



NEWSLETTER

Thought for the week

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

A message from the Head

Good afternoon

It has been a busy few weeks in school since we returned from half term.

Creative Week

We kicked off with our fantastic Creative Week where children immersed themselves in art and Spanish across the school. The children and staff had a fantastic time and the work produced was incredible. Our Creative Week will be a regular feature each half term, with staff and children having the opportunity to focus on language teaching, art skills, outdoor learning and design and technology.

Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshops over the past two weeks. The feedback staff have received has been really positive and parents/carers seem to have found the evenings informative and helpful. The Workshop Parent Evening was a departure from our usual approach to Parents' Evening at this time of year. We would really like to get some feedback now to see which style parents/carers prefer so that we can consider this carefully going forward. Of course, we will still continue to offer the usual Parents' Evening later in the year and the twice-yearly report. Please can you click on the link below to access our survey about Parent Workshops going forward.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Eco Warriors



As a school we have always been keen on looking after our world. Julie Guiver started this work many years ago, and we promised when she left that we would continue to carry the torch. Last week a small group of parents, community members and staff met to talk about how we could work together to raise awareness of environmental issues. In school, we have an Eco Team in place who are really keen to make a difference in our world. I know there are many parents in our school who have lots of knowledge and interest in looking after our world and we would really like to form a Parent/ Community group to work with us on 'making a change'. We are, therefore, organising our first Parent Eco Team meeting on Thursday 7th November at 9.00am at school. Please come to reception straight after drop off. The hope is that Shelley Groves [Eco Team Leader] and myself can meet with you, listen to your thoughts and then we can plan a way forward together. I really hope you can make this meeting if it is something that interests you. If you are not able to attend, there will be future meetings and we will keep you informed of the next dates.

Forest School

Starting this half term, Forest School sessions will be woven into our half-termly Creative Weeks. Almost 200 children in our school have already experienced Forest School sessions, and we will be ensuring that the children who have not had this opportunity yet are given priority before we start the cycle again. There are also plans for our younger children basing some of their speaking and listening work within the Forest School setting, and there is a very exciting new development that we are working on too. So watch this space!

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A message from the Head cont.

EYFS

Our EYFS Open Afternoons are now in full swing for our September 2020 intake. If you know anyone who has a child starting school in September, please encourage them to come and visit the school. Further information is on the school website and FaceBook page.



Governors

Market Harborough CE Governors need you! We are currently looking for Governors to join our dedicated, hardworking Local Governing Body and Committees. At the moment, we are especially keen to recruit local people who may have an interest and the relevant skills set in education, human resources and/or health and safety work. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school for a chat about what this may involve. We will also be holding a parent governor election later this year when we will be looking for new parents to join our Governing Body.

PE Update

It has been busy on the sporting front at C of E! Three Girls' Football teams entered a tournament at Harborough Town FC earlier this month. They were lucky enough to play a few matches before the rain stopped play. The girls' enthusiasm and passion for the sport very much impressed the organisers. Our younger children have also represented the school recently. Teams from Years 2 and 3 played in a Tag Rugby festival at MHRUFC before half term as part of their club initiative to encourage new players.

The first of this year's Cross Country meets took place this week. We had a number of children from across KS2 completing the challenging course, with a special mention to Freddy Stiles, who won his race, and Lara Wilson, Jude Smyth and Finn Atkinson, who placed in the top 10 of their races. Thank you to the children and the families who support us with our various sporting fixtures.

Finally, I am sure all of year 6 parents/carers have been following the blogs of the adventures at Norfolk Lakes. It looks like it has been a fantastic week. Can I say thank you to all the staff for all their hard work over the week. I am sure you have all missed your children and will be glad to have them back!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Emma Tayler

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What's Happening in EYFS

We have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood and Autumn. We have pretended to be the woodcutter from the story, and have had a go at cutting wood with a saw. The children have also enjoyed making detailed observational drawings of leaves and exploring the nature garden. In Maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and their sides and 3D shapes and their faces.



