



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 23/06/23

Dear Parents,

This week we have celebrated both Wellbeing and STEM in school. The STEM activities were initiated by the School Council, in particular our School Captain, Alaina, who wrote me a most eloquent letter requesting a focus on the important areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. I would like to sincerely thank our parents, Mr Fairbrother, Mrs Halifax and Mrs Hendry who gave up their time to come into school and deliver really inspiring workshops to the children and also Mr Howard who brought in a fully electric BMW for the children to explore.

Wellbeing activities this week have included our Walk/Park and Stride to School initiative and 'Walk Around the School' on Wednesday and Fruity Thursday. Thank you, parents, for supporting us with these activities; it is always very much appreciated.

Finally, I would just like to thank all our teachers and staff who always participate in these events with such enthusiasm and make them so special for the children. Thank you to you all.

KINDERGARTEN

What a busy, busy fun week the children in Kindergarten have had. They have pretended to be butterflies emerging from their cocoons, have been counting the different foods in the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and then even made their own tasty caterpillar.



RECEPTION

Reception class have thoroughly enjoyed STEM and Wellbeing week. They have approached each challenge with enthusiasm and resilience!

We were so impressed with their energy during our warm up and Walk on Wednesday and every child joined in Fruity Thursday and loved sharing fruit and making their kebabs with friends.



YEAR 1



This week the children have been thoroughly entertained by their English text "The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet" by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter. We have identified different writing features in the story and used this knowledge to help retell the story in our own words. In maths we have enjoyed recognising, counting and using money and had fun making different values for our friends to count. The children have been desperate to finally make their dragon eyes from clay and worked hard to follow their plan. The next step is to get them painted. Another busy week Year 1. Well done for all your hard work.



YEAR 2



Year 2 began the week with their very own Mini Olympic Games, courtesy of Miss Lawniczak. They enjoyed throwing the javelin and shot put, sprinting, wrestling Greek style and the standing long jump. On Tuesday we walked into Spalding to join the Armed Forces Veteran's Day Parade. We were delighted and proud afterwards to receive emails from several Councillors complimenting the children on their manners and behaviour. As well as the STEM and Wellbeing activities this week, the children have also found time to start learning about the story of Jason and the Argonauts and were fascinated to learn the background of the title 'Argonauts' and how it relates to language we use today.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed this week's activities. They continued Harry Potter inspired tasks by analysing J.K. Rowling's amazing descriptive language and creating their own detailed setting descriptions. In Science, the children created shadow monsters and then "breathed life into them" by describing them imaginatively. The DT lesson this week saw the children start working on their shadow puppet shows, which they cannot wait to perform! The children have also thoroughly enjoyed the STEM week activities. They were fascinated by the talks given by Mr Fairbrother, Mrs Halifax and Mrs Hendry and would like to thank them for such engaging and inspirational visits.



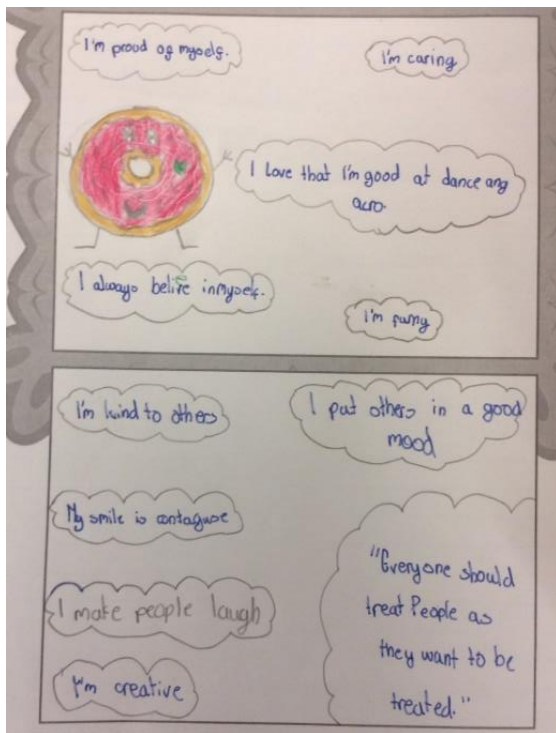
YEAR 4



Year 4 have absolutely loved our STEM week. Spalding High School delivered a fantastic talk all about maths; it got our brains ticking, and we decided to magpie some ideas that Miss Chalcraft (Head of Mathematics at SHS) gave to us. Here we are, working hard on TT Rockstars to smash our personal bests, playing times table circle games to help us recognise patterns in tables and finally, cracking a Roman Numeral puzzle. Wow, what a busy week!



