Art Club

Y1/2 on Tuesdays 3:10-3:50 with Mrs Perry starting Tuesday 12 November running until Tuesday 17 December



Wednesdays

Choirs

Y3/4 Choir with Miss Stewart and Mrs Seager (supported by Mrs Mills) on Wednesdays 1515-1600

Y5/6 Choir with Mrs Mills and Mr Jepson on Wednesdays 1515-1615

Multi Skills

Y2 with Mr Keenan and Mr Kavanagh on Wednesdays 1510-1600



Thursdays

Country Dancing Club:

Y3-Y6 with Mrs Harrison on Thursdays 1515-1600 (club cancelled on 5 & 19 December)

Chess and Boardgames Club

Y5-6 with Mrs Seager on Thursdays 1510-1600

Tag Rugby Club

Y5-6 with Mr Kavanagh and Mr Crowson on Thursdays 1510-1600

Indoor Sports Club

Y4/5/6 with Mr Keenan and Mr Kavanagh on Thursdays 1510-1600



Lunchtime Activities!

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, Netball, Tag Rugby, Lacrosse, Tennis, Croquet, Quidditch, Disc Golf as well as traditional play-ground games. If your child would like to join any of the lunchtime activities, 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.



After-School Club with Acorn Childcare Centre (0730-1800 Daily During Term Times and Holidays (01780 766 493))

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.



PTFA updates

Funding for Year 6 musical performance

The PTFA have kindly agreed to fund £615 for the Year 6 Performance License, which, this year, is Shrek The Musical!



Donuts for sale 8th November

Donuts will be for sale on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds on Friday 8th November. You can pay by cash or card.

If it is wet weather, the sale will take place in the music room for KS1 and the Y5/6 corridor for KS2

RAG day Thursday 5th December

Children can come to school in non-uniform in return for a donation to the Christmas Fayre. You can donate unopened toiletries, new toys, alcohol or sweet treats which will be used at the Christmas Fayre stalls to raise money for our PTFA.



Christmas Fayre Saturday 7th December

Our popular Christmas Fayre will be running from 1pm-3pm on Saturday 7th December. If you are able to volunteer an hour of your time to supervise a stall, please let the PTFA know as they rely on volunteers to make the event run! Otherwise, save the date and start your Christmas shopping!

Asda Cashpot for Schools to raise money for our school

Our PTFA has signed up to Asda Cashpot. Customers can opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign through the Asda Rewards app. They can then choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their purchase, or select "Schools in Need". Asda also donates £1 to the school's Cashpot for each customer who chooses the school, and an additional £50 to the school when its first customer shops.



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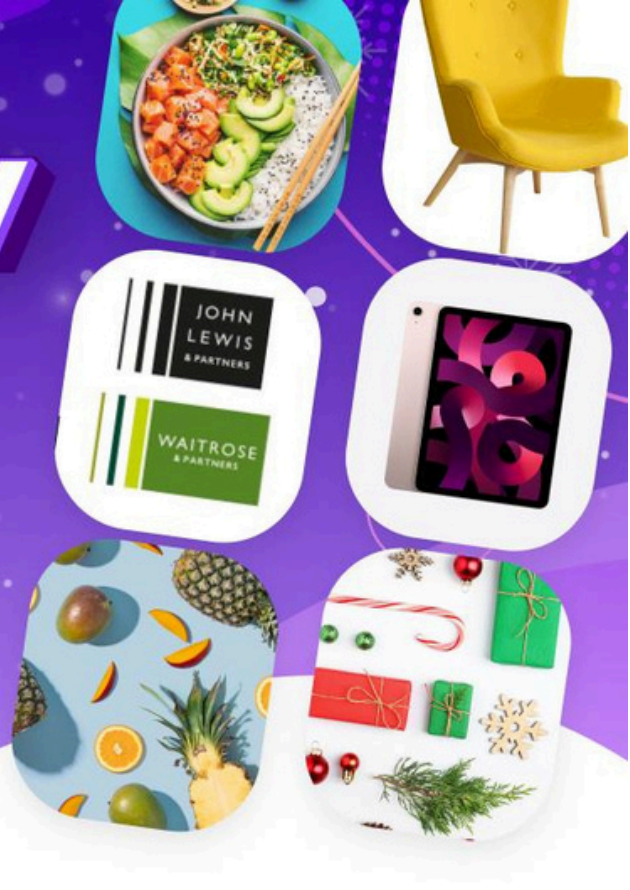
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