



Seagrave News

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Whole School News - Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter.

The children all returned to school, after a lovely Christmas break, and started the new term by thinking about resolutions and things we would like to get better at in 2023. Each class has been exploring a new topic and working very hard across all of the curriculum areas. Over the last week there have been glimpses of Spring and it has been lovely seeing children out and about at Forest school and using our new retreat and the outdoor area. We look forward to longer, warmer days.

On the 10th January Mrs Crabb and Mrs Chafer took some KS2 children to the "Young Voices" concert in Birmingham. The children and staff had a fabulous time and their impeccable behaviour was commented on by staff from other schools. The choir consisted of 6000 children and the sound they produced was amazing. We are all looking forward to returning next year!



On Sunday 22nd January it was Chinese New Year. We are now in the Chinese year of the rabbit. The children at school marked the occasion with a special assembly led by Mrs Saleh and then did some activities in their classrooms. There was paper lantern making, Chinese dragon dancing, Chinese food tasting and lots more. This helped to deepen the children's understanding of different cultures and how they celebrate special times.

Last week the children were learning about being safe on the internet. Internet safety day was on 7th February. The day started with a whole school assembly and we watched a live presentation about internet safety from Google Internet Legends. The children then spent some time in their own classes talking about the internet, what they enjoy doing online and how to make sure they are safe. The children were all very mature in their responses. The classes have all made their own Internet Legend model.



This term, we have been enjoying dance classes with Louise Jaggard who is a dance specialist. She liaised closely with the teachers to make sure the dance sessions she prepared were in line with the current topic the class were learning about. Strictly Come Dancing here we come!

Lots of other clubs and activities have been taking place alongside the childrens' lessons, such as netball, cooking, dance, creation station, lego sessions, multi-skills and music lessons. Lots of children have benefitted from learning a new skill.



We would like to say a particular well done to the Cross country runners and the African drummers. The cross country runners turned up in very cold weather to represent the school and all did very well. We all enjoyed listening to the African drumming in a special assembly last week and were very impressed with how well they are doing.



Coming up next half term...

Dates for your diary

27.2.23	All children return to school.
28.2.23	National Grid Assembly for the whole school then workshops for years 4, 5 and 6
2.3.23	World Book Day We will be having cosy reading sessions with hot chocolate and cookies throughout the day. This will include a story with Mrs L and buddy reading - older children sharing a story with younger children.
8.3.23 – 13.3.23	Scholastic Book Fair – in class 3 after school and during after school club pick up.
9.3.23	Tesco trip for class 3 The children will have an immersive experience, meet different workers and listen to their work experiences, plan an event and 'go shopping' then use technology to plan and promote their event.
17.3.23	Comic Relief/Red Nose day Activities throughout the day. Wear the 'Wrong Trousers'
16.3.23	Rocksteady Concert PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE 9.15 start
20.3.23 – 24.3.23	Class 3 PGL Boreatton Park
21.4.23	Space Centre Sleep Over – Year 4 and 5
22.3.23 and 24.3.23	Parents' Meetings

POLITE NOTICE

Please remember that the gates open in the morning at 8.40am and children should be in their classes ready to start their learning by 8.45. If you arrive late please sign your child in at the office.



Once again the school council have been busy. They meet every other Monday and this half term have been planning our two off curricular days – Comic relief and World book day. They are busy thinking of some fun and engaging activities to do on the days.

We have also been looking at our school strap line. Mrs Litchfield tasked us with coming up with three or four words that we would use to describe the kind of pupils that attend Seagrave. The councillors gathered responses from their class mates and then picked 12 words they really liked. We are waiting now for Mrs Litchfield to choose her favourite 3 from our list! Watch this space!



It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs MacDonald who has been teaching class 3 in Mrs Woodward's absence. She has become part of our Seagrave family and will be missed very much. We thank her for all her hard work and hope to see her from time to time when she covers classes as a supply teacher.

We are all looking forward to welcoming Mrs Woodward back after half term. She had her final operation in November and is now fit and well and looking forward to returning to Class 3.

We will also be saying farewell for now to Mrs Crabb who will be finishing on Friday 3rd of March to start her maternity leave. We wish her well and can't wait to meet the new arrival when he or she appears! Mrs Lee will be teaching Class one on Thursday and Fridays from the 9th March. Mrs Lee is an experienced teacher and we hope you will all make her feel very welcome. She will be in school to meet you and the children on Monday 6th March.

