

It feels hard to believe that we are already half way through the academic year! There have been so many amazing things going on at both schools and we are so proud of everything the children continue to achieve.

It is such a privilege to be able to visit the classrooms on a daily basis and see first hand the excellent curriculum which is being delivered from EYFS to Year 6.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it along to the collaboration art exhibition last weekend at the Methodist Church. It was wonderful that every child had a piece of work displayed and I am sure you will agree that the standard of work was incredibly high. A special thank you to Miss Williams and Mrs Cox who put so much work into organising the exhibition.

Both children and staff are continuing to take opportunities to work together. We have a number of joint training sessions planned for staff in the coming weeks and our partner classes are finding ways to collaborate. For example, as part of World Book Week in early March, Year 3 children are visiting the infants to read with Year 1.

Earlier this week, half of our Year 6 Sports Leaders visited the Infant School at lunchtime and organised games for Year 1 and Year 2. The Year 6 pupils did a brilliant job and the younger children loved the games that were organised for them.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a relaxing half term break.

Mr Willis

Reception

Their topic about the 'people who help us' has continued in class. One of our lovely parents, who is a dentist, came in to talk to the children about how to keep our teeth and mouths healthy with the correct foods and drinks. The police have been in to see the children; they spoke to them about their uniform and showed them their police car. We have rearranged for the fire engine to visit, we are looking forward to this! They have been focusing on doubling numbers in Maths and working on forming letters correctly in English. As a class they have been reading the book 'I am brown' by Ashok Banker. Then the children talked about how everyone has a different skin colour.

Year 1

The children have continued reading 'Katie in London' as part of their topic work. They have been writing their own wonderful stories about London using a beginning, middle and end. In class, they have been learning about 3D shapes and creating some paper sculptures, they have made some amazing masterpieces! The children loved their trip to West Bridgford Library, thank you to the parents who helped walk the children over.

Year 2

The Children have found DT very exciting making 'Moving Monsters' using lots of techniques to join the parts of the monsters together. In Maths, they have been concentrating on money and giving change. There has been some beautiful independent writing in English, as the children have written accounts from chapter 1 of the Iron Man. Ask your children what materials we should be using less of and why? They have been learning in science what materials are better for the environment.

Year 3

The end of another splendid half term in Year 3! We have been on a very successful trip to Cresswell Crag and our enthusiasm for all things Stone Age continues unabated. The children have just produced some very exciting writing about meeting a bear in a Stone Age cave and we have published it beautifully. Some of the children have also been inspired to do their own writing at home. Please encourage them to send it in – we love to see and share it! In other news, we've had a visitor in school who reminded us how to look after our teeth, so keep brushing carefully everyone.



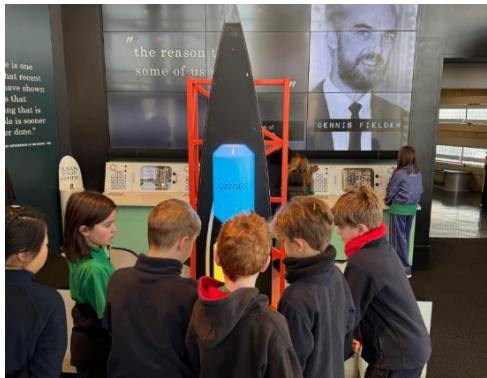
Year 4

Year 4 have been continuing to enjoy the Traders and Raiders topic and have been looking at what it might be like to live in a Viking Settlement. They have also been developing their understanding about how to keep our teeth healthy and loved completing an egg experiment where the egg represented a tooth and they observed what happened to the egg in different liquids! They have also been on their exciting residential visit to Dukes Barn where lots of memories were made and proud accomplishments achieved!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy few weeks. Our visit to the National Space Centre was a huge success. The children learned a lot and deepened their understanding of the Solar System. As we moved in to our forces topic, the children experimented with gravity and air resistance. Some of what they learned surprised them, especially the fact that heavier objects fall at the same rate as lighter objects. It's also worth mentioning the amazing calligraphy that the children produced during Art Week - they looked beautiful at the exhibition.



Year 6

Year 6 have launched their Explorer topic in style. They had a visit from an explorer who gave some amazing insights into life in the Arctic and the Antarctic. We put a lot of his experiences into our adventure stories based on the book Ice Trap. We have enjoyed writing in different styles using formal and informal language to write Trip Advisor style reviews. Finally, we were the first pupils to visit the air raid shelter in West Bridgford. This was an amazing opportunity to study history on our door step.



Things to remember

Remember to order school meals in advance through Evolve <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>

You need to do this 48 hours before the start of the week (midnight Friday night).

At the infant school, we are now using **Arbor** to pay for school items e.g. school visits or PTA events. If you have any issues being able to use this, please contact the infant school office.

WORLD BOOK WEEK at the Infants

We are looking forward to world book week with lots of fun events happening in school! The children will be having a visit from author Alan MacDonald, we will be inviting parents in to read with their children and we will be having a PJ day on Thursday 6th March! With our bedtime story theme, where children can come into school in their pyjamas. There will be more information about World Book Week soon. Please see dates below.

We will be asking for a contribution of £2 through Arbor to pay for the Visit from Alan MacDonald. Thank you for your continued support.

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday 7th March is an INSET day so both schools will be closed to all children. Both schools will be working together on further developing our curriculum, with a particular focus on diversity and inclusion.

Infant School key dates for Spring Term

Week beginning 17th February	Half Term
Thursday 27 th February	Notts County Coaches visit school
Monday 3 rd March	Parents invited to read in classrooms
Tuesday 4 th March	Alan McDonald Author/illustrator visit
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day- PJ Day
Friday 7 th March	INSET day
Week beginning 10th March	Science Week
Monday 10 th March	Reception 'Beatfeet' drumming workshop
Friday 14 th March	Year 1 PTA Disco (after school)
Wednesday 19 th March	Marlborough Court community visit
Friday 21 st March	Reception & Year 2 PTA Disco (after school)
Thurs 27 th March	Parents' Evening (in person)
Tuesday 1 st April	Parents' Evening (in person)
Wednesday 2 nd April	Parents' Evening (in person)
Friday 4 th April	Last day of Spring Term

Junior School key dates for Spring Term

WB 17 th Feb	Half term
Thurs 27 th Feb	Young Voices Concert
Fri 28 th Feb	Paul Cookson poetry workshops
Fri 7 th March	INSET day
Fri 14 th March	STEM day and Class 8 assembly
Fri 21 st March	Class 5 assembly
Tues 25 th and 26 th March	Parents Evening (Online)
Wed 26 th and 27 th March	Book fair in main school hall
Friday 28 th March	Class 11 assembly
Fri 4 th April	Class 2 assembly
WB 7 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Summer term