

October Newsletter

The Autumn term has certainly got off to a busy start and we are fast approaching the half term break. It has been lovely to see our new children in reception and in other classes settle in so well. All classes have enjoyed many exciting enrichment opportunities including Roots to Food and Year 5/6 Residential and we have greatly enjoyed the many new clubs which have started this term. Please keep an eye on our website and facebook pages to see our amazing activities. After a much-needed rest, we now look forward to the incredible opportunities that next half term brings...

Have a lovely half term break!



Staffing Update

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We have to inform you that our colleague Ingrid Williams has resigned her post and will not be returning to her role after Christmas. Ingrid is leaving to pursue other professional interests

Badgers will continue to be taught by Mrs Ogden and Mrs Dougill.



Attendance

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Attendance every day at school is really important not only for your child's academic achievement but also to develop social skills and friendships.

Every child who achieves 97% or more attendance each term will be entered into a draw to win an Amazon voucher donated by the PTFA.

All the classes are competing against each other to achieve the highest attendance each week. At the end of each term the class with the highest attendance will be rewarded with a whole class treat.

190 days in school

365
days in a
calendar
year

175 days not in school

It is very important that your child attends school regularly and aims for excellent attendance.

That's 175 days per year to organise appointments, go on holiday etc.



SEND

We are very excited to inform you that a couple of our amazing teaching assistants will be completing training in a new intervention called 'Drawing and Talking'. This intervention allows individuals to discover and communicate their emotions through a non-directed technique of drawing and talking.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming coffee afternoon - Thursday 21st at 2.30pm.



Black History Month

The children have enjoyed celebrating Black History Month across the school this half-term with children learning more about influential black people through stories and discussions in both the classroom and assemblies to link with this year's theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'. EYFS children have read the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin and compared her journey to journeys they have made. Children from Year 1 and 2 have learned more about Martin Luther King Jr. and they are excited to make their own baked banana fritters inspired by James Hemings. Year 3 and 4 children have looked at different black heroes throughout history and are completing an exciting project focusing on who is their own inspirational black hero. Year 5 and 6 children have studied African Kente fabrics and used these patterns to inspire their own handprint art.



English

We have been enjoying our 'reader of the week' celebrations again this half term. It is lovely to have the chance to celebrate our love of reading together.

This year we are going to be working hard to achieve our gold award for reading at Donington so watch this space!

On Tuesday the 12th November, Miss Gilhespy will be leading an information session straight after school for year 1 parents all about the year 1 phonics screening check. We would love to see you there!



Music

This term the key stage one and key stage two choirs have been working hard in preparation for upcoming events. Both choirs will be performing at the Christmas Fayre and church events.

The key stage two choir are busy preparing for their trip to Young Voices. They are practicing songs ranging from Bob Marley to a Hairspray. Details for Young Voices are coming through via Parentmail so please keep checking if your child is attending the trip.



Sports

This term we have enjoyed numerous different sporting activities and clubs. We have our Netball club on a Monday which the children are enjoying. We also have our Football club and rugby club that the children have said that they are loving going to.

We have also been to a girl's football development day on 8th of October and whilst we were there, the girls got a tour of the stadium and got to enjoy a multitude of different events and games that helped build their teamwork and communication skills. We also played a few games of football at the end where the children put those skills together and played well.

We have a few more events coming up including a football competition in November and a sports hall athletics competition in December.



Maths

This term we have continued to develop our times tables through TTRS competitions and tournaments, and we are looking forward to our first Mathematician of the Month on Friday. The children are excited and looking forward to this event. Our TTRS club has been hit with the Year 4 children and they have loved coming to this club. Soon we will be taking part in the England Rocks TTRS competition, and we will be battling it out to see which class is the best.

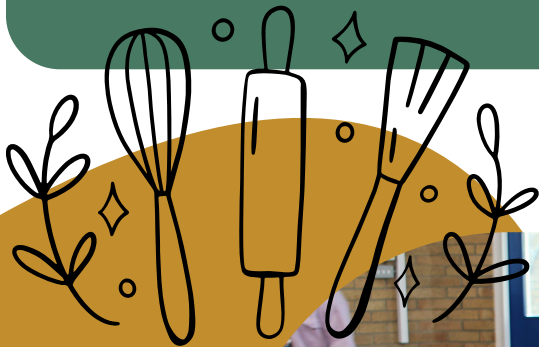


Roots to Food

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The children were excited to have Darren in school this week from Roots to Food. They have improved their culinary skills and made a mouth-watering Szechuan Chicken dish which they then got to taste. Some of the children's feedback was- 'This is delicious' and 'I can't wait to make this at home.' The recipe will be shared later in the week, and we would love to see any photos of the children cooking and enjoying the dish at home.