EYFS News

The children in EYFS have enjoyed another busy half term, packed full of exciting topics and new learning. We have seen them make great progress in their phonics and they are all working towards becoming confident readers and writers. Thank you to the EYFS parents for their continued support at home.



Our topic this half term has been “Winter Wonderland”. We started the term by looking for signs of winter in our own environment. We were all disappointed that we didn’t find any snow. However, the children enjoyed using the iPads to take photos and record what they found. They enjoyed exploring ice in our tuff tray and investigated freezing and melting.



In our 2nd week we learned about the Chinese New Year. The children played in our Chinese restaurant role play and created a dragon dance. They were eager to dance round all of the classes wishing them “Kung hei fat choi”. We also made Chinese lanterns and moving dragon puppets.



We then moved on to look at very cold places and focused on the story of “Penguin small” who travels from the Arctic to the Antarctic. The children learnt about famous Antarctic explorers and packed a bag for an Antarctic expedition!

They made igloos and enjoyed making a magnetic fishing game in our Arctic corner. Lots of wintery fun was had!



This week we have started a new topic called “Here come the bears!”. The children have enjoyed the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have created the Three Bear’s cottage in our Role play and have all made and eaten porridge. We are looking forward to continuing this topic when we return after half term.



Class 1 News

The children came back after Christmas well rested, excited and eager for our new fairy tales' topic. We have fully immersed ourselves into all things Fairy Tales and Castles and the children, as always have led the way with their enthusiasm for new learning.



A highlight for us was building our very own castles out of junk modelling materials. The children were so creative and worked cooperatively to create some fantastic model castles as shown here.

With our Fairy Tale topic making its way through the curriculum in science we had a go at making houses for The Three Little Pigs, testing out which building material would be the strongest to withstand The Big Bad Wolf's mighty blow.

The children worked so hard in Design and Technology to create some wonderful moving pictures designing their own backgrounds and moving mechanisms. We were very impressed with the children's determination, problem solving skills and creativity shown throughout.



The snack shop run by the children has been a huge success this week. The children practised their money skills and communication when buying their snack each break time.

The children have continued to enjoy further learning opportunities within COOL time and this will continue into Spring term 2.

Message from Mrs Crabb

'It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of the Year 2's learning journey over the last 18 months and wish them all the success with their transition into class 2. I will look forward to seeing the rest of the children including the new children moving up from EYFS when I return from maternity leave.'

Class 2 News

Class 2 have had a fantastic half term! They continue to blow me away with their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

This half term our topic has been 'Transport'. The children have learnt about transport throughout history and significant inventors. They have explored how transport has changed over time and we have discussed and predicted changes how transport might change in the future – maybe we will all be coming to school on hoverboards or air trains!



The children were immersed in creativity when designing, making and evaluating their own moving vehicle in DT. The children's motivation and resilience when building their designs was fantastic, the children loved testing their final product. We are so pleased with the final models.



Over the last few weeks the children have been working together to create stop frame animations by using a software called iMotion. This enabled the children to expand their imagination when considering how to give objects the illusion that they are moving based on a series of photographs. Entwining into our Art topic, we sketched characters to feature in our final production.



Lastly, we would like to say a huge thank you to Leena and Sandy who teach cookery to the children every week. Class 2 are enjoying cooking on a Thursday and we look forward to continuing next half term.

Class 3 News

It has been a pleasure working with class 3 this term and what a term!



Thank you to Ms Cook who took us on our adventure to 'Forest School' where we built dens, hugged trees, learnt how to start a fire with flint and steel and best of all eating marshmallows over a fire. During our time at 'Forest school' we incorporated our Science topic and looked at various fungi and it's growing conditions.



As part of the Art curriculum the childrens' aim was to make wire sculptures which we decided would be 3-D flowers – beautiful!



We also experimented with Japanese art called Hapa-Zone and learnt about the Australian artist India Flint.

During computing the children produced a storyboard, made their own props which the children then used to produce their own stop motion animation videos.



A group of year 5/6 invited the school to an assembly of African drum music, what a treat! Fantastic!

What a productive half-term, well done class 3!!!