



NEWSLETTER

Thought for the week

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

A message from the Head

Good afternoon

We are now beginning to enter the 'Christmas season' and children and staff are beginning to prepare in earnest for the forthcoming productions and concerts. KS1 will be performing *Stickman at Christmas* and Foundation Stage will be re-enacting the nativity with a twist! Please look out for details of further information on both these productions. KS2 will also be performing their traditional Carol Service at St Dionysius. Dates for all our Christmas events are listed in the covering email and can also be found on the school website.

It has been an exciting two weeks in school with lots going on despite the continued rain! Here is a round-up of the last two weeks.

Eco Update

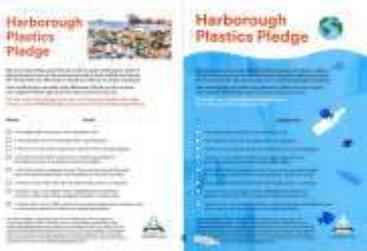
The Parent Eco Team met last week for their first meeting. There were some fantastic ideas suggested including looking at ways to reduce our waste in school. The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th December at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome.



The children have also been meeting and are currently thinking about reducing our use of paper. With this in mind, they have asked that, as a school, we consider not sending Christmas cards to each other this year [including children]. Instead, they are asking that all classes make one Christmas card to the whole class which is signed by everyone. We think this is a lovely idea and would be really pleased if you are able to support this. We are not banning the sending of Christmas cards and know that some children may still wish to do this, it is simply an idea suggested by the children of a way to reduce our use of paper and card. They are also looking at buying some recycling bins for the KS2 playground.

Plastic Pledge

On Tuesday of this week Reverend Brian Davis from the Churches Together Eco Team presented an assembly to the children on the issues of plastic in our world. It was a lovely assembly with Rev Brian playing his guitar accompanied by a number of children in school. However the message was really powerful – we all need to try to reduce the plastic we are using in our lives. He left the children with some leaflets to bring home which some of you may already have seen. The leaflet is a 'plastic pledge' and outlines actions we can take to reduce the use of plastic in our lives. If this is something you want to be involved in and want to pledge to try and reduce your use of plastic, please sign the leaflet and return to your child's class teacher. Rev Brian has nearly collected 1,000 plastic pledges across Market Harborough. We are hoping to help him achieve the 1,000 mark and he will be using the information to try to convince supermarkets to reduce their use of plastic. We really hope you feel able to support this venture. I think we are all aware of just how much damage plastic is doing in our world.



A message from the Head cont.



Remembrance Services

Last weekend and on Monday 11th November, a number of services were held to commemorate Remembrance Day in Market Harborough. Some of our children attended the Sunset Service on Saturday, the choir sang at the Remembrance Service on Sunday and laid a wreath. Year 4 also joined the people of Market Harborough for the 2-minute silence on the town square on Monday. As always, our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and for the young people of today. They were respectful, recognised the importance of the services in which they were taking part and behaved beautifully – a credit to our school.

Workshop Evening

The workshops are now all uploaded on the school website. The link can be found on the front page on the navigation bar or simply clicking on this link: [Workshops](#)

We are still taking feedback from you regarding how the workshops worked and whether this is something you would like to become a permanent fixture at the start of the year. **The last day to submit feedback will be Monday 18th November.** We will then look at the feedback and share our next steps with you. Thank you to everyone who has already shared their thoughts.

To send us your feedback, please click on this link: [Workshop Feedback](#)

Healthy Snacks

Healthy snacks is a challenging area for us all with so much advice in the media about what is healthy. It is something we have not looked at in school for a long time so, in the new year, we will be seeking to put together a working group of parents and staff to think about this. In the meantime, can I ask you to ensure that all snacks are nut free in line with our policy. Also can you ensure that snacks are simple and sensible and not obviously unhealthy. If we are concerned about the snack your child has brought to school, we will ring you to discuss this rather than speak to your child.

Sporting update from Miss Lantsbery

A team of children from Year 6 competed at the Robert Smyth Indoor Athletics this week, finishing 5th out of 8 schools. We gained 1st place in both the girls' and boys' sprint races and scored particularly well in the shotput and javelin. The event was led by RSA students, many of whom previously attended Market Harborough C of E. It was brilliant to see the strong sense of leadership and sportsmanship we work to instil at C of E, continue to shine through into their Secondary school life. On that note, all applications for this year's Year 6 Sports Ambassadors have been gratefully received and considered. Our congratulations to Mia Kirke, Izzy Richardson, Alfie Hall and Oscar Tazzyman upon being selected. These children attended their first leadership training session at RSA last week and thoroughly enjoyed it. Look out for them in their Sports Ambassador T-shirts at sporting events throughout the academic year!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I really hope it doesn't rain too much.