We look forwards to seeing Darren again in March and for the Year 6 Gala dinner.



PTFA

FUND-RAISIN

YOUR CHILD WILL BE BRINGING HOME A BOX OF RAISINS AT THE END OF TERM. ONCE THEY HAVE EATEN THE YUMMY RAISINS, PLEASE COULD THE BOX BE FILLED WITH ANY SPARE COINS YOU HAVE AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2024. THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE CLASS WHO BRINGS IN THE MOST CHANGE! YOU CAN MAKE THIS FUN BY THE CHILDREN DOING LITTLE JOBS AT HOME TO EARN THEIR PENNIES!

Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December

We are busy planning the Christmas Fair, and welcome any help that you are able to provide: helping set up or tidy up, running a stall, donating a raffle prize. Please email dceptfa@gmail.com for more information.

School Lottery

The School Lottery has launched and we have had lots of winners! To find out more and be in with a chance of winning a cash prize visit yourschoollottery.com and search for Donington Cowley

AGM

THE PTFA ARE HOLDING THEIR AGM ON THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER AT 3.30PM. PLEASE COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WORK WE DO AND HOW YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

HALLOWEEN LUCKY SQUARES!

We will be once again selling 'spooky squares' for Halloween before and after school on the 29th, 30th 31st October. Squares will cost £1 each. The draw will be made on Friday 1st November 2024. Every square will win a prize and ten lucky squares will win a special prize.



REMINDER

We have lots of pre-loved uniform available if you are interested in purchasing any please contact dce.ptfa@gmail.com.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



AT THE START OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, TWO CHILDREN PER YEAR GROUP WERE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL AS SCHOOL COUNCILLORS. SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE WORKED WITH MISS ALLEN TO GIVE PUPIL VOICE, MAKE DECISIONS AND ORGANISE EVENTS WHICH ARE PART OF OUR PSHE AWARENESS CALENDAR. WITHIN OUR FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS, THE COUNCILLORS HAVE SUGGESTED DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD IMPROVE AND DEVELOP ELEMENTS OF SCHOOL LIFE AND THESE ARE THINGS THAT WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THROUGHOUT THIS TERM, ONE OF OUR MAIN FOCUSES HAS BEEN WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER. THE SCHOOL COUNCIL DECIDED THAT DURING THIS DAY, THE STAFF AND CHILDREN WOULD COME DRESS IN BRIGHT CLOTHING AND THAT WE WOULD COVER THE SCHOOL IN POST-IT NOTES WHICH INCLUDED KIND AND POSITIVE MESSAGES. THE AIM OF THIS WAS TO SPREAD KINDNESS, MAKE OTHERS SMILE AND ALSO GIVE PEOPLE IDEAS OF KIND THINGS THAT THEY COULD SAY TO ONE ANOTHER. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTED AN ASSEMBLY TO THE SCHOOL ABOUT WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY, EXPLAINING WHAT MENTAL HEALTH IS, WHY IT IS IMPORTANT AND HOW WE CAN SUPPORT BOTH OUR OWN AND OTHER PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH. WE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE WORRY MONSTERS, WHICH ARE USED IN EVERY CLASSROOM, IS A FANTASTIC WAY OF SHARING OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS AND THAT THESE CAN BE USED BY ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK - 11TH -15TH NOVEMBER
ODD SOCKS DAY - 12TH NOVEMBER
WORLD KINDNESS DAY - 13TH NOVEMBER



Lunchtime Clubs

MRS OGDEN AND MISS GILHESPY WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFFERING CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 & 2 STORY TIME IN THE IMMERSIVE SUITE. THE CHILDREN HAVE REALLY ENJOYED GOING ON A DIFFERENT ADVENTURE EACH WEEK!

MISS WINFIELD AND MRS MANN WILL CONTINUE WITH TABLE TENNIS CLUB FOR YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN ON TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES. THEY WILL BE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN PREPARATION FOR A TOURNAMENT HELD IN JANUARY.

MR SCHOLEY'S TT ROCKSTARS CLUB HAS BEEN A BIG SUCCESS AND WILL CONTINUE TO RUN DURING NEXT HALF TERM.

MISS ALLEN AND MISS ROLFE WILL CONTINUE TO GET CREATIVE WITH CHILDREN IN BOTH KEY STAGE 1 & KEY STAGE 2 AT LUNCH TIMES ON MONDAYS

CONSTRUCTION CLUB WITH MR SMITH HAS BEEN ANOTHER VERY POPULAR LUNCH TIME CLUB WITH CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEIR IMAGINATIONS BUILDING TOWERS, CASTLES AND OBSTACLE COURSES!



