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COMMUNITY

Community High Tea Thank You

Well done to all the classes for sharing their learning, making refreshments and welcoming our volunteers into school - we wanted to say a massive thank you for the support the volunteers give to the school. There are so many different ways that we are supported, for example, by Governors, the Stanford Trust, parents and grandparents who support readers in school and Parish Councillors who help with the Road Safety Committee work.

One visitor commented: "A lovely event. Pupils were very welcoming and friendly – they entertained us with a wonderful variety of well-rehearsed, interesting and fun performances. A very special afternoon."



CURRICULUM

Visitors



Star Anise and Pumpkin had a fabulous time last week when they were visited by Miss Ryley from Access Cambridge Archaeological - the pupils were fascinated and enjoyed wonderful opportunities to learn about skeletons, maps, pottery parts and soil.

"It was amazing to be able to touch the artefacts and the animal skulls, I've never done anything like that before" - Alfie

Safer Internet Day

All classes benefited from an assembly by PCSO Marc Ireland about the importance of safer internet use. There were follow up activities in each class eg Seedlings were learning about SMART and older pupils about grooming and age appropriate sites.

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Tolerance Day

Simon from Premier Sports led a Tolerance Assembly this term to remind pupils to respect and show kindness to everyone. He used sports as a theme and helped the pupils consider what good sportsmanship is. Miss Perrin and Mrs Marsden helped organise another 'Mix-It Up' lunch which gave all pupils an opportunity to sit with and make new friends.

Positive Mental Health

Star Anise helped Mrs Marsden lead an assembly about managing positive mental health as part of our work on Mental Health Awareness Day. Older pupils did follow up work linking to important subjects such as self-harming. Younger pupils considered ways to make themselves and others happy.

Trips



Barley Class enjoyed a trip to the Grimsby Heritage Centre and Juniper went to visit Scunthorpe Museum. Pupils all agree that trips and visitors really help make sure our curriculum is engaging and relevant.

School Development Plan Update

We continue to develop spelling skills in school - Miss Whiting is organising the Spelling Shed for home-learning (more details to follow) and fun spelling learning games in the class to support this. Classes are also holding Spelling Bees too which have proved very popular.

Pupil Voice continues to be important to us and pupils completed pupil questionnaires - the results were very positive. We have also had help from the pupils to design improvements on the KS 2 playground and we have plans to apply for funding to develop this further.

Attendance continues to be a focus in school.

Following a meeting with the Education Welfare Officer a number of families have been contacted to check if there is any further support the school can offer to ensure their children are attending school.

External monitoring - We were delighted with the feedback from our School Improvement Partner who visited last week - the curriculum is a real strength of the school as is the learning around mental health.

We have also made minor improvements to the Accessibility Plan on our school website.

Pupil Voice Radio Humberside



Carl from Radio Humberside Breakfast Show visited school and was so impressed with the quality of the pupils' erudition. They were able to discuss their learning really well. In fact a member of the public emailed school to share how impressed they were with the group!

Friendship Activity



Many pupils attended this after school event - they enjoyed making friendship bracelets, sharing a biscuit and juice over a chat. Money raised will go towards purchasing lego for our new lego lunchtime club, as the pupils have suggested.

Governors

Governors have been developing links with specific classes this year - many Governors give up their time to come into support, for example, with reading and trips. These links are really valuable and the pupils in each class are really pleased. It also helps the Governors know even more about the school.

Archery

Everyone agreed that our recent Intra- School Archery Competition was excellent - not only were pupils developing their archery and competitive skills but they enjoyed representing their House Team - well done to Blue Team for winning on the day and to Premier Sports for leading the day!



Personnel Update

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new teacher who will be starting at Stanford after the Easter holidays. Mr Joe

Middleton will be full time class teacher in Barley Class. As mentioned before, Mrs Smith will continue to work with Barely pupils to ensure their assessments and transitions go as smoothly as possible, as this is our primary aim. Mr Middleton has already visited the school a number of times and is hoping to do a further transition day in order to get to know the pupils.

Mrs S Groves has decided to retire from Stanford and will be leaving us at the end of the Easter term - Mrs Groves has been at school for over 20 years and has been a valuable and dedicated staff member. We wish her all the best for the future and hope to keep in touch. Thank you Mrs Groves for your hard work over the years.

Dates to Remember:-

Wk beg 5th March - Mentor Meetings
Wednesday 7th March, 2.30pm - Yr 2 Sats/Testing Meeting for Parents
Monday 12th March - Year 4 Block Swimming Lessons begin
Monday 12th March - Sunflower Learning Share with Emma Middleton from Mapas, 2.40pm
Wednesday 14th March - Infant Singing Festival - Poppy Class
Wednesday 14th March - Caistor International Science afternoon in year 5
Monday 19th March - Cygnet leading 'Ready, Steady, Cook' event in school
Tuesday 20th March - New Starters tour and visit with parents
Tuesday 20th March - Year 4 Djembe Performance 1.45pm
Tuesday 20th March - Year 3 Djembe Performance 2.50pm
Wednesday 21st March - KS1 Easter Disco 3.15 - 4.15pm
Thursday 22nd March - KS2 Easter Disco 3.15 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 27th March - FS and KS 1 Easter Bonnet parade (letter to follow)
Wednesday 28th March - KS 2 Easter Service at St Margaret's Church
Thursday 29th March - Easter Egg Decoration Home-learning Competition (letter to follow)
Thursday 29th March - last day of term, 2.30pm close
Monday 2nd April - World Autism Day
Tuesday 17th April - School re-opens for pupils, 8.50am
Tuesday 17th April - Ramsdens Football - Girls Six-A-Side
Tuesday 24th April - Gradley Cup
Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8th May - Mental Health Awareness Day
WK beg 14th May - Year 6 SATs
May 21st-23rd May - Year 5 and 6 Residential to York
Thursday 24th May - Founder's Day
Friday 25th May - last day of half-term
Monday 4th June - Inset Day
Tuesday 5th June - School re-opens for pupils, 8.50am
Wednesday 6th June - Leavers' Photo (Wrates)
WK beg Monday 11th June - Phonics Screening / KS 1 Sats
Tuesday 19th June - new starters visit and lunch (with parents)
Thursday 21st June - SRE - Big Talk leading parents' workshop
Tuesday 26th June - SRE - Big Talk leading learning in all classes
Tuesday 3rd July, 6.00pm - New starters Parents' Meeting
Friday 13th July - Inset Day
Monday 16th July - Transition into new classes begin
Friday 20th July - Term ends for summer break, 2.30pm close