YEAR 5

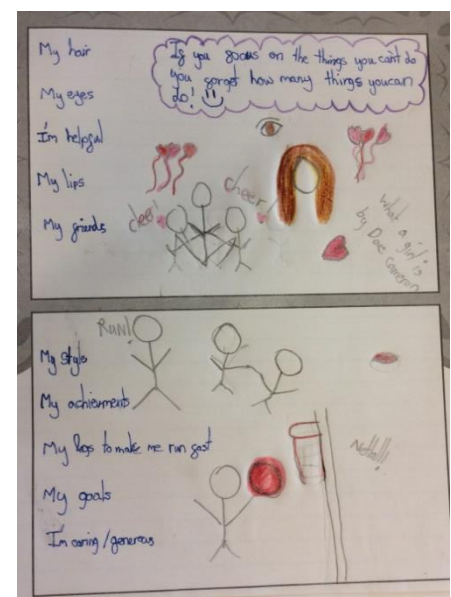


Year 5 have had great fun during STEM week this week! They were blessed with an electric car in school, and they learnt how this works with some fascinating facts learnt. We even managed to sit inside it! Spalding High School visited us for a Maths Workshop. They discussed the importance of Maths in the real world and how to spot patterns. The children were really engaged with this and posed some great questions to a Year 12 student.

In Maths, the children have been recapping the unit of fractions. Key areas revisited included the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division along with finding equivalent forms. There were some interesting discussions on this, and the children drew pictures to help with their understanding. In English, we have been completing short narratives based on the class reader: The Land of Never Believe. The children took on the role of the main character, met a group of unusual beings in a fascinating

place, and even created a 'build up' to a main problem.

In PSHE, the children discuss the importance of a positive mindset. In certain situations, we need to adapt this to overcome obstacles and achieve success. The children added their own thoughts with some lovely, positive quotes used.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a fantastic STEM and Wellbeing week and really enjoyed their fascinating talks from their visitors, participating in the mile walk and fruity Thursday!

On Monday, the Year 5 and 6 children had a fascinating talk from both teachers and students from Spalding High School. They learnt all about patterns in mathematics and how mathematical skills and concepts are used in the wider world context.

On Tuesday, they had a fabulous Technology Day, where they learnt about how technology is used in modern buildings and the amazing scientific research that is being done to find cures for illnesses. In both sessions, the children really impressed the teachers with their thoughtful questions and

their responses to questions posed. In the afternoon, they had the opportunity to find out about electric cars and really enjoyed their visit from Mr Howard and his BMW car.

All the children have really enjoyed the week and we are extremely grateful to our visitors for teaching us so much about STEM careers of the future.

In Forest School today the children were learning all about survival skills as part of their work on Kensuke's Kingdom.

REMINDER: ELITE SPORTS ACADEMY SUMMER ACTIVITY CLUB

Don't forget to book your space in the Ayscoughfee Summer Activity Club. See the attached poster for more details.

Dates & Times are:

Ayscoughfee Hall School

Monday 17th July - Friday 21st July

9am - 3pm

All children will need to bring a packed lunch/plenty of drinks required.

Just £20 per day!

To book your space or for any further questions please email Elite's Sports Camp Coordinator, Chelsea, on: Chelsea@elitesportsacademy.co.uk

ECO NEWS



This week Eco Club were very excited to discover that we had enough cucumbers to harvest and eat as part of our Fruity Thursday this week. We worked hard to water the crops and re-pot our pumpkins, marigolds, chillies and petunias ready to sell at the Summer Fair this Saturday.

