



# Newsletter

## April 2022



Dear parents / carers

What a lovely Spring term we have had this year with some super weather, making it possible for the children to play and learn outside!

After the Easter Holiday, our year 6 children will be taking part in a project called 'The World Reimagined'. This is an exciting new national programme that brings people together through art, history, dialogue and learning to consider our shared history so we can make racial justice a reality. We will be taking part in the largest public art education project for racial justice the UK has ever seen. The World Reimagined will see sculpture trails take place in 8 cities across the UK. We will be having a giant globe structure delivered which the children will be decorating. This globe will then be included in the art exhibition.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday.

Mrs Bailey



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—SUMMER TERM 2022

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 1	University of Leicester – Botanic Gardens
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 5	Black Country Museum
W/B Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	KS2 SATs week
W/B Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2	KS1 SATs Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Reception	Twycross Zoo
W/B Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole school	International Schools Project: French Week
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Whole school	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration
W/B Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Phonics screening week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Nursery	Beaumanor Hall – Super Senses Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS / KS1	Sports Day – Family picnic
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2	Sports Day – Family picnic
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	London Trip



### Attendance Matters

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office **EVERY** day of your child's absence. If you do not contact the school, our Attendance Officer will ring you. Attendance is monitored on a daily basis and if your child's attendance falls below 92%, s/he will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer, unless there are genuine reasons. The school day starts at 8.45am. The school gates are open from 8.40am and close at 8.55am. If your child arrives after this time, then you **MUST** take your child to the office to sign them in late.



# Curriculum News

## Nursery

This term the Nursery have welcomed some new children into their class as well as welcoming back Mrs Chandarana! All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed this term's dinosaur topic and have been busy making dinosaur bones from salt dough and hiding them in the sand. They then used their magnifying glasses to become explorers and share their findings with their friends, it was very exciting! The children in Nursery are also working very hard on their phonics at the moment and are learning to hear the initial sounds in words by playing one of our favourite games- silly soup!



## Reception

This term the children in Reception have really enjoyed learning about Spring through our topic 'Ready, Steady, Grow.' We used the story of 'Jaspers Beanstalk' to support our learning and spent a lot of time in the outdoor area planting our own beanstalks and watching them grow alongside our spring flowers. We have also planted some cress seeds and have used our imperative verbs to write the instructions on how to do this. The children have also enjoyed spending some time in the sunshine doing close observational drawings of plants and animals which you can see on our Twitter account!



## Year 1

In Year 1 this term we have been learning about our local area as part of our Geography unit on 'Bright Lights Big City.' We have learnt about the four cities and countries of the United Kingdom and we have created our own maps of the school and the local area. In Science we have been learning about a range of habitats and the animals and plants that live in each environment. We have focused on the Woodland habitat to support our English learning on 'The Gruffalo.' The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning and innovating this text.

The children enjoyed World Book Day and everybody had made a superb effort to dress in a range of traditional clothes from around the World. We focused on the books 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Handa's Noisy Night' which were both set in Kenya. The children learnt about a range of animals found in Kenya and they created some fantastic pieces of artwork to show what they had learnt.



On the week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> June, all of our Year 1 children will be sitting a Phonics assessment with their class teacher.

Some websites which would help your child prepare for the Phonics assessment can be found here:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

## Year 2



What an amazing term we have had in Year 2! The children had an exciting time at Skegness Beach, an experience that will stay with them forever. We enjoyed walking on the beach, building sand castles, eating fish and chips and for dessert we had a delicious ice cream. In school the children then wrote a recount of the trip, which highlighted the amount of fun the children had. In math's the children have learnt a lot about

length and mass and really enjoyed the practical sessions, particularly measuring how tall they were, and measuring each other. During PE lesson we have built up our tennis skills and we have really developed our ball control. The children have also learnt about graphs and created a graph of which fruit was the most popular in class. The children have also created magnificent display around the school linked to 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. The children in year 2 will have SATs Tests from: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Please support your children at home and practice previous SATs papers. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers>





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## Year 3

During the Spring term, Year 3 have been learning to expand our English skills to include using inverted commas and to know exactly when to begin a new paragraph. In maths, the children have learnt how to read thermometers, find totals of money, calculate equivalent fractions and use their calculating skills to problem solve. Everyone has improved their use of TTRS and Accelerated Reader and we hope this continues into the summer term.

