



Seagrave News

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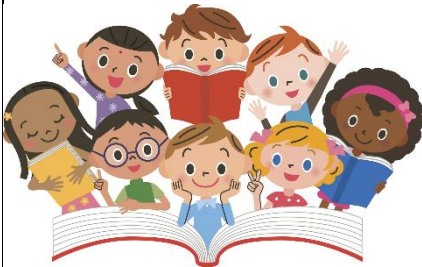


Whole School News

Happy Easter everyone and welcome to the final newsletter for the Spring term. This half term was only 5 weeks but was a busy one. In the last newsletter I mentioned that we are all looking forward to warmer weather but the weather had other ideas! On the 10th March, we were visited by snow! Thank you for getting your children safely to school on that morning. They all had a lot of fun playing on the field building snowmen and making snow angels.

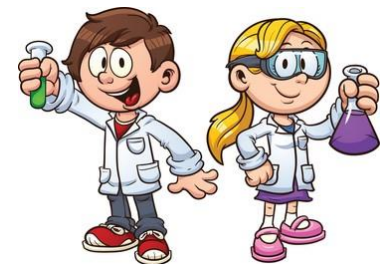
At the beginning of this half term we welcomed Mrs Woodward back. Class 3 are working hard to prepare the year 6 children for their SATs tests. The choir have started practising for a Key stage 2 end of term production of "Alice in Wonderland" which we are all excited about.

We also welcomed Mrs Lee who is working in Class 1 on a Thursday and Friday. She has quickly got to know the children and is providing lots of engaging activities.



On Thursday 2nd March the school celebrated World Book Day. We all came to school dressed in our pyjamas and onesies. We enjoyed story sessions with Mrs Litchfield, Buddy reading and lots more activities in class around authors and stories. The book fair in our retreat was a big success and we raised £225. Which will go towards extra books for both the classrooms and the library.

Friday 10th March marked the beginning of National Science day. The theme this year was "connections". Each Key stage had a special Science assembly and then each class followed up with scientific experiments and projects. Science is an exciting area of the curriculum and the children will continue to hypothesise and investigate through their regular science lessons.



On Friday 17th March the school supported Comic Relief. The school council met to discuss the activities and we finally decided on a theme of "the wrong trousers!" The children and staff had a lot of fun decorating cakes, completing the red nose and spoon obstacle race and taking part in the 'rhyme off' in a special assembly at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who donated money for this worthy cause. We raised a total of £326.

It was lovely to see so many of you attend the parent's evenings and we were pleased to be able to share with you your child's successes and next steps. The staff at Seagrave work extremely hard to ensure they provide the best education for your child. Thank you for your continued support in this.

On Wednesday afternoon we were WOW'd by the amazing entries into the PTA's Easter extravaganza. Mr Bint had a huge challenge judging the entries.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the parents who run the PTA and worked hard to create such an enjoyable afternoon.

Coming up next half term...



Dates for your diary;

Monday 17th April – School re-opens to pupils for the Summer term

Tuesday 18th April – PGL Caythorpe meeting for year 4 and 5 parents 3.15 in class 2

Friday 21st April – Space Centre Sleep Over for year 4 and 5

Monday 1st May – May day Bank Holiday

During May – Year 2 SATs Tests

Friday 5th May – School will be celebrating King Charles' Coronation – more details to follow

Friday 5th May – PTA Family Quiz Night – more details to follow

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation.

Tuesday 9th – Friday 16th May – Year 6 SATs tests

Thursday 18th May – Humphry Perkins visit to meet year 6 pupils moving to Humprey Perkins in August.

Friday 26th May – School closes for the half term break



The school council have had a busy half term. Every week they empty the recycling bins and next half term we will be thinking of other things we can do to help to protect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint.

Recycling



The school council also organised the very successful Comic relief day. It was enjoyed by all. We raised over £300 on the day – thank you to all who donated.



Currently we are thinking about how we will mark the King's Coronation which takes place on Saturday 6th May. We are planning to celebrate on Friday 5th May. The school council are deciding (with the help of their class mates) what activities they would like to plan to make the day special. Look out for more information **after the Easter break.**



EYFS News

The children in EYFS have had another busy and fun filled half term. They have continued their daily phonics lessons and are making great progress in their reading and writing.

We started this term with our topic 'Here come the bears!' In Week 1 we enjoyed the story 'We're going on a bear hunt!' The children learned and performed the story and in their PE session they went on a bear hunt and were very excited to find a bear at the end. The children wrote their own versions of the story and explored the different settings.



The following week we moved on to learn about Teddy bears. The children were invited to bring a teddy bear to school for the week. The teddies had great fun in school (particularly when the children went home!) On Friday we made sandwiches and enjoyed a teddy bears picnic. At the end of the week the children wrote postcards from their teddy bears and went to post them in the post box. During the week the children explored old and new bears and we were lucky enough to be able to look at and handle a teddy that is almost 100 years old. The children also sewed their own teddy bear.



In week 3 the children focused on their lovely Mums. They all filled in a questionnaire about their mum and what she liked to do when she was 5. We spent the week making cards and special gifts for our Mums and the children took all their gifts home as a surprise for their Mums.