After School Clubs

NETBALL CLUB GOT OFF TO GREAT START THIS TERM WITH MISS N FROM ST GILBERTS. THE CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING LEARNING ALL ABOUT THE GAME OF NETBALL AND NEW SKILLS.

FOOTBALL CLUB WILL CONTINUE RUNNING THROUGH THE AUTUMN TERM AND IF THE FIELD IS NOT USABLE THE CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL.

MS FLOYD HAS ABSOLUTELY LOVED STARTING UP COOKING CLUB THIS TERM WITH YEARS 5 & 6. WE HAVE MADE SAMOSA'S, ANZAC BISCUITS, CHINESE CUSTARD TARTS AND SPOOKY PIZZA'S! NEXT TERM YEAR 4 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THIS CLUB.

MISS TYLER AND MISS ROLFE WILL CONTINUE TO RUN CHOIRS FOR BOTH KEY STAGE ONE AND KEY STAGE TWO. THEY ARE BUSY PREPARING FOR YOUNG VOICES AND SEVERAL EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



AYLMERTON RESIDENTIAL 2024

THE CHILDREN HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM A FABULOUS RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO AYL MERTON. THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF AS WE WALKED AROUND BLAKENEY POINT AND THE CHILDREN LOVED WALKING THROUGH THE MUD. WE ALSO LOVED THE MONSTER TRAIL WHERE WE WERE FINDING DIFFERENT CLUES TO SOLVE A PROBLEM WHILST AVOIDING THE MONSTERS, HIDING IN THE WOODS. AS WELL AS PARTAKING IN AMAZING ACTIVITIES, OUR CHILDREN LEARNT SO MUCH ABOUT TEAM-BUILDING SKILLS, COMMUNICATION AND INDEPENDENCE. IT WAS A TRULY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE, AND THE AYL MERTON TEAM WERE, ONCE AGAIN, SUPERB. THE CHILDREN WERE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL WITH THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND RESILIENCE. WE HAVE BOOKED AGAIN FOR NEXT YEAR, AND THE PUPILS CURRENTLY IN YEARS 4 AND 5 WILL BE RECEIVING DETAILS REGARDING THIS IN THE COMING WEEKS. KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE TO SEE MORE AMAZING PHOTOS OF OUR EXPERIENCES.



A graphic of a smartphone with a black frame and a white screen. The screen displays three teal-colored rounded rectangular boxes containing text. The top box is red and contains the text 'KEEP UP TO DATE!'. The middle and bottom boxes are teal and contain text about school website and Facebook pages. The phone is decorated with colorful brush strokes: orange, yellow, and red at the top left; a large orange shape on the right; and orange, yellow, and red at the bottom right. A large brown shape is at the bottom left.

KEEP UP TO DATE!

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.COWLEY.LINCS.SCH.UK/WEB](https://www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/web)

OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=100087456547621](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087456547621)

OUR PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=100095067854411](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095067854411)

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 18TH- PUPILS BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
- 28TH- STAFF TRAINING DAY
- 29TH- START OF AUTUMN TERM 2
- 29TH - 31ST SALE OF HALLOWEEN SPOOKY SQUARES
- 30TH- PARENT CONSULTATION DAY
- 31ST- 1.30PM- 3.00PM STOP UNDERSTAND AND MOVE ON COURSE. SUMO 2

NOVEMBER

- 7TH- 1.30 - 3.00PM STOP UNDERSTAND AND MOVE ON COURSE. SUMO 2
- 7TH- 1.30PM-2.45PM AND 5PM-6.15PM RECEPTION 2025 NEW INTAKE OPEN DAY
- 7TH- 3.30PM - PTFA AGM
- 12TH - Y5/6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION
- 12TH- ALL ABOUT THE PHONICS SCREENING CHECK FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS. 3.15PM
- 14TH- FLU VACCINATIONS
- 14TH- 1.30PM - 3.00PM STOP UNDERSTAND AND MOVE ON COURSE. SUMO 2
- 15TH- CHILDREN IN NEED - DRESS UP AS A SUPERHERO!
- 21ST- 1.30PM - 3.00PM STOP UNDERSTAND AND MOVE ON COURSE. SUMO 2
- 21ST- 3.30PM PTFA MEETING
- 29TH- NON-UNIFORM DAY - BRING A BOTTLE

DECEMBER

- 4TH- Y5/6 ASIAN DISCOVERY WORKSHOP
- 5TH- EYFS STAY AND PLAY 1.30-3PM
- 5TH 3.15 CHOIR RECITAL
- 6TH- CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- 6TH - YEAR 5/6 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

- 9TH- CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME
- 11TH- KS1 NATIVITY (PROVISIONAL DATE)
- 13TH- SCHOOL DISCO
- 17TH- CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT RUBY HUNT CENTRE
- 19TH- END OF AUTUMN TERM 2