In PE we have had a great time orienteering where the children learnt to read and follow simple maps to find mythical beasts and rainforest animals. We have had a fantastic time learning about volcanos and earthquakes. The children have given a presentation on how to stay safe during an earthquake. In art, we have designed fossil motifs and turned them into colourful prints. We are beginning to look at figures and the paintings of Lowry. The children have had the opportunity to be involved with the Easter Bonnet parade and the Rock Steady Concert which they thoroughly enjoyed. We hope that everyone has a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to a fabulous Summer Term.

## Year 4

What an exciting term Year 4 have had. We had a fabulous experience working with Owen Griffith's on the Poetry Project – Who Am I? The children produced and performed some amazing poems covering a varied range of subjects. The project culminated with a trip to the Y Theatre where the children (and Mr Morrish) performed their poems in front of 3 professional judges. Despite some nerves on the morning, all the children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm.

We have been hard at work studying Mountains and Rivers, did you know the Amazon River is 3 miles across in places? We have researched mountains and created a Mount Everest Fact File.

Every Friday, all 3 teachers were bombarded with 'Is it swimming today?' by eager Year 4 pupils, this has been the highlight of our term! All the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to swim and gaining water confidence.



## Year 5

The Year 5 children have had a very excitable, busy Spring term. In January, the children were lucky enough to visit the Space Centre to enhance the children's Science learning about the Earth and Space. The moon landings particularly grabbed their attention and the children effectively applied this learning to their Oracy outcome in role as an astronaut. To culminate the topic the children created some amazing solar system models. The children have continued to enjoy reading the top five books from 'Our best book' competition. We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet some of the authors via Zoom meetings in May. For the Sow, Grow and Farm project the children have been developing their geographical and scientific skills. We have enjoyed planting seeds and



making bug hotels – to be observed to find out which mini-beasts come to stay! Next term the Year 5 children will be swimming on a Friday afternoon.

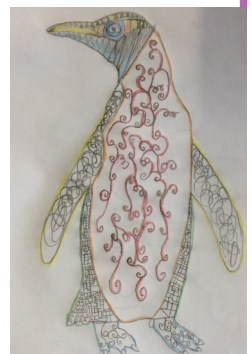


## Year 6

Pupils in Year 6 have been studying the Arctic and Antarctic regions as part of the Frozen Kingdom Project. During the science element of the project, pupils investigated how blubber keeps some animals insulated from the extreme cold temperatures. 'Blubber' was recreated using fat from the local butcher and pupils experienced its insulating properties by immersing their hands (with and without blubber) in cold water.

Pupils also enjoyed recreating some animal artwork inspired by Inuit artists such as Jessie Oonark, Karoo Ashevak and others.

SATs practise has also been progressing very well so far and, for the Easter break, we have put revision materials on Teams as well as on the website for children so they can prepare as best they can before the exams begin on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Wish them luck!





# NOTICE BOARD



## Free Nursery Places

We will have part-time places available at our nursery in September for children who will have turned 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021. If you or anybody you know is interested in a place, please contact the school office.

# HappyMaps<sup>9</sup>



Pre-school



Primary School



Secondary School & Young Adult

A website for parents and carers.  
Reliable and up-to-date resources  
on emotional health for your  
children.

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk)

Worried about your child's behaviour or mental health ?

Not sure where to start looking for help ?

HappyMaps will guide you to websites, books, videos and Apps to help you and your child, plus there is information on being referred for specialist help, how to find counselling and parent support.

## Contact Details and Medical Conditions

Please ensure the school office has the correct contact details and are notified about any changes of numbers and addresses, along with any medical conditions. It is important for the school to have the correct information so we can contact parents/ carers should we need to.

## School meals

This is a reminder that the cost of the school meals will be charged at £ 2.30 per day, £ 11.50 per week.

