

May 2023



Newbold News

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy term I would like to thank you for supporting the school and our chosen charities. It has been an action packed term filled with learning opportunities.



Swans enjoyed learning some Maypole dances and competing against other schools for the Maypole trophy. We didn't win the trophy, but a great time was had by all and the children enjoyed performing to the adults during our pre- coronation celebrations.



Congratulations to Zachary and Vanessa for winning the best crowns competition and Molly who won the pin the crown on the King Competition. Nola won the Golden Ticket award of the week for great behaviour. A big thank you to St Mathews Church for providing the medallions for the children to commemorate the coronation and FONS for buying the children a Coronation Bear each

The children enjoyed showing off their art work and taking part in the games. A big thank you to FONS for supplying the refreshments.



Thank you to Mrs Billings and our Year Six girls who served us a great community lunch, the next one is on Tuesday 20th June, please book in via Weduc.



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KS2

KS2 have been investigating the fat content of different foods. They were surprised that vegetable crisps are not as healthy as you'd think! Some have suggested that they will switch a packet of crisps for a rice cake!



Roman Day

At the beginning of the term, KS2 were treated to a visit from a Roman Centurion. We spent the day learning about life as a Roman Centurion and how they used their shields, spears, cooking equipment and so on. We practiced marching in a turtle formation – it wasn't easy! We learnt about Gladiator fighting – we even perfected the use of a spear and a net! We learnt how to play some Roman games – Ludus and knuckles; we explored Roman pottery; dressed as a Roman and learnt how to write as they did. We ended the day with a transfixing story about Ulysses and the Cyclops. What a great way to start our Roman topic!



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Science

In science, KS2 have been learning all about the structure of plants – we are growing our own tomatoes at school! We have learnt about the different parts of a plant, and their functions – carrying out a few demonstrations to understand more. Each child has been invited to take part in a sunflower growing competition. Those who chose to take part have taken their planted seeds home. They will use their knowledge of what a plant needs to grow the tallest flower they can. It will be interesting to see how tall they grow, as this variety can reach up to 4m in height!

Fire Service

The fire service visited last week to talk about safety in the house.

Things to remember

- Check fire alarms
- Close doors at night
- Unplug chargers when they are not being used
- Don't use faulty chargers
- Have an escape plan

What I remembered

1. Fire spreads across a room in 3 minutes.
2. Don't leave your phone charger on the floor.
3. Check your fire alarm monthly.
4. Make a meeting point / Make a fire escape plan.
5. Close all doors while sleeping.
6. If a fire breaks out, put the back of your hand on a closed door. If it is warm then don't open it.

Written by Katy

When I go home I need to...

Check I have fire alarms + I need to make sure they work.

I also have to plan an escape route for if there is a fire.

What was interesting

The house burning at the start was fascinating,

it only takes 3 minutes for the whole room to be in flames

Written by Nicole

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Robins

During summer half term, Reception have been looking at the theme of storytelling. We have listened to different traditional stories which have the setting of a castle and enjoyed dressing up as knights and imagining the adventures we can go on in the role play area. The children have used the small world figures to make up stories involving castles and knights and dragons and drawn their stories using story maps before writing them. The children enjoyed making castles from junk and a range of different construction materials and were challenged to add moving parts like drawbridges to their models. As part of the story of Jack and the Beanstalk we found out how we can use maps.



Our visit to Ashby castle was a really fun afternoon and allowed us to see all the information the children had learnt about life in a castle. Dressed in our costumes we worked as servants in the kitchen, told our jokes in the banqueting hall and climbed to the top of the tower counting the 98 steps!

The whole class have been exploring sound this half term in music and we even learnt to say a rap with a dance to go with it. Great fun, but probably not the best moves! In PE we have been working on our skills to make us good team members and it has been good to see the progress the children have made since the start of term, ensuring they listen to each other's ideas as they work together. In PSHE we have been thinking about different aspects of keeping safe including road safety and knowing when we can say no to others. During Cooper's Cutting time the class have been planting seeds and bulbs out in the spaces around the school and taking care of them. In RE we have explored the Christian story of creation and why people feel that we should take care of the world in which we live.

Year 1 and 2 have continued to explore plants and the conditions that they need to grow this term and hopefully can now name many different plants they have seen growing. We have been working on writing texts about habitats and so have explored the different habitats that animals live in. We had fun thinking of animals to put into the wrong habitat. For example, a polar bear in the desert.

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We listened to many, many Julia Donaldson stories and learnt about her as an author. We have been exploring maps and the symbols used on a key as part of our work on learning about Newbold. We will continue this work after half term by exploring the map of the mine buildings in the Lount Nature Reserve. We hopefully can now all say our address or at least some of it now.

We have been working hard on our maths skills and trying to make sure that we are confident in counting to 100 and know our 2, 5 & 10 times tables (and 3's in year 2!). We will be spending next half term trying to fill in some of the gaps, particularly telling the time. It would be really helpful if you could also practice this at home as it is a skill that needs to be constantly revisited.

Please can I ask you to continue to read regularly with your child and change the library book you read to them regularly. Reception and Year 1 need to practice their sound cards very regularly and try to make sure they know all of them as it gives them the confidence in their learning.

It is really important to make sure we are expecting them to say their sounds correctly mmm not muh, nnn not nuh. Please use the link below to check the pronunciation.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>

School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will run from Monday June 5th to Thursday July 7th

Monday: Multi Sports all classes

Tuesday: Art Club all classes

Wednesday: Pick & Mix all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports all classes (will not run the week of the whole school trip to Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre)

If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.



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Key Dates 2023

Monday 5th June: Term Starts

Thursday 8th June: Dress Down Day & Contribution of Tombola Prizes

Friday 9th June: Whole School Calke Abbey Trip

Sunday 11th June: FONS Fete

Tuesday 20th June: Community Lunch 12.30-1.15pm

Tuesday 27th June: Last Swimming Lesson for KS2

Thursday 29th June: Whole School Trip, Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Friday 30th June: End of Year Reports sent home

Friday 30th May: End of Year Reports to Parents

Monday 3rd July: Sports Day

Tuesday 4th July: Y6 Leavers Golf

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July: Y6 Transition Days

Friday 7th July: End of Term Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 10th July: Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 12th July: Term Ends

Headteachers Message

As this busy half term ends I would like to thank all members of the school community for their support. Thank you for viewing our art exhibition before the Coronation weekend, I know the children loved the opportunity to show you their work.

I hope you all have a great half term holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back for the second half of the summer term.

A massive thank you for supporting our fundraising events, both the children and staff appreciate your contribution to making school a great place to be.

The school gardens are looking a little overgrown, we have been putting in some work into this but any help in the school grounds would be appreciated to help them to look their best, please contact the office if you can volunteer any of your time for this.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk if there is anything we can support you with.

Take Care & Thank You

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sherryll Hitchman".

Sherryll Hitchman