We were also joined by Mrs Wright who wanted to show Eco Club the new wooden rulers purchased to replace the plastic ones used and to help ban



the use of more single use plastic in our school. We are now well on our way to completing Level 3 of our Plastic Clever Schools award and have also gained our Eco Green Flag for the second year in a row!



REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Kindergarten and Reception will be going to Skegness Natureland on Monday 26th June 2023.

Please send your child in normal school uniform on this day. A waterproof coat is advisable in case of bad weather. Can your child please bring a packed lunch and a drink in **their normal lunch box**. If the weather is going to be warm then please apply sunscreen in the morning. They will **not** need any money on the day.

SPORTS DAY – WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

- **INFANT SPORTS DAY – 10AM – 11AM**
- **PICNIC LUNCH IN THE PLAYGROUND – 11.45AM – 12.15PM**
- **JUNIOR SPORTS DAY – 1PM – 3PM**

Please see the attached letter for further details about the day. Any queries, contact Mrs Staples in the School Office.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA NEWS AND DIARY DATES

- **“Fun on the Farm” Summer Fete – Saturday 24th June, 11am – 2pm**

The PTFA would like to invite all Parents, Grandparents and Friends of Ayscoughfee Hall School to join us on Saturday 24th June from 11am – 2pm for our annual Summer Fete. See the attached poster for further details.

- **100 CLUB TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

100 Club Tickets – on sale from a PTFA member. Alternatively, you can purchase a ticket from Mrs Staples in the School Office. See attached poster for details.

Dates for Your Diary

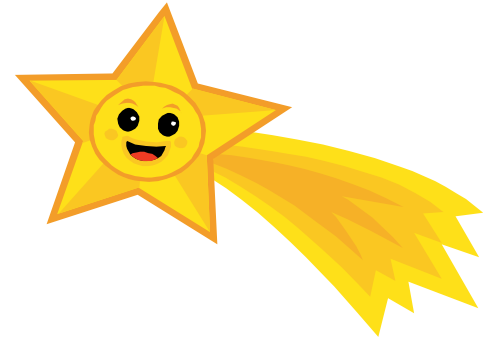
June	
Sat 24 th	PTFA Summer Fete “Food and Farming theme” 11am – 2pm
Mon 26 th	Kindergarten and Reception outing to Natureland Governors Meeting – 5pm
Tues 27 th	Move Up day – pm for all children School Shop – 2.50pm – 3.30pm
Wed 28 th	SPORTS DAY – INFANTS AND JUNIORS (see letter attached)
July	
Mon 3 rd	Junior Production Dress Rehearsal – 9am – whole school
Tues 4 th	Induction Evening at Spalding Grammar School for Year 6 boys
Wed 5 th	Reserve Sports Day Infant Interhouse Rounders (pupils will need house t-shirts in school) Junior Production for Year 3 and Year 4 parents – starts at 7pm
Thurs 6 th	Last day of swimming Year 1 outing to ROAR dinosaur park Junior Production for Year 5 and Year 6 parents – starts at 7pm
Fri 7 th	Induction day – Year 6 pupils (Spalding Grammar School/Spalding High) *Please note that, despite the planned strike action for 7th July, Spalding High will remain open and we will continue with their planned New Intake Day. Last day of clubs

Mon 10 th	Junior Interhouse Rounders (pupils will need house t-shirts in school)
Wed 12 th	Last day of hot meals
Thurs 13 th	Last day of term Leavers Assembly for whole school and Year 6 Parents – 11.30am Kindergarten to Year 5 finish at 12 noon Leavers Lunch for Year 6 and Year 6 parents

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;

Kindergarten: Ralph
Reception: Emi
Year 1: Max
Year 2: Chloe
Year 3: Olivia
Year 4: Sacha
Year 5: Katie
Year 6: Freddie



Kindness awards: - (Juniors) and Rhea – (Infants)

Headteacher Award: Year 2

Golden Dustpan Award: Year 4

Birthdays for next week...

Saturday 24th June – Afiyah

Sunday 25th June – Mrs Courtman & Edith

Tuesday 27th June – Emma



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wright