



# Seagrave News

## 2022



### Whole School News

Hello and welcome to Seagrave News – a place where we can share the triumphs and events that have helped to make this academic year such a successful one! Over the past few years we have had a lot to deal with in school, making sure all of your children receive the best education whilst navigating our way through a pandemic. This year, however, has begun to feel much more normal and we have been able to resurrect a lot of the fun activities that the children enjoyed pre 2020.



It was lovely to welcome the children back to school without the need for bubbles. The new EYFS children settled in well and school had a lovely industrious buzz. Lots of exciting activities happened this term including the MacMillan coffee morning, a TT Rock stars themed launch day, Halloween discos, a whole school Harvest festival at the church, Bikeability for Class 3, Children in Need fun day, a Diwali celebration day, Christmas productions and other Christmas activities. EYFS and Class 1 enjoyed a trip to Rutland water to look for waterside creatures. Alongside this, the children settled into a routine in their classrooms and worked hard.



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In the Spring term we had visits from our CEO and the teaching and learning leads at BEP. The reports that came back were very positive about the standard of education your children are receiving and the general behaviour and manners noted around the school. Our curriculum is ever developing and we try to ensure your children's learning is enriched with lots of fun, engaging activities which inspire the adults of tomorrow. Forest school was up and running and the children had a lot of wet, muddy fun! In the Spring term we also celebrated World Book Day when we all came dressed as book characters, Comic relief and had an amazing Whizz Pop Science assembly. The children in EYFS and Class 1 were lucky enough to go to Brooksby to watch the lambing. Class 3 went to Caythorpe court on a 5 day residential and were (according to the leaders at Caythorpe) impeccably behaved. Mrs Chambers braved the shave for Cancer research and we celebrated World Maths Day. Phew! What a fun and busy term.



This term has been no less action packed and although it has been a short term we have crammed a lot of learning and fun into it. Our Choir travelled to Birmingham for Young Voices with Mrs Litchfield, Mrs Crabb and Mrs Woodward and had an amazing time. The children who went were a credit to you. We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this term with our 1950's themed fun day. Thanks goes to Mrs Harper and Mrs White who worked with every child to create a crown shaped cake which we all enjoyed as we celebrated with you at the Village Hall after our fun packed day. The children enjoyed a PTA film night, a multi sports day at the Seagrave LCFC training ground and we all enjoyed our own Sports afternoon on the Village hall field.

Alongside these events we have been fortunate to have had some PE specialists to support children to learn the skills of Basketball, Tennis, Football, Netball, multiskills, Dance, Gymnastics and Quidditch. A lot of the children got the opportunity to do some African drumming, recorders, Rock steady rock band practice and individual music lessons.

I think you will agree it has been a fun and action packed year and as we finish for the Summer we are now looking forward to September when we will build on the successes of this year!



## Goodbye Year 6!



It is always with sadness that we say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers –

Martha, Tahleigha, Samuel, Elin, Erin, Megan-Louise, Millie, Chester, Florence, Milo, Layci-Mai, Fynn, Fadhil, Poppy.

They have been a credit to our school and we will be sorry to see them go. They are all visiting their new schools and we hope they will be very happy and successful. They have completed their final SATs assessments and are currently working on their leavers assembly and production of “Prexit”. Good luck all of you – we will miss you!

### Dates for your diary

School will close next **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm** – we wish you all a happy holiday.

School opens on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August** to Years 1 – 6 – please be aware the gates open at 8.45am and we would like all pupils to arrive promptly ready for morning lessons. School finishes at 3.15

The new EYFS children will start school on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August**.

**School closes for October half term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

We will send out more diary dates in September.



The school council have worked hard with Mrs Chafer looking at Right's Respecting Schools. They've made a great start and helped us to achieve the Bronze Award.

They have also helped with our charity days, including Comic Relief, Remembrance Day and Purple for Polio with the Rotary Club. The councillors have promoted pupil voice through well-being questionnaires, ideas gathering, feedback sessions, suggestion boxes and worry monsters. They have also taken charge of the school recycling – thank you!

A new year means it is time to appoint new school councillors – the elections will take place in the first two weeks of September – look out for the manifesto sheet!



## EYFS News



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 I welcomed 15 wide eyed 4 year olds into our EYFS classroom. Since then the children settled, got to know each other and their new school, and embarked upon what has turned out to be an amazing year! In the Autumn term the children learnt all about themselves, their school and their local environment. We enjoyed Autumn walks, Forest school and playing in Percy the Park Keeper's hut. We enjoyed our Superhero topic and had great fun celebrating Diwali.



Elvis the Elf arrived on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and this kicked off our Christmas celebrations. The children enjoyed visiting the Church to re-enact the Christmas story and then sang and danced in our production of "It's a baby!"



In Spring we explored Winter and cold places and the children were thrilled to find our environment had turned to ice! We visited the Arctic and Antarctic through Google earth and our Polar role play. As the term progressed the children watched the environment change and we enjoyed our Spring walks. We went on a bear hunt and found a huge teddy bear! The children enjoyed visiting Brooksby college to see the baby animals and we also became proud parents of 5 chicks! The children loved taking care of them.



In the Summer term we also took care of some caterpillars and were very excited to see them change into butterflies. The children learnt about how things grow and change and had lots of fun looking at each other's baby photos. We also shared what we would like to be when we grow up. The children planted cress, grass and beans and learnt about caring for plants. We have finished our year by exploring under the sea and the children have had lots of fun playing in our Beach hut role play, making boats and buckets and having a lot of soggy fun in our water tray! We also had an amazing time at the King Power training ground. It has been a great year and I am so proud of how hard the children have worked and how much progress they have made in all areas of their learning. Well done EYFS



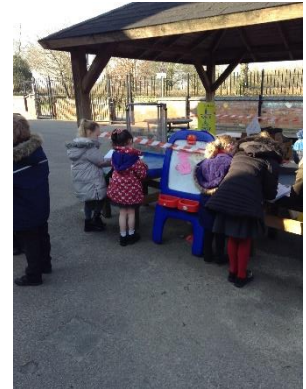


## Class 1 News

Well, where do I start? It has been a very busy year in Class 1. The children quickly settled into their new class and we started off the year with our topic of at the zoo. The children really enjoyed our bird watching trip and autumn walk at Rutland Water. What a fabulous end to the term we had when the children came together for their Christmas production of 'It's a baby', the children worked so hard and it was lovely for them to have an audience too!



We started off the new year with a buzz of excitement when we found the big bad wolf stuck in a very famous pig's chimney here on our playground. We became reporters to write our own newspaper reports about the event. We also had the surprising incident of a bean stalk growing inside our classroom leading to a very unfriendly giant.



We then fully immersed ourselves into all things Great Fire of London, even setting fire to our own home-made Tudor houses which was a real WOW moment for us all and a stark reminder of what a life changing event it must have been for people during that time.



Spring saw Class 1 and EYFS taking a trip to Brooksby farm which was enjoyed by children and staff. It was the perfect opener for our topic about our bodies and where our food comes from. We have had great success taking the lead in and growing a variety of our own vegetables here at school and the children used chef's knives to practise their cutting skills to make a healthy packed lunch and discovered a new love for a fruit or vegetable they hadn't tried in a while.



The children have loved our latest topic - Water World and carrying out science investigations with water. They have built their skills within continuous provision and impressing me with how they have managed to transport water through channels and various stations, led completely by the children. We have ended our latest topic with a whole class mural bringing together the skills we learnt using water colours, sculpture with clay and various other materials to represent the ocean.

It has been a pleasure to teach the children this year and best of luck to those children moving on to their new class!



## Class 2 News

Huge congratulations to Class 2 for their continued effort and enthusiasm over the past academic year!

The topics we have covered include:

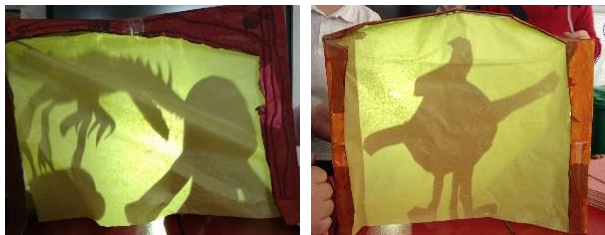
- European adventure
- World pizza
- Inventors
- Greeks- Myths and Legends
- Local study
- Ancient Egyptians

During the Autumn term, Class 2 participated in a number of Forest school sessions led by Ms Cook. This provided them with the opportunity to experience outdoor learning which we continued to entwine into our Science lessons when exploring the local area.



Class 2 have particularly enjoyed free style Friday where they have had the opportunity to immerse themselves in creativity.

Our Greek vases turned out really well as you can see in the pictures. The children were very patient when sculpting and moulding the papier-mâché.



We also made puppet theatres to act out a traditional tale in line with our Science topic on light!

In the spring term, Class 2 developed the skill of playing the recorder and they can all now beginning to read music.



Lastly, I would like to say well done to the Year 4's for completing their multiplication check, they showed great perseverance and determination.

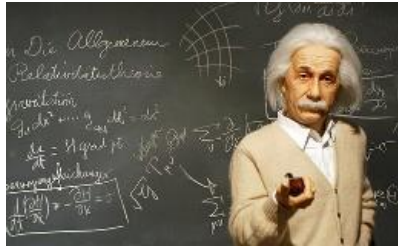
I am so proud of class 2 this year and all they have achieved- it has been fantastic!



### Class 3 News

During the year we have covered some diverse topics.

Starting with historical England -looking at Monarchs, moving along the time line, remembering World War II; which culminated in looking at world leaders, their countries and developing our art and design and technology skills by building Anderson shelters.



Later on, in the year, our focus moved to a 'Mad Science' topic. Class 3 developed their practical investigation skills, hypothesised and worked on their theoretical write ups. Many practical experiments emerged - from creating Biomes to taking DNA from a strawberry and investigating voltage.

The latter part of the year we focused on the Indus Valley including and involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds. Russia followed with the topic involving research (very topical at the moment) which got the children exploring and understanding the trouble in the Ukraine. The children were learning from BBC Children's News Round. They held debates and were able to empathise and realise the very sad and serious issues in our current world.



Our PGL trip in March was a highlight. All children, without exception, entered into all the activities both mental and physical. We had a lot of fun and laughs along the way. They worked on their team building skills and for the staff it was lovely to get to know the children in a more informal social setting outside of the classroom.

Year 6 completed their SAT's and worked hard in their booster classes running up to the tests. They rose to the occasion, and were resilient in their efforts-well done Year 6.

Year 6 went to Warning Zone. Staying safe in all different scenarios is something that all year; in one way or another, we instil into our children. Warning Zone provides practical scenarios to fully immerse children in real life situations both in and outside of their school environment.

Other experiences Class 3 have enjoyed this year are- at the LCFC training ground participating in the multi skills activities. What a privilege it has been to benefit from LCFC coaches and have access to their ground. They have learnt some amazing skills which they will continue to use. Cooking on Thursday's with Mrs Harper and Mrs White not forgetting all the yummy treats which they made for us all to share each week!



Finally, we come to the end of the year. For Class 3 we must say goodbye to our Year 6 children. We always aim to give them a fond farewell send off. One way to do this is to have a production!

The children have been working extremely hard with Mrs Saleh, Mrs McDonald and Mrs Ingleton for their performance of 'Prexit!' They are rehearsing their lines and have sung their hearts out. All of the children are ready to perform for the school, Mrs Woodward and their parents in the final week of term.