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Head of School Welcome

Mrs Hannah Stannard

Happy New Year everyone! We have had an amazing start to the year and the staff and pupils have thoroughly enjoyed January. The exciting and engaging curriculum across the school continues to fill every area of the school with fantastic learning opportunities that the pupils clearly enjoy.

This month's issue of the newsletter focuses on the amazing and exciting learning that has been taking place in each year group.

This month we also have a special feature detailing the achievements of our table tennis team. They have been working incredibly hard and this has really paid off in terms of competitive success this term. We are incredibly proud of the team and hopefully will have more exciting news of their future successes next month.

This half term we have parents' evening It is always fantastic for everyone to see the great work that pupils are creating whilst they are in school. The staff really enjoy catching up with parents and families. We really do appreciate all your support throughout the year.

We are also looking forward to the Valentines discos that will be taking place later this term.

We are holding them for all pupils in the school, including EYFS, and it is certain to be an exciting evening. We will also be dressing up for World Book Day later in February so it's that time of the year to start cutting, sticking, gluing and paper mache-ing.

If you want to keep an eye on future events, have a look at the calendar on the website. Thank you again for all your support.

Table Tennis Success

We are incredibly proud of our school table tennis teams. They have been training hard in their after school club (run by Mrs Barton and Shane Bradley) and during additional training session. Both teams have been representing the school in the English Schools Table Tennis Association Team Championships. We are incredibly proud of both teams. The girls came third in the Humberside championship.



The boys won the Northern Championship and have qualified for the Regional Finals. At the competition that is being held in Blackburn on Saturday 8th February, the boys will be one of 16 Teams, attempting to qualify for the national finals. They have been putting in a huge amount of effort and are incredibly excited about their upcoming challenge.

This is what the team have to say about their journey so far:

'It has been an amazing and exciting opportunity to represent my hometown school club. It would be the icing on the cake to win the next round however it is amazing to even get this far.'

'This journey has completely changed my outlook on the sport.It has been a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. I will never forget it.'

'It has been really good to meet other people from other schools and to share my skills and passion for table tennis.'

'It has been a great experience to play table tennis, to keep training hard and also having the chance to win a tournament with my team.'

'It has been a spectacular opportunity to meet other people who share my passion for the sport.'

Launchpad

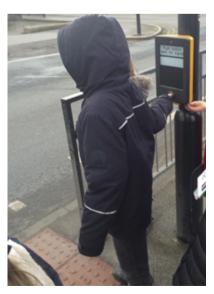


Young scientists at
work in Launch Pad, taking
part in a paleontological dig.
The children have been
working towards the AQA
Unit Award 'An Introduction
to Fossils'





Children in The Launch Pad have started an AQA Unit Award Scheme focussing on how to cross the road safely.





EYFS





As paleontologists, the pupils have been learning about dinosaurs and that there were many different types. The children have been finding out about herbivores and carnivores and developing the knowledge to be able to tell them apart by their features.







The children have been enjoying the new equipment in the quad. They are learning to take turns and to work as teams. It is always fantastic fun when the children and adults join in!

As historians, the children have investigated the past and thoroughly immersed themselves into their Victorian topic. The children have compared what life was like for a Victorian school child, looked at toys and clothes. To further the children's communication skills, they questioned their Grandparents on what their childhoods were like which raised further questions and even shocked them!





As computer designers, the children of Year 1 put their computing skills to the test when they designed their very own Wanted posters following their discovery of the Porridge Thief.

As writers, the children of Year 1 have been putting their investigation skills to the test when they discovered a villainous thief had been at large. After their wonderful detective skills, they discovered the criminal genius behind the theft was the one and only Goldilocks! This inspired some truly sensational writing which is on display ready to share at Parents Evening.





This term, Year 2 launched their "Stay and Read" initiative encouraging as many parents and family members as possible to visit the school and read with their child on a Thursday morning. It has been wonderful to see so many children engaged in reading with their loved ones. We look forward to seeing you every Thursday morning, 8:40 – 8:55am.



As part of our PSHE Jigsaw lessons, the boys and girls across Year 2 have been focusing on their Dreams and Goals. They were set the task of learning a new dance, "The Macarena," which they performed brilliantly in front of an audience as well as creating a bird to be carefully placed within the Bricknell Garden.

Always remember to reach for the stars Year 2, any dream or goal you have you can achieve because you are all little pockets of stardust.





Year 3 and 4





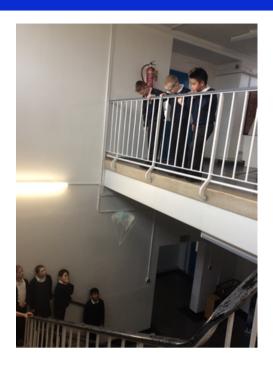


In year 4 we have had a very exciting half term. We are loving our new topic and have learnt some amazing facts about Ancient Rome. In RE, we were lucky to have a Sikhism workshop to develop our knowledge of different religions.

In year 3, our history topic started with a bang. We had an amazing dinosaur workshop where we created our own fossils and even got to meet a dinosaur. This led brilliantly into our rocks topics as we experimented as scientists.



This month, Year 5 have been scientists and have investigated how air resistance helps a parachute land safely on the ground.



This month, Year 5 have been designers; they have designed and made boats from everyday materials. They have tested their boats to make sure they float.













In Year 6, We have been getting active in our Maths lessons and using practical experiences to develop our knowledge and understanding. We have been using a range of equipment to fully grasp the concept of units of measure and how to convert between them.





A number of pupils successfully achieved the Graduate Learner award this month. The children show great dedication and commitment to study one of the four subjects: English Literature, Design and Technology, PSHE and Geography. After they have gained their award, the children demonstrate to their peers, parents, school visitors and the wider community just how dedicated they are to their studies.

