



# Seagrave News

## October 2022



### Whole School News

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after a long and hot summer holiday. The school quickly got back to work and the children settled into their classes with their new teachers and class mates.

We welcomed 15 new children into EYFS – Seb, Rosezella, Wittness, Thomas, Jessica, Macie, Millie, Bobby, Bodhi, Nancy-anne, George, Ace, Bart, Skye and Pennie. They are now settled and have become an important part of our Seagrave family.

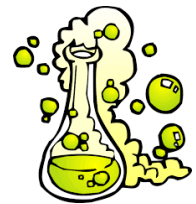


Alongside their normal class lessons the children have enjoyed PE sessions with our Sports specialists. They have taken part in basketball, rugby, swimming, multi-skill sessions and balance bikes for our youngest children.



In September the children in Class 3 organised the Macmillan coffee afternoon which was a great success and raised £307. All who attended seemed to have a good time. Thank you for your donations and support.

We were visited by the “Whizz Pop” science team at the end of September and the children enjoyed a fun, interactive science assembly. The Whizz Pop science club will be running for 5 weeks after half term for those children who signed up.



In October, the school visited the church for our annual Harvest Festival. It was a lovely event and the children all behaved impeccably. Each class performed, it was fantastic that we could once again invite parents to join us.



As a school we put a high priority on music and singing. Mrs Woodward has led our weekly singing assemblies and the children have enjoyed being able to sing together. Choir for KS2 is now up and running on a weekly basis. The children will have the opportunity to join in Young Voices in January.

A lot of the children had the opportunity this half term to do some African drumming, recorders, Rock steady rock band practice and individual music lessons.



We would also like to say a big congratulations to Mrs Crabb who is expecting a baby next year. We will keep you updated about her cover whilst she is on Maternity leave.

It has been a very productive half term and we are all now looking forward to our next half term and the run up to Christmas.

## Coming up next half term...

Halloween Disco – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Children in Need day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-bullying week – 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> November

PTA Christmas Fair – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Pantomime – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

KS1 and EYFS Nativity – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Carol Concert – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



We would like to introduce you to our newly formed School council –

Year 6 – Oliver

Year 5 – Oscar

Year 4 – Lachlan

Year 3 – Oscar

Year 2 – Belle

Year 1 – Stanley

EYFS – Macie

They will be embarking on some exciting projects this year including Children in Need day, The Gold Standard Beyond Bullying Award, Rights Respecting Schools Award and becoming Eco Warriors.

We will keep you up dated on their activities.



The PTA held their Annual General meeting in September and we are delighted to announce the committee members –

Mrs Victoria Wilson – Chair  
Mrs Shreena Hossain – Vice Chair  
Mrs Kate Latham – Treasurer  
Mrs Helen Harwood – Secretary

They are already working hard to organise some fun events for yur children and to help raise funds to enrich the experiences your children have at school. Events include the Halloween disco, Film night and the Chistmas Fair. The committee are always delighted to welcome new members so if you would like to join this friendly team then please speak to one of the committee members or your child's teacher to find out how you can get involved.

## The Seagrave Scurry

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October Mr and Mrs Barsby organised the first Seagrave Scurry cross country event. It was a huge success with over 50 entrants. We are very grateful for the donation to school funds. The money will be used to help to equip our 'Retreat Lodge'.



Race 1 – EYFS and Years 1 and 2			
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1	JACOB A	SEAGRAVE	05:54
2	ERNIE H	SEAGRAVE	06:18
3	BELLE B	SEAGRAVE	06:27
4	JESSICA L	SEAGRAVE	06:43
6	WILLOW P	SEAGRAVE	06:52
8	ACE F	SEAGRAVE	07:31
13	BODHI H	SEAGRAVE	09:23
15	SKYE C	SEAGRAVE	09:32



Race 2 Years 3 – 6				
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL	CATEGORY	TIME
3	SEBASTIAN B	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	04:35
4	FREDDIE A	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	04:36
5	LOUISA F	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 5 - YEAR 6	05:04
8	JOSEPH F	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	05:28
11	HAYDEN C	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	05:31
12	DYLAN C	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	05:51
14	HERBIE H	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	06:00
17	HENRY C	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	06:10
21	OLIVIA C	SEAGRAVE	YEAR 3 - YEAR 4	07:03

## The Retreat Lodge



I am sure you have noticed the changes to the chicken area at school. The chickens are now living a free range life on Mrs Crabb's farm. They have settled in very well and have been exploring the fields and garden!

Over half term we will be having a wooden lodge built (similar to the picture). We are intending to use this for lots of different activities including: table tennis, after school club, small soft play area and a quiet sensory place for our children to relax. It will also be a space we can use for our ELSA support programme. It may take us a while to fully equip the lodge – hopefully you will see it develop over this academic year.



## EYFS News

On Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> Mrs Walker and I welcomed 15 excited, nervous and smart looking children into our EYFS classroom. Since then they have grown in confidence and we have all got to know each other. I am amazed at how quickly and well they have settled in and begun to understand the rules and routines of school.



We got straight on with the learning with our first Topic – “Marvellous Me!”.

The children started getting to know each other by sharing their Treasure boxes. They also painted self portraits and wrote their names next to their painting.



We then moved on to thinking about our new school and the children explored all the different areas and interviewed the staff. They each took a photo and painted a picture of a member of staff.



The final week of our “Marvellous me” topic focused on keeping ourselves fit and healthy. The children enjoyed the story of “Oliver’s vegetables” and tasted all of the fruit and vegetables that were in the story. We also enjoyed creating and playing in our Doctor’s surgery role play... there were lots of bandaged heads and plasters!



We are now in the middle of our next topic “Autumn Adventure”. The children started this topic learning about Harvest and enjoying the story of “The Little Red Hen”. We made apple crumble with apples that Nancy-anne had picked. We also had a lot of fun preparing for the Harvest festival and singing “Big Red Combine Harvester” LOTS of times!!

The children have enjoyed multi-skills at the village hall with our coach Tom and on Thursday mornings have been taking part in balance bike sessions which has been a huge hit.



Mrs Walker and I are so proud of the progress the children have made and look forward to enjoying a busy and exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> half term when we return after the holiday.

## Class 1 News

What a great start to the new school year class 1 have had. The children settled into school life brilliantly and fully immersed themselves into our first topic of 'On the Farm'. A highlight for class one was visiting our local farm here in Seagrave. Hawley Fields Farm welcomed us with open arms and the children had a fantastic time feeding animals, checking in on the vegetable patch and even seeing behind the scenes where the milk is produced and stored.



The children have enjoyed collecting items from nature in the local area and took inspiration from the artist Andy Goldsworthy to create their own artwork using their autumnal finds.



As part of our Design and Technology learning this term the children had a go at making their very own muffin pizza's which was a massive hit with the class. It is important to get the children excited about using fresh ingredients and taking ownership over making their own food. It appears that we have a few aspiring chefs in the class!



## Class 2 News

Class 2 have blown me away with their eagerness and enthusiasm upon entering the new academic year and what a busy start it has been!



The children have immersed themselves in our class topic this term – 'The Vikings'. They understand who the Vikings were, where they came from and how they lived.

In Art, the children had the opportunity to design and create their own Viking brooch. This required lots of concentration and perseverance to make sure that our brooch was symmetrical whilst remaining in the style of the Viking era.



The children have worked hard to add depth and interest to their writing by applying a range of skills. 'How to Train your Dragon' gave the children a purpose for writing and I have been amazed by what they produced, particularly when creating a persuasive letter from the perception of Hiccup to Stoick the Vast!



Light has been our topic in Science. Through Scientific experiments, the children are now able to identify light sources, understand that we need light to see, know how light travels and explain how shadows are formed.

Here the children are using a mirror to reflect light, helping them to discover how mirrors work.

Towards the end of the half term, the children took part in the harvest festival. They were overjoyed to welcome and perform to parents again, showcasing the song 'Conkers'.



### Next Half Term

Class 2 have lots of exciting opportunities coming up next half term such as our trip to Beaumanor Hall for a 'Victorian Christmas' themed day, partaking in a TAG rugby tournament and Forest School. I look forward to continuing the year and seeing the children progress and grow.



## Class 3 News

We have had a really busy, happy and productive half term.

Our topic was Earth and Space. We looked at Astronomers from a long time ago and how they perceived the world. Was it flat or spherical?

In Design and Technology, we made Moon models showing the movement of the moon. Using a cross curricular approach, we learnt about the composer Gustav Holst; an English composer, who wrote the 'Planet Suite'. This helped us to develop our understanding of the history of music, incorporating the planets – Venus, The Bringer of Peace.



Peter Thorpe, a contemporary artist, has also been interesting to learn about. We looked at his abstract space art and developed this concept putting our Christmas card designs into the mix!

Life skills are an integral part of our learning and the Macmillan coffee afternoon was a good example of this. We organised the event thinking about the best way to use an hour and be as productive as possible. We made posters and delegated our roles for the afternoon. We used a maths lesson to count the monies and decided on suitable strategies - working systematically. We were proud of our £307.00 profit!



We have enjoyed our swimming this half term and we continue to cook on Thursday afternoons. These will continue next half term.



Happy half term everyone – Mrs Woodward