



Dear Parents/Carers

Well, we have come to the end of another very busy term, with many exciting opportunities enjoyed by our children. My continued thanks to all members of the school staff, governors, pupils and parents for their support. Our strive for excellence is evident across all areas of our school and I am thrilled at what we have achieved this academic year, so far. Next term promises to be equally as busy and filled with exciting opportunities for our children to enjoy and in part, is reflected in the vast array of extra-curricular activities available to our children, through our Summer term. This is comprised of approximately 30 activities for Key Stage 2 children and 14 activities for Key Stage 1 children; totalling approximately 40 extra-curricular activities. My thanks go to the specialist coaches, teachers, teaching assistants, dinner supervisors, governors, parents, volunteers and pupils for taking the lead in providing such an array of activities, available for our school children, to enjoy. Happy reading and enjoy your Easter holidays!

Mr L Batey Headteacher

Events in School

Treasure Island Theatre Production

On Tuesday 17th March, the whole school enjoyed a fabulous performance of the classic, 'Treasure Island' by the theatre company M & M Productions. The children sailed away with Jim Lad as he found the courage to jump on board the Jolly Rodger with Long John Silver and his crew, as they searched for treasure in foreign lands; fighting Pirate's-building friendships and saving long lost sailors whilst managing to dodge the dreaded black spot.

Solar Eclipse

On Friday 20th March, the school experienced a Solar eclipse which was due to take place between 9.30 and 10.30am. This exciting event was shared with the whole school and many children came equipped with special viewing glasses and home-made devices (using colanders) to view this solar event, safely. Years 4, 5 and 6 created 'pin-hole' cameras and were positioned well to witness this event; as the sky darkened the pupils commented on the temperature drop and the atmospheric changes. It was a truly memorable event.



Y1/2 Class Assembly on Friday

Miss Sugden's and Mrs Tinkley's/Goodband's classes presented their native American themed class assembly to parents, on Friday 20th March. After studying the Wild West and Native Americans, as parts of their 'Wagons Roll' topic, this term, they performed the story of Pocahontas. They shared important themes including nature, change and valuing one another. The children did extremely well learning lines, dances and songs. They performed two songs finishing with *Colours of the Wind*. Parents provided wonderful costumes for the children to wear, which made a great contribution towards a very colourful and enjoyable event. Well done to all the children involved, it was a super performance!



Y3 Monster Day and Monster biscuits

The Year 3 topic, this term has been 'Monsters'. On Friday 20th March, the children enjoyed a themed day, celebrating this topic. The children were encouraged to come to school dressed as a 'monster' or a 'creature'. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a whole host of activities including: baking, clay modelling and written work, inspired by the theme.

Our thanks go to Mr Gadd, who kindly volunteered to spend the day cooking with the children a range of 'Monster' themed biscuits which were then decorated in the afternoon. All children made biscuits and further developed measuring, mixing, rolling and cutting skills, as well as further developing their biscuit decorating skills. Mmm..., they were delicious!

Kwik Cricket and specialist coaches

As part of our membership with the sports charity Inspire+, we have enjoyed a wide variety of specialist coaches in school. These have included coaches for football, tag rugby, dance and gymnastics. We also have tennis and kwik cricket coaches coming in to school and working with our children the summer term. These sessions have proved very popular with the children and have had a positive impact on encouraging even more children to participate in sport and get active. Well done to all and I hope you have enjoyed the range of activities offered through these coaches.

High Five Netball

The Netball team represented our school in this year's High 5 Netball Festival. They played very well and ended on a high winning their last 3 matches. When scores were collated we came 13th out of the 20 schools that took part. Well done and thank you for representing the school!



Y6 Den Building and Birdwatching

On Monday 23rd March, the Year 6 children spent the day outdoors building some fabulous dens and then using them for our very own 'Barrowby Bird Watch'. The children developed team work and communication skills, tested the strength of structures and then used their 'Bird Watch data' in Maths related activities.



Y4 Church School's Festival

On Tuesday 24th March, our Year 4 children enjoyed a sensational and spiritual day at St Wulfram's Church in Grantham. They joined together with other Year 4 children from six other local schools to enjoy a day of singing, dance, craft and worship all inspired by the theme of Superheroes. Our children took part in a range of workshops including dance, puppetry, tower building and story telling and a great day was had by all.

Y6 Visit WGHS-Little Shop of Horrors

Also, on Tuesday 24th March, our Year 6 children had the privilege of visiting Walton Girl's High School to enjoy a performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. It was a fantastic experience and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. One child said, "it was the best performance I have ever seen!"

R/Y1 Native American Day

On Wednesday 25th March, Mrs Banfield's and Miss Hartley's classes spent the day outside as Native Americans! They collected leaves and feathers to make their own headdresses. They made their own tepees and Navajo sticks and enjoyed working together as a team and sitting in their completed tepees! In the afternoon they made their own paint from natural materials (spices, grass, mud, etc) and created their own art work on special fabric. They ended their day with stories, dancing, singing and playing musical instruments around the homemade 'fire'. Comments from the children included: "It was the best day ever..."; "I loved dancing around the campfire!" and "This tepee is brilliant!" Well done to everyone involved!



Year 1/Year 2 Hawking Experience

Also, on Wednesday 25th March, our Year 1 and 2 children received a visit from the Birds of Prey handlers at Belvoir castle, this week. They met a Harris Hawk and a Barn Owl, called Rodney and Percy. The children found out about where the birds came from, their habits and what they like to eat. Some children even fed the hawk and were brave enough to let it land on their arm! Wow, what an experience!

Spring Club

The children in this term's Spring Club have been very busy learning about the signs of Spring and have made their very own spring gardens. The winner of an Easter egg for the best spring garden, was William Gray. Congratulations to William and a big well done to all the other budding gardening designers. The children have also enjoyed making birds nests, observational watercolour paintings and science experiments with daffodils, throughout this club.



Red Nose Day Competition Winners

Thank you to everyone that entered our Red Nose Day Competitions. There were lots of fabulous entries and we loved seeing all of the red nose designs and silly selfies! After much deliberation, the following winners were chosen:

Silly Selfie Competition: EYFS/KS1: Oliver Bailey and KS2: Ava Broomhead

Treasure Hunt: EYFS/KS1: Oliver Atter and KS2: Cara Arthurs

Design a Red Nose Competition: Ruth Hobbs, Jack Thompson, Taylor Bentley, LJ Fleckney, Lacie Atkin, Evie Nesbitt, Josh Shuttleworth and Neo Wynne.

Well Done to everyone who took part!

Swimathon Money

We have so far collected £660 sponsor money in school—thank you very much. If you have any outstanding sponsor money, please could you send it to school as soon as possible. Well done everyone.