What's Happening in Year 1

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their first Creative week of the new academic year. They have learnt lots of facts about the artist Mark Rothko's life and style of art work and confidently used this knowledge to create their own Rothko inspired artwork. They have also risen to the challenge of beginning to learn Spanish.



What's Happening in Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy learning all about Vincent van Gogh, we wrote a fact file and we also studied two of his paintings - Sunflowers and Starry Night. We sketched and painted and now our work is on display! We also visited Rockingham Castle and had a fab time in the church, the grounds and the castle - the staff were very impressed with our knowledge.



What's Happening in Year 3

In Year 3, we focussed on Pablo Picasso and Cubism; learning to mix watercolours and draw facial features from different angles to make our artwork look more 3D. Thank you to the group of Spanish GCSE students from Welland Park who came to visit us to improve our pronunciation of some tricky Spanish words – at one point someone ordered a SPIDER Juice instead of an ORANGE juice!



What's Happening in Year 4

Hola! Year 4 had a fabulous time during Creative Week. We learnt lots of Spanish - colours, numbers and greetings - and really enjoyed the Welland Park students coming in to help us! Our artist was Wassily Kandinsky and we had great fun recreating his work. We also had Miss Stephens Junior come in to teach us how to draw eyes with lots of details - it was fascinating. In science we are learning all about what's inside us!



What's Happening in Year 5

In Maths, we are learning key principles around multiplication and division, for example multiples, factors and prime numbers. In English we are thinking about 'Remembrance,' and how to choose amazing vocabulary for impact when writing our own descriptions. We can't wait to get plugged in to our new theme all about electricity!



What's Happening in Year 6

Most of Year 6 have had an awesome time exploring the great outdoors, and facing their fears on a 5-day residential at Norfolk Lakes. Activities included kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, climbing, caving, archery and much, much more. After a great week away it will be all systems go back in the classroom.



What's Happening Elsewhere

The final deadline for ordering your Christmas Cards is Monday morning. No orders after this time can be accepted so make sure you don't miss out and get your order in. Remember that we are still collecting clean, empty (flat) crisp packets as well for our recycling scheme so please keep sending these in with your child/ren and let's help make our planet a cleaner place to live for all of us.



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Dates For Your Diary



Wednesday 6th Nov: Welland Park Academy Music Day
Thursday 7th Nov: - Individual & Family School Photo's
Saturday 9th Nov: - Sunset Remembrance Service (3.45pm)
Sunday 10th Nov: Remembrance Service (10.45am)
Monday 11th Nov: 2 Minute Silence (11.00am)

Celebration Assembly

Our Celebration Assembly was last week and all of the children gathered to congratulate those who have excelled at school.



Stars of Excellence:

Year 1 - Erin Selby & Mason Adkins
Year 2 - George Bromilow & Leo Ventura
Year 3 - Jake Howard & Amelia Toszek
Year 4 - Harriet Stockwell
Year 5 - Rupert Dunkley & Jayden Forryan
Year 6 - Sami Wilson & Lola Betts

Attendance



Week commencing: 7th Oct

3RL - 99.2%

Week commencing: 21st Oct

FKF - 100%

Overall Attendance for the school

96%

(National Target: 97% +)



Your PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to our cinema evening last week (and for bringing drinks bottles too). The children were incredibly well behaved and loved the Secret Life of Pets 2.



We are now starting to organise the Christmas Fair, any donations of glass ramekins, sparkly thread, ribbon (any Christmassy colour/width/length), and brown felt would be gratefully received. The same goes for raffle prizes; can you donate one? We're also looking for people free to help on the day (29th Nov). This could be with setting up/clearing away, or on a stall. If anyone would like more info on joining the PTA as Chair or otherwise, please shout! It's a great team you'd be joining. Lastly our final meeting of 2019 will be an informal one for drinks at Mercado Lounge, Tuesday 10th Dec at 7.30pm. All are welcome, we'd love to see you.



The PTA team

House Points

Congratulations to everyone who has received merit points to boost their house totals. Remember, the children get merit points for good behaviour, great work in the class, being kind and helpful and many other positive things so keep up the great work everyone!