Emma Tayler

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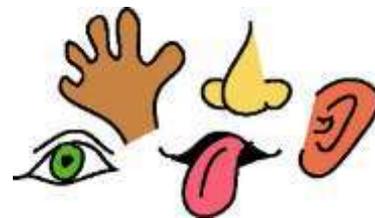
What's Happening in EYFS

EYFS have been learning about the story of the Little Red Hen. We will be discussing helping others and sharing, and we will be having a go at making our own dough! In Maths we will be having a look at numbers 8 and 9; ways we can make those numbers using Numicon. The children are getting really good at storytelling now and are starting to create their own story maps.



What's Happening in Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful time investigating our 5 senses. We have tried to identify different flavours and smells, and even played sound bingo! We used our sense of touch to guess hidden objects, and used sight to describe in detail what we see around us.



What's Happening in Year 2

In Year 2 we have been busy looking after our chicks - we have 5 girls and a boy! We found out about their life cycle



and how to care for them once they hatch.



We have also been learning column addition and subtraction, writing letters from Stickman and perfecting our dance for the Christmas show!

What's Happening in Year 3

In English, we are focussing on the story of 101 Dalmatians. We're using adjectives to describe the puppies' appearance, and starting sentences with verbs to describe Cruella's evil actions. During theme we have started our new Science topic 'What do I look like on the inside?' - studying muscles, a balanced diet, teeth and the digestive system.



What's Happening in Year 4

Year 4 loved their cinema trip last Friday to see Ballerina at the Harborough theatre - sorry if you've had requests to start ballet classes! Year 4 also did us proud this week when they took part in the two minute silence in the town square on Monday. They had also made crosses which can now be seen on the memorial gates. Lots of the community commented on how great it was to see the children taking part!



What's Happening in Year 5

In English, we have been reading a variety of war poems and identifying features such as emotive language and imagery. We have also been developing our annotation skills. In maths, we will be delving into the world of cube numbers! We will also focus on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. The children are all super-charged electrical engineers and have started to build a variety of circuits.



What's Happening in Year 6

In English, Year 6 have been watching 'The Ridge' and combining their senses with their knowledge of figurative language to write a narrative about the daring journey to the top and bottom of the mountainous ridge on a mountain bike! In maths it's Times Tables all the way with children working on their factors, multiples, prime, squared and cubed numbers. We begin science in theme by using our knowledge of liquids, solids and gases and asking 'How do we separate mixtures?'



What's Happening Elsewhere

22 children took part in the Welland Park Academy Music Day last Wednesday. The children worked really hard and gave a fab performance to parents, including 'Calypso Smoothies' and 'The Addams Family'!

This is your last chance to order the children's school photos so don't miss out. Get your orders in as soon as possible!



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Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18th Nov: Y5 Harborough Theatre - Film Festival

Tuesday 26th Nov: Y1 Birds of Prey Experience (at school)

Friday 29th Nov: PTA Christmas Fair 3.30 - 5.00pm



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 - Isabelle Rice & Joanna Cornish

Year 2 - Dan Rooney & Alice Titchener

Year 3 - Tommie Nourish & Holly Harrison

Year 4 - Freddy Stiles, Patrick McCann & Kyle Sharman

Year 5 - Charlie Sensicall & Thais Ewunkem

Year 6 - All of the Y6 children for being so amazing while at Norfolk Lakes or staying to help here at school

Your PTA

We're looking forward to getting quizzical a week today! Quiz night (adults only) is always a great night, with a well stocked bar! Slips have been sent out already but if you've not got one to hand please send your £3 in to school in a marked envelope.

We're gearing up for the Christmas Fair- **just 2 weeks today!** Santa (and Mrs Santa) are getting ready, however they need some help! If you can help in any way, please let us know. Please also

bring any of the following into school from **Monday 18th November**. Glass ramekins, festive coloured ribbon, brown felt... empty kitchen rolls for Christmas crackers (if you can make them up as shown on the PTA Facebook page that would be fab)... tombola items... teddies needing re-homing... pop or plonk donations...



All will be gratefully received and will help to make the Christmas Fair a huge success.

Thank you for your support, we couldn't run this event without all of your help. *The PTA team*

Attendance



Week commencing: **7th Oct**

FKF - 100%

Week commencing: **21st Oct**

2LS - 100%

Overall Attendance for the school

96.4%

(National Target: 97% +)



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!

