



Seagrave News

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Whole School News

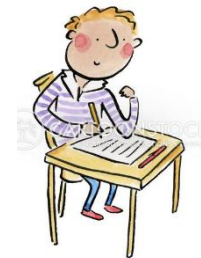
Another 6 weeks have flown by here at Seagrave and we can't believe we are half way through the Summer term already. This half term has been packed full of learning alongside lots of fun also.

We have had two visits from the BEP this half term. The first one focussed on Teaching and learning across the school and the second one on Writing and Computing. The visitors were very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the children and also the progress that the children were making in their learning. They commented on the enrichment activities that were going on and how well the outdoor space was being used to enhance experiences.



This term we have welcomed three student teachers into our school – Miss Riley, Ms Zakir and Mrs Granger. They are working alongside the teachers in Class 1, 2 and 3 to support your children's learning. They have already settled in and are enriching our curriculum with new ideas and activities. They will stay with us until the end of the summer term when they will qualify as teachers.

The children in Year 6 and Year 2 have completed their SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard and approached the tests with confidence and maturity. We were proud of how calm they appeared and how well they did. I think the highlight for Year 6 was definitely the bacon butties provided by Mrs Litchfield each morning! We will publish the school results as soon as they become available.



On Friday 28th April the whole school took part in our 'Colour Dash'. The weather was kind to us and we were able to use the field across the road. The children ran round the course being showered by coloured powder. It was great fun and a chance for the children to get really colourful and messy! Alongside the fun we were able to raise £1,768 for Leicester Childrens' Holiday Charity. Thank you to all who donated some money. The prizes will be with us very soon.



Key stage 2 children are now rehearsing for their end of term production of Alice in Wonderland. This will be performed in the final week of the Summer term and Mrs Woodward and Miss Penman are busy singing, rehearsing and making props with their classes.



On Friday 5th May the school held a Coronation celebration day. We all came dressed in red, white and blue and some children dressed up as a King or a Queen. It was a lovely day and the children learnt about the monarchy and the coronation. All of the children were given the opportunity to sit on the throne adorning the coronation cape, orb and crown on. Thank you to the PTA who presented each child with a bookmark to mark this special occasion.

The PTA have been busy this half term and last week ran another very successful movie night. The children all had a great time and the event raised over £200.

We hope you all have a fantastic half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday for our final half term of the year.

Coming up next half term...

Dates for your diary;

- Monday 2nd June – School re-opens to pupils
- 6th June – Year 6 visit to the Warning Zone
- 12th June - Year 1 phonic screen this week
- 16th June – PTA family quiz night
- 19th June – EYFS and Class 1 trip to Conkers
- 20th June – Year 6 emergency first aid workshop
- 20th June – New EYFS starters induction evening
- 26th June – Class 2 residential to Beaumanor
- 26th June – New EYFS starters 1st induction session
- 28th June – New EYFS starters 2nd induction session
- 29th and 30th June – De-Lisle / Humphrey Perkins induction days
- 30th June – Meet the teacher afternoon – all pupils will spend time in their new classroom.
- 3/4th July – John Fernley induction days
- 5th/6th July – Wreake Valley induction days
- 7th July – end of Year discos and year 6 leavers event
- 10th July – KS2 production of “Alice in Wonderland”
- 11th July – Sports day – parents welcome from 1.30pm
- 13th July – Year 6 leavers assembly – 2.30pm in the Village Hall
- 13th July - School closes for the Summer break



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School council have not had as many meetings this half term as I would have liked due to other commitments. However, in the meetings we have had they have continued to support the school and the “ voice of the child”.



They discussed and planned the events for the Coronation celebration which ran very smoothly. We all enjoyed the street party (even though the weather meant it had to be held inside).

Mrs Litchfield wanted the whole school to contribute to a vision of our school and learners. The councillors asked their peers to come up with words that describe the learners in Seagrave. They discussed the results in our meeting and we finally came up with the words –

Friendly

Involved

Resilient

Mrs Litchfield thought these words described our learners brilliantly.



Last week Mrs Tyers (who runs the local Rotary club) asked us to help her plant some bulbs around the new stone bench in Seagrave. The older school councillors had a fun afternoon digging and planting and we are hoping that next year we will see the fruits of our labour!

EYFS News

In EYFS this half term we have been busy thinking about Growing and changing in our topic "Little me big me!".



In week 1 the children remembered when they were babies and enjoyed our 'guess the baby' competition and playing in the baby clinic. They made split pin babies and learnt how to care for babies.

On Thursday 4th May we enjoyed an afternoon at Brooksby farm where we saw and handled some baby animals. The children really enjoyed the bus journey and had a great time on the farm learning about the animals that live there and playing in the fields.



We then moved on to thinking about what we would like to be when we grow up. We worked together as a class to create a non-fiction book about the jobs people do. The children had lots of ideas about what they would like to be from a chef to a princess rock star! We were lucky enough to have a visit from a real Police officer. Nancy-anne's daddy has just qualified as a Police officer, he came in to talk about his new job and show us his uniform. We were all very well behaved!!



Throughout this half term we have been learning to care for lots of different living things. We planted vegetables and flowers in our raised beds and we planted beans in our own little pots. The children are keeping a bean diary to watch and record the beans growing. When they grow tall enough we are hoping to climb the beanstalk like Jack did in the story!

On Friday 12th May nine baby caterpillars were delivered to our class. They are growing rapidly and the children are keeping a diary of their growth. Yesterday we noticed that they are beginning to spin their chrysalis. We are now excitedly waiting for the butterflies to emerge and fly away.

On top of all the excitement Mrs Litchfield brought in some baby quails for us to look after for the week. The children loved looking after them and lots of the children were able to handle them with support from Mrs Prophet. It was a great experience for the children.

It has been a really busy term and we have had a lot of fun learning about growing and changing. I hope the children have a good rest over the half term holiday and return ready to start our new topic "Seaside Adventure".



Class 1 News

SATs



Firstly, we would like to say a huge well done to Year 2! They have done an amazing job to complete their SATs papers! The children made us very proud. We would also like to say a massive well done to the Year 1's for being extremely kind and understanding towards their classmates. They supported them during this time. They loved completing their learning in the retreat and the outdoor classroom!



Cooking

The children have loved their D and T lessons which focused on cooking. They designed, made and evaluated fruit and vegetable salads. They loved practising their cutting skills during these lessons. Not forgetting the joy on their faces when they got to taste them! They were truly delicious 😊



The King's Coronation

Class 1 loved celebrating the Kings coronation. They enjoyed the day dressing up and creating crafts. The children were all very excited to sit on the throne and take pictures with the King! A memorable day!

The children have worked extremely hard this term, it has been a pleasure to work with them!



Class 2 News

What a fantastic start to the first half of the summer term! Class 2 have been extremely busy immersing themselves in our class topic 'Great Britain'. We have learnt all about the countries, counties and cities which make up Britain. We have looked at our British Values throughout the half term.



Art

In line with our topic, Class 2 have been studying and working in the style of a range of British artists. Their efforts and perseverance really paid off and they have produced some amazing artwork.

Using water colours, we painted landscapes in the style of the British artist Thomas Gainsborough.

Science

In Science, the children learnt how to classify living things based on their characteristics. A lot of our learning took place outside as we went on the hunt for invertebrates. We also identified any dangers we could spot in our local area which may be harmful to animals and their habitats. The children came up with some insightful ideas for how we could prevent these dangers and protect our environment.



The King's Coronation

The children loved celebrating the coronation of King Charles and got the chance to have a photograph taken with the surprise visitor!



Space centre

We loved having the Year 5s back with us to take part in the Space Centre residential. It was a brilliant trip and the children were extremely engaged in the whole experience.



Wishing you all a restful break.

Miss Penman

Class 3 News

Class 3 have had a busy half term with a lot of varied learning to keep us on our toes!

SATs was of course a big focus and year 6 worked really hard both in class and with extra booster sessions. I have to say that year 5 also got the benefit of extra learning and were very considerate to their peers.



Our topic has been '**Changes**' and we have focused on several science investigations using materials:

- Identifying materials that are thermal conductors and insulators.
- Investigating materials that dissolve.
- The difference between dissolving and melting.
- A written scientific investigation using the correct vocabulary: Hypothesis, Method, Variables and Results.

In **music**, we are getting very excited for the up and coming '**Alice**' production that is well on its way - with weekly rehearsals after school twice a week! This is also part of class 3's music curriculum (performing). It's a big production and quite challenging with many words and songs to memorise.



Computing has been a fun challenge this term – creating our own web-page! We enjoyed producing the front page of the program for 'Alice', ready for the big performances in a few weeks' time.

Finally, in the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed Ms Zakir; who is in her final practice, a student teacher. She has settled in well, learning our routines and the children have responded well to her teaching.



Wishing you all a restful half term.

Mrs. Woodward