



Seagrave News

October 2023



Whole School News

Welcome back everyone to a new academic year here at Seagrave Primary school. It was lovely to welcome you all back after the Summer break (which feels like a distant memory now!). I would like also to extend a warm welcome to Indie, Isla, Lottie, Tommy, Maliah, James, Logan, Theo, Ronnie, Esmay, Ary, Scarlett, Archer, Addison and Halle who have formed our new EYFS class. They have all settled in very well and are now an important part of our Seagrave family.



The children had only been back in school for a day when Seagrave held it's village fair. We were blessed with good weather and it was very well attended (thank you if you came to support this event). I think everyone had a super time and the fly past by the Lancaster bomber was the lowest and best I have seen! The profits made from the fair are shared evenly between the WI, the church, the Village hall and the school. The whole event made over £5000! Our school will be benefitting from a quarter of that amount to use on provision and resources to support the children.

Our school puts the health and well-being of your children in the centre of everything we do. In September, we were joined by Jo Bradbury who leads us through our mindful activities each day. She talked to the school about how to deal with emotions that can sometimes make us feel uncomfortable. The children continue to take part in daily mindfulness sessions appropriate to their age group.



In September the children in Class 3 organised the Macmillan coffee afternoon; which was a great success, raising just under £300. The children organised the event, ran the stalls and then counted up the takings and reported this back to Mrs Litchfield. All who attended seemed to have a good time. Thank you for your donations and support.



In October the school all visited the church for our annual Harvest festival. It was lovely to see the church full of children and their families. The children performed well and the Class 3 children spoke clearly. Each class performed a song or poem, and the very youngest children confidently sang "Dingle Dangle scarecrow" in front of everyone. The produce collected was distributed between John Storer house and Soar Valley food bank – it was gratefully received.



We hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 23rd October for the second half term. Next half term will be a mammoth 9 weeks but will be filled with a lot of fun learning opportunities culminating in the excitement of Christmas! Please make sure you and your child has a good rest over the break.



We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Garlick with the closure of the school-run breakfast and afterschool club. We'd like to thank her for all her work and care of the children over the last 14 months, we will miss her. We wish her every success for the future.

We have appointed a new class 3 teacher to work alongside Mrs Woodward after Christmas. This will be a job share arrangement with Mrs Woodward working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Stockbridge working on a Thursday and Friday.

Miss Stockbridge will start on Thursday January 18th 2024. She is an experienced teacher, having taught in KS2 for 9 years. She has a passion for English teaching and has already made a great impression.

I am sure that you will join me in making her feel welcome.



Class Dojo has been a great success with the children. We hope you are also enjoying the class story updates. (There is no need to pay to use this at home, we are using the free version)

If you haven't managed to download the app and connect to your child's class, please let the school office know and we can send another invitation.

Here are the running class totals and children with the most dojo points – it's very close!

	EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Total class dojo points	544	814	968	806
Child with the most dojo points	Ronnie	Skye George	Dylan	Herbie Dylan



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

Ms Shreena Hossain – Chair

Mrs Katie Latham – Secretary

Mrs Gillian Ross-Thompson – Treasurer

The PTA are a friendly group of parents who meet up every few weeks to plan fun events and activities for your child. They are always looking for new members, so if you would like to join them please approach one of the members on the playground or speak to your child's class teacher. They are already planning the Halloween disco and the Christmas fair and hope to raise some money as well as providing fun events for your child.



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Superstars will be taking over the the breakfast and afterschool childcare from Monday 23rd October. Please follow the link for more information, welcome pack and registration forms. You can collect a pck from the school office.

Superstars Seagrave

Prices, times and discounts (2023/4)

Dear Parents,

For your new club opening after half term we will have a new club number which will be made public in the next few days, in the mean time to register, book or cancel please contact Jon on 07896 796363 or email us at mobile@superstars-activityclub.co.uk and we will organise everything for you.

Prices for the 2023/4 academic year are;

Breakfast (07:30-school starts) £7 per session.
 After school short session (until 5pm) £11.50 per session
 After school full session (until 6pm) £14.00 per session
 (Sessions include all meals, activities and refreshments, for details of our menu please ask!)

Discounts also apply when a child comes every am or pm in one week or where siblings attend at the same time and we accept all kinds of voucher payments too to help keep your costs down. For more information please contact us and we are happy to help.

Kristy, Jon and the Superstars Team!

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Coming up next half term...

23.10.23	Superstars breakfast and after school starts
28.10.23	Cross Country event at Mallory Park
3.11.23	PTA Halloween disco – village hall
6.11.23	Football Tournament at Wreake Valley Academy - after school
10.11.23	PTA wear your own clothes day. Children bring a donation for the Christmas Fair (Bottles, toiletries, chocolates, raffle prize, biscuits)
13.11.23	Odd Socks Day
13.11.23-17.11.12	Anti-Bullying week
17.10.23	Children in Need – wear spots to school
12.11.23	Remembrance – readers needed for the service at the memorial
13.11.23	Diwali activities
20.11.23	Football Tournament at Wreake Valley Academy after school
24.11.23	PTA wear your own clothes day. Children bring a donation for the Christmas Fair (Bottles, toiletries, chocolates, raffle prize, biscuits)
1.12.23	PTA Christmas Fair
2.12.23	Cross Country event at Mallory Park
5.12.23	Flu Vaccinations
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.23	Nativity performance, afternoon and early evening
12.12.23	Christmas Panto visit



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

Year 6 – Elissa
Year 5 – Isla-Mae
Year 4 – Alicia
Year 3 – Jake
Year 2 – Rose
Year 1 – George
EYFS – Archer

The children have already started meeting and planning activities and events to enhance the life of our school. Currently they are planning 'Odd Socks Day' and 'Children in Need Day'. We are also working towards the gold 'Beyond Bullying Award' and over the next few months the children will be challenged with some important work on our Anti bullying policy and scheme of work.

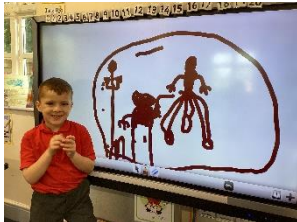


EYFS News

I would like to start by saying a big well done to all of the children in EYFS. It was only 6 weeks ago that they first entered our EYFS classroom, but they have settled so well and have just completed a very successful first half term in school.



The children spent the first few days getting to know each other and exploring their new environment. Here are some pictures of our early days.



We then moved onto a topic all about ourselves. We painted self portraits and then painted pictures of the people who help us in school. We then moved on to thinking about being healthy and the children enjoyed tasting fruit and vegetables and playing in our doctor's surgery.



We have enjoyed our balance bikes sessions and have learnt lots of important skills – using a brake effectively to control our speed, following the traffic light colours and riding round a circuit, containing ramps and slaloms. The children did very well.



Our next topic was Harvest. The children enjoyed the story of The Little Red Hen and made their own bread rolls – yummy! We also made scarecrows ready for the Harvest festival.



On Wednesday of this week we enjoyed a day out at Twycross zoo. We all had a lot of fun despite the rain! Now we are looking forward to the next fun filled half term!



Class 1 News

Firstly, we would like to start with a big Well Done to all of the children in Class 1! They have settled in extremely well with the routines and the work in Class 1! We are impressed with the maturity which the Year 2's have shown and the enthusiasm from the Year 1's! Keep it up 😊



The children have loved exploring a range of different arts, craft and design activities this term. They have thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their clay zoo animals. They loved making their zebra face masks too!



Class 1 were fortunate enough to go and see the All Saint's Church in Seagrave for their RE topic. They were able to ask questions and learn all about the importance of a church for Christians. They learnt about the history of the church and key features of it too!



To finish off their topic of 'At the Zoo', the children visited Twycross Zoo. They looked at all of the different animals and learnt about their habitats and diets. The children even got the chance to go through the Gruffalo's trail to finish off their day. It was a great day and was enjoyed by us all!



Class 2 News

Class 2 have blown me away; with their eagerness and enthusiasm, upon entering the new academic year. What a busy start it has been! The children immersed themselves in our class topic this term - European Adventure, they have used world maps and atlases to identify Europe and explore these countries.



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



Here the children are investigating the nature of reflections in mirrors through a variety of practical tasks including mirror writing and navigating mirror mazes!

This enabled cross-curricular links across Art, DT and English.

Class 2 have worked collaboratively in their groups to design and create shadow puppet theatres. Within this, the children wrote their own play scripts creating a purpose for writing. The children had lots of fun showcasing their performances to the class!

Class 2 have enjoyed learning the recorder in music with Mrs Woodward and will be continuing this next term.



Wishing you all a restful half term,

Miss Penman.

Class 3 News

Once again, we have had a very busy and eventful half term! Monarchs was Class 3's topic. We have learnt about Victorians and Tudors. Our focus was Henry VIII and his wives and Queen Victoria. The children enjoyed drawing portraits and learning skills to create a clear face.



In English we have read the book *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens which has provoked curiosity about the Victorian times and has inspired some super pieces of writing.



In music we continued the theme and listen to Tudor music created on a Celeste.



In Geography we found cities in the UK and located counties. We identified human and physical features and linked this with *Oliver Twist* in London and also where monarchs in history lived.



In Science we looked at inheritance and adaptation and that they are mutations. We looked at adaptive traits. We have also enjoyed a 'one off' Science lesson with Mr Harrison from Humphrey Perkins!

R.E we have focused on Christianity and our own beliefs, debating the creation story, and what it means to us.



We are currently involved in creating 'Bags of Kindness'. This is in partnership with the British Red Cross. We have had a series of lessons where the children understand the history of the charity and how it helps people in need today. The children will continue designing bags organising how to make money to put gifts into bags to give out to people who maybe on their own.

Swimming has been amazing in the village. The children are enjoying their Wednesday afternoons and their swimming styles are progressing well. Computing-MFL-PSHE have kept us all busy - subjects that we continue to learn and work hard in!



Wishing you a restful week!