Over the past two weeks we have been thinking about Spring and new life. The children have learnt about the Easter story. We were very pleased to find the bulbs we planted in the Autumn term have grown and we now have a sea of daffodils in our outdoor area. The children had a go at drawing daffodils and used the professional sketching pencils to draw and colour with. The children have enjoyed playing in our easter garden which we have set up in the role play area.



Class 1 News

Firstly, we would like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Lea. Class 1 are enjoying having Mrs Lea on a Thursday and Friday.

Cartoon Topic:

This term the children have been learning all about Cartoons! They have learnt to draw animated characters and have followed step by step tutorials. Their attempts have been great. I was extremely impressed! They have also researched Walt Disney and his life. The children wrote some lovely reports all about his early life and early animation.



Maths:

They have enjoyed carrying out weekly maths investigations. The children have been working practically to apply their mathematical knowledge. They have been challenged to use their problem solving and reasoning skills. Their favourite challenge so far was investigating 3d shapes and their properties!



Forest School:

The children have thoroughly enjoyed forest school this term! They have created keyrings, forest school butterflies and bird feeders! All of the children explored during forest school and loved playing in the mud!

Computing:

This term the children have been able to programme using Scratch. They have used computing vocabulary and have also been able to create simple algorithms. They have debugged their algorithms to ensure their sprites are moving correctly. They have all enjoyed this a lot!



Synagogue Trip:

This term the children visited a Synagogue in Leicester, where they learnt all about the different features in a traditional Synagogue and the importance of each part. They then were given the opportunity to explore a range of different Jewish artefacts. They showed curiosity by asking questions about what they had seen and learnt this term. The children made us very proud with their understanding and respectful attitudes.



Feedback from the Synagogue:

'I would also like to complement you on the excellent background knowledge that these young pupils had been given which I hope meant that they derived a much greater benefit from the visit.'

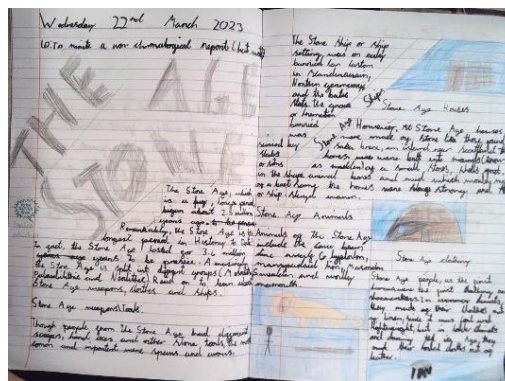


Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Crabb the safe arrival of baby Jasper. Mum and baby are doing well.

Class 2 News

Yet again, we have reached the end of another busy and exciting term.

The Stone Age was Class 2's topic - we have learnt about the three Stone Age periods, how hunter-gathers lived in Stone Age Britain and Stone Age Art. We then applied all the knowledge we had learnt to create a non-chronological report. The children took pride in their work, which shows in the outcome – they are amazing!



In Science, the children have been investigating materials as they change state from a solid, liquid and gas. We have recognised that heating causes melting and cooling causes freezing.

Within this experiment, the children investigated the optimal temperature when melting chocolate. Class 2 used the left over chocolate to make rice crispy cakes - these were very yummy!



During Spring 2, the children have enjoyed learning the recorder with Mrs Woodward. This will continue into the summer term when the children will develop their skills as musicians.



Class 2 have loved cooking on a Thursday with Leena and Sandy each week, we will miss getting the chance to sample the delicious dishes! We would like to thank them both for their time and hard work over the past two terms.

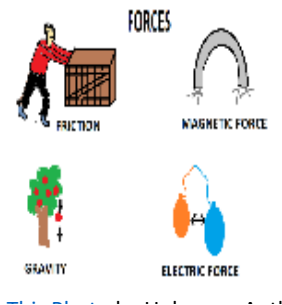
Happy Easter to you all! I look forward to welcoming you back in the Summer term.

Miss Penman ☺

Class 3 News

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

In Geography we have constructed a physical map of India, outlined main cities on a map of India and produced a mind map about India's connection to the UK.



In Science the children have been encouraged to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave, and analyse causes.

The forces and motion unit looked at:

- Scientific data
- Diagrams
- Reports
- Maths link

In PHSE the aim was to encourage children to think about how money is used in the wider world. Children discussed what a financial risk is, why people may take risks with money and some consequences of this. This led well into our Tesco trip which was a huge success.

At Tesco we learned how the store operates and the various jobs behind the scenes that staff do to keep the store running smoothly. The children coincided this with math lessons that encouraged the children to use money to make more, to budget and to make decisions as a team to buy goodies for PGL. There were many challenges with the entire process!



The year 6 children are well under way with their booster classes; after school, which will continue until SATs - after Easter.



Our grand finale for this half term was of course... PGL!

Not only did we have some great experiences and adventures with activities like: The big swing, Jacobs ladder, High ropes, paddleboarding to name but a few, but the socialising skills and independence the children encountered was extremely valuable and fun was had by all!

The half term was shortened because of the residential trip and with this in mind our Design and Technology work, thinking about a balanced diet and healthy eating, will be completed at the start of the Summer term. We have so far designed our smoothies and we now need to make and evaluate!

From us all in Class 3 we wish everyone a happy and restful Easter.

