



Seagrave News

December 2023



Whole School News

Well, what a half term this has been! I can't quite believe we have been at school for 9 weeks since our last break. In that time the children have been working very hard and there is always an industrious buzz as you walk around the classrooms. Things have been very festive over the past couple of weeks and the children and staff are looking forward to Christmas and a break from school.

When we came back to school after the October break we were straight into Halloween and Bonfire celebrations. The children all enjoyed the Halloween disco which was organised and run by the PTA and raised which will be used to enhance your child's education.

On Friday 10th November we all went across to the war memorial to hold a special assembly and remember those people who lost their lives in war. The children were very respectful and we all observed a 2 minute silence. Emily and Jenson did a reading and spoke clearly and confidently. They were also invited to do the same reading on Sunday 12th November at the Seagrave Village Memorial Service. Lots of the villagers commented on how well they spoke and behaved – well done Emily and Jenson.



On Monday 13th November we celebrated Diwali. At Seagrave we try to educate the children about different cultures and beliefs and help them to understand that we are all special in our own way. Mrs Litchfield decorated the retreat with lots of Hindu artefacts, costumes, activities and food. The children went in groups to have an immersive Diwali experience. They all enjoyed their session and learnt about the Hindu festival at the same time.

Things did not slow down the following week as we then embarked on Anti-bullying week. We pride ourselves at Seagrave on the good behaviour of all of our children and the discussions the children had during this week showed their maturity and understanding of the importance of our Anti-bullying work. The week began with Odd socks day where the children were invited to wear odd socks to show their solidarity against bullying. Each class also created a big collage sock containing each of our individual pictures to show that we are all unique but stick together against bullying.



At the end of this week we supported the BBC's Children in Need day. At Seagrave the children came to school dressed in spots and then joined in with different spotacular activities to raise money and have fun at the same time. Thank you to everyone who donated money.

This year our school is embarking on a mastery maths project. Mrs Chafer and Miss Penman are attending the meetings and training and then will disseminate the learning to the other staff in school. We are hoping this will have a positive impact in children's attitudes in maths and tackling reasoning and problem solving tasks.

Now we are in December, the school remains just as busy. The PTA worked very hard to set up the Christmas fair in the village hall which so many of you attended. The choir started off the festivities with their singing, there was a really happy Christmassy feel to the evening. The PTA were very pleased with the amount raised (£949.69) which again will be put towards purchasing items to enrich your child's education.



Some of the PTA money was spent on a pantomime for the school which took place on the 12th December. It was Robin Hood and the school spent a fun afternoon cheering, singing, booing and shouting "behind you!!". Thanks goes to the members of the PTA for organising this event and providing a huge chocolate coin for every child in the school.



As Christmas approached the classes began to take part in Christmas activities. Each class created some Christmas art work which has been displayed in the church in Seagrave. The parish were very grateful and are happy for any parents to go into the church to look at the lovely displays. Thank you to Miss Penman for co-ordinating this.



The EYFS and Class 1 children have been working very hard over the last few weeks to learn the songs, dances and words for their production of "It's a cracker". We performed it on Monday afternoon and evening. They sang well and the children who spoke projected their voices well so that the audience could hear every word. We were very proud of them.

The Key stage 2 children decided to do things a little differently this year and performed a few songs in the village hall followed by hot chocolate and mince pies. It was lovely to see so many parents there supporting their child and getting into the Christmas spirit.



Now we are coming to the end of this busy term, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you have a restful break. We look forward to seeing your children back at school on Monday 8th January.



Coming up next half term...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Extra Curricular Club</u>	<u>Year groups</u>
Every Monday 8.1.24 – 11.3.24 3.15-4.15	Creation Station – £7.25p/w https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/5339	All
Every Monday 15.1.24 – 18.3.24 3.15-4.15	Super Star Sports – Lego Construction - £4.75 p/w Lego Construction (year 1 to 6) (5 - 12yrs) at Seagrave Village Primary School, Sileby Super Star Sport Midlands	Year 1 – Year 6
Every Tuesday 16.1.24-19.3.24 3.15-4.15	Super Star Sports – Table Tennis - £4.75 p/w Lego Construction (year 1 to 6) (5 - 12yrs) at Seagrave Village Primary School, Sileby Super Star Sport Midlands	Year 1 – Year 6
Tuesday 9.1.24 – 24.1.24 3.15-4.00	Choir – no charge Following the Young Voices Concert on 25.1.24 choir club will end.	Year 3 – Year 6
Every Thursday 11.1.24 onwards 3.15-5.00	Drama Kids! - £7p/w Call 01664 569 738 or email nleics@dramakids.co.uk	Year 2-6
Every Friday 12.1.24 3.15-4.00	LCFC – EYFS/KS1 Football club – no charge Sign up via Arbor App – Clubs Places are limited	EYFS- Year 2
Daily 7.30-8.45 And 3.15-6.00	Super Star Wrap Around Care Breakfast Club - £7 per session Afterschool Club Super Short Session £7 Short Session - £11.50 Full Session £14.00 Contact Jon on 07896 796363 Full Information here: Superstars Activity Club - Superstars Seagrave (super-stars.co.uk)	EYFS – Year 6
11, 18, ,25.1.24 and 1.2.24	Leicester Tigers Tag Rugby Coaching Local tournament dates to follow	Year 3 and 4
12.1.24	Pizza Express – Chef for a day trip Letter and sign up will follow on Arbor	Year 3 and 4
22.1.24	STEM Ambassador Session – Tech She Can In school	Years 3-6
25.1.24	Young Voices Concert	Young Voices Choir
7.2.24 3.15 – 5pm	PTA Movie Night More info will follow	Whole school
8.2.24 2.30-3pm	African Drumming Assembly Parents of drummers and interested parents are invited	Whole school
12.2.24 4.3.24 18.3.24 3.30-5.00	KS2 Football Tournaments At Wreake Valley Academy	School Football Team
12.2.24, 13.2.24 14.2.24 3.15-6.30	Parents' Evenings Booking forms will be sent out	Whole school
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd February	Half Term School will be closed	Whole school

Goodbye and Hello!

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to Mrs Lea who has been teaching our Class 1 children this year. She has quickly got to know the staff and children and has become an important part of the Seagrave family. She is now moving on to another school within our trust where she will be teaching a Year 2 class. I'm sure you will join with us in wishing her good luck in the future. We will all miss her.

In January we will be welcoming back Mrs Crabb who left a year ago to have her baby. She will be returning to teach the children in Class 1 and will be working on a Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursday and Friday job sharing with Mrs Saleh. We hope you will make her feel welcome.

As some of you are aware, Mrs Woodward has decided to reduce her teaching hours to 3 days a week which will give her more time to spend with her family and have a bit more relaxation. We have employed Mrs Stockbridge; who is an experienced Key stage 2 teacher to job share with Mrs Woodward. She will be starting on Thursday 18th January and will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope she will be very happy here.

PTA News

We've had a busy term in the PTA. We started term by welcoming everyone back with a Freeze Up Friday, which seems like a lifetime ago, now.

Then we went onto the Halloween Disco. Everyone had great fun dressing up, dancing, and playing party games. This is always a really successful event, and this year was no different. Through ticket sales and the tuck shop, we made over £300 profit across the discos.

Our final event of term was the much anticipated Christmas Fair. We were delighted to see so many people come along to join in the fun and games, listen to the choir at the start, and were really happy to have Santa Claus join us in his grotto as well. We are so pleased to say we made over £950 profit from the fair. This is £200 more than last year! None of this would have been possible without the support of everyone single one of you. Thank you for all the donations to the tombolas, for purchasing raffle tickets, and for turning up on the day. We also want to say a HUGE thank you to all the teachers and staff of the school, our Local Advisory Board Chair – Alison Heathcote, and people who volunteered on the day and in the run up, without whom we would not have been able to run the fair. We know this is a massive undertaking, especially at this time of year, so thank you.

Last week, we were pleased to be able to fund the Big Bubble Theatre Company to come in to school once again and perform their pantomime of Robin Hood. Everyone we've spoken to has said how much all the children enjoyed the performance, with lots of audience participation! We hope the children all enjoyed the chocolate coin we sent home that day, too :)

This week the children will enjoy their Christmas lunch in their classrooms. The PTA are providing festive tablecloths and crackers for all the children to really get them into the Christmas spirit.

We've plenty more planned for next term, once we've all had a rest! We'll be hosting a movie night in February, and an Easter event towards the end of the term. We look forward to seeing you there.

If anyone would like to get involved in the PTA, either at events or behind the scenes, we'd be delighted to have you on board. We appreciate any time that can be offered, however little. Please see Shreena Hossain (Yr 3 & 6 parent), Katie Latham (Yr 3 parent) or Gill Ross-Thompson (EYFS parent) if you're able to help out.

That just leaves us to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families. We hope you have a restful break, and we look forward to more success in 2024.

EYFS News

EYFS have had another busy half term and I can't quite believe my little class have now been in school a whole term! They have made so much progress this term both academically and emotionally and I now welcome 15 happy, confident children into our class each morning. I am so proud of them all.



We started this half term thinking about Autumn and enjoyed our leaf hunt and looking for signs of Autumn.



We then moved onto an exciting week learning about Halloween and Bonfire night. The children were very sensible when we talked about Bonfire night safety.

In our Halloween topic the children became witches and wizards and created and tried their own potions!

We enjoyed taking part in the Diwali celebrations and made Diya lamps as well as dressing up and tasting Indian food!



Our next topic of superheroes went down very well, the children loved dressing up as Superheroes and playing in our Superhero HQ. They even went on a special Superhero mission to free Mrs Hull from the clutches of the Evil Pea!



Our final topic this term has, of course, been Christmas and the children have had a lot of Christmassy fun dressing up and playing in Santa's workