



Seagrave News

December 2022



Whole School News

We have now reached the end of a fun-filled and busy half term and we hope you are feeling festive and ready for the Christmas holidays. The children have continued to work hard this half term and their impeccable behaviour is always commented on by visitors to the school – well done everyone!



We started this half term by celebrating Diwali. Each class was involved in Diwali crafts and we all learnt about the festival through dance and story. We were lucky enough to host an Indian drumming workshop which all of the children enjoyed.

The children were involved in various assemblies promoting environmental issues. We had a visit from Severn Trent and learnt how to reduce and refine our usage of water. We also learnt about safety around fire through our Fireman Sam assembly and also through a visit from the Fire Service. The Fire Service talked to the children in class 1 and 3 about the dangers of fire and what to do in the event of a fire. We were thrilled how sensibly the whole school responded to our fire alarm practice.



Alongside the children's normal lessons have been lots of extra curricular activities that lots of the children have enjoyed. Mrs Atkinson has run after school netball sessions for KS1 and KS2 and Metcalfe sports have been successfully running multi-sports sessions for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The children all seem to have a lot of fun and burn off energy at the same time!

A group of our children have been representing Seagrave in the local cross country events which happened three times over the Autumn term. The children all did very well in the events and participated even when the weather became cold and wet. Well done to all of them.

After the very successful Fizz Pop science assembly a large group of children have been enjoying after school science club and have been involved in creating marble runs, making rockets, slime and lots more. They have had a lot of fun learning and exploring new scientific concepts.



The younger children in the school were able to take part in the Creation Station club. They have been busy each week making lots of different models, pictures and refining their artistic skills.

Our Choir has been practising every Thursday after school and has been led by Mrs Woodward and Mrs Crabb. We hope you enjoyed listening to them at the opening of the Christmas fair. They are now looking forward to going to the "Young Voices" concert in the World Resorts Arena in January.



Over the past two weeks things have begun to feel very Christmassy and there is an excited buzz as you walk around the school. The younger children performed brilliantly in their play "The angel who nearly missed it all". The older children have been learning their lines and songs for the carol service on Friday 16th. We have enjoyed lots of Christmas activities such as the Pantomime, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas dinner, Christmas parties (thank you Leena for baking for all the children) and lots of Christmas arts and crafts.



I think everyone ready for an exciting Christmas break with their families.
Merry Christmas to you all!

Coming up next half term...

Dates for your diary –

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – School re-opens to children after the Christmas break

Tuesday 24th January – Drama Workshop Day

Friday 17th February 2023 – School closes for the half term break

Staffing

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Chambers, she will be starting a new job in her chosen field after Christmas – we wish her all the best and hope to keep in touch.

Mrs Allan will be the new after school club leader working with Mrs Garlick.

We have appointed an experienced KS1 teacher, **Mrs Lea**, to cover Mrs Crabb when she starts her maternity leave in March.

Mrs McDonald will continue to work in class 3 until Mrs Woodward is fully recovered.



The school council have had a busy half term. After settling into their roles, they have organised some of our whole school fund raising events.

They worked hard to promote anti-bullying week and led the school's very successful Odd Socks Day to launch anti-bullying week. They also shared with their peers the Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy. Each class produced a poster entitled "Reach Out Against Bullying". The council also gave out questionnaires to each child about bullying and how safe they feel in school. They are currently analysing and working with the results.



The council also led the fun on Children in Need day. They organised the theme, the cake sale, a bring and buy sale and "The dot" art competition. They raised a whopping £203 on the day! Well done to all of our school councillors – keep up the good work.



"Everyone involved in the PTA would like to say a massive thank you to everyone in the school community who contributed to the success of the Christmas Fair. We were overwhelmed by the generosity shown with donations to the tombola, and with the number of you that came along to the fair to support the PTA and our wonderful stall holders. We're pleased to let you know that we made a whopping £700 profit from the fair! Mrs Litchfield has let us know that she'd like us to help with kitting out The Retreat, so some of these funds will go towards that.



We have also paid for the children to have the pantomime visit last week, along with sweets to enjoy during the performance. We are also providing crackers for the Christmas dinner next week, and a sweet treat for the kids to bring home at the end of term. The PTA will always be committed to raising funds to support the school in any way that improves each and every day at school for our children.

We hope you all have a restful Christmas break and a very happy new year. "

EYFS News



Wow! This half term has flown by! The children in EYFS have been very busy packing a lot of fun and learning into the past 8 weeks.

We started our half term learning about the festival of Diwali. The children enjoyed dancing, singing and playing the Indian drums. We also made chalk Rangoli patterns, Happy Diwali cards and Diva lamps. The children had fun learning about the story of Rama and Sita.

After this we moved onto a week of learning about Halloween and Bonfire night. We shared the stories "Room on the Broom" and "Pumpkin soup". The children played in our Halloween party role play and enjoyed designing and making witches potions! They also helped Mrs Walker to make pumpkin soup and then tried it (with a mixed response!)



During the following 3 weeks we all became Superheroes. We thought of a name for ourselves and a super power we would like to have. We created a Superhero HQ in our role play and even went on a superhero quest to find Fred the frog who had been captured by the evil pea! The children had a lot of fun designing and making their badges, masks and profiles. They then moved onto thinking about real life superheroes and also what skill or talent they all have that makes them a superhero.



Over the last three weeks we have been learning about Advent and Christmas. The children worked together as a class to create our own class advent calendar and also a chart to show "How many sleeps till Santa?".

They listened to the story of the very first Christmas and have been making their own books about the story to take home and share with their family. They had a lovely morning on Wednesday 7th December acting out the story in the church with the local toddler group.



The children spent a lot of time practising for our Christmas production and were so excited when they could finally put on their costumes and perform for their families.

They are extremely tired now and ready for a well deserved break from school – Well done EYFS! We hope Santa brings you lots of lovely things.

Class 1 News

Yet another term has flown by! This term has been filled with lots of exciting learning and a few changes.



Firstly, we would like to say we are extremely proud of all the children in Class 1! They have embraced the 'Cool Time' structure of learning whole heartedly and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching them explore. The children have accessed the learning independently and have tried to support one another too. They have shown determination to complete the challenges before the end of the week! Keep up the amazing attitudes!



The children have been fortunate enough to have Mitch, the gymnastics coach, come into school for their P.E sessions. Mitch has been extremely impressed with the children's skills this term and has mentioned on several occasions that he is very impressed with them all!

The children completed some amazing topic homework, for their previous topic. There was a range of different pieces such as reports, recipes, pictures and leaflets! The children enjoyed showcasing and talking about their homework to their peers. We can not wait to see our Arctic Explorers homework after the Christmas break!



Lastly, we would like to say a huge Well done to all the children in Class 1 for showing great resilience during the nativity rehearsals! They have worked extremely hard to learn their lines, actions and the songs. The children have made us extremely proud and we know everyone thoroughly enjoyed watching the performances!



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Mrs Saleh and Mrs Crabb ☺

Class 2 News

As we reach the end of another busy term, myself, Ms Cook and Mrs Hull would like to say a huge thank you to Class 2! You have worked incredibly hard and continue to demonstrate determination, perseverance and resilience.

Forest Schools



Class 2 had the opportunity to explore the natural environment and learn about it in it during our weekly Forest School lessons. This enabled the children to develop social and problem solving skills when partaking in team building activities such as den and bridge building.



The children learnt how to light a fire successfully and safely.



Diwali

The children were immersed in the Diwali festivities which took place earlier this term. They tried Indian cuisine, made Rangoli patterns and performed a traditional Indian song alongside the rest of the school.



Victorian Christmas



Class 2 ended the term by visiting Beaumanor Hall, where they travelled back in time to the Victorian Era. The children got to experience Christmas traditions and recognised the similarities and differences in contrast to today. They also played the role of servants and worked fantastically as a team to set a Christmas table.



Wishing you all Merry Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

Class 3 News

Once again, we have had a very busy and eventful half term!

The Romans was Class 3's topic of which we have learnt about the Roman Empire. In Geography we continued to look at surrounding countries and to learn about compass points and worked on understanding an Atlas.

The children enjoyed designing and making pots from clay using and learning techniques from Roman times.



In Music we have studied Sir Edward Elgar looking at one of his key works- The Enigma Variations. The children also learnt about the piece 'Nimrod' the best-known variation. This led us into the music being played during Remembrance Day.

It was a proud moment for Mrs Woodward and Class 3 when Louisa Fitzpatrick and George Simpson read at the Seagrave Village War Memorial and laid our wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

Class 3 enjoyed taking a key role alongside the School Council in Children in Need. The 'Bring and Buy' sale and selling 'Tuck' at break in the Tuck Shop went down very well. As a life money lesson Class 3 totalled up and we were very pleased with how much we raised for this great charity.



Class 3 enjoy cooking on a Wednesday with us all getting the chance to sample the delicious dishes each week! We would like to thank Leena and Sandy for all the time they have given to class 3 over the last 2 terms. They will be back in the summer term to cook with class 3 again!



Swimming lessons have now finished. They have been an excellent opportunity for us to develop swimming skills - with each and every pupil making progress within their group.



During the last week we have been getting festive with Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and our Christmas party.

We are ready for a Christmas break with our families and hope the art and crafts we have made fill them with Christmas cheer.



Merry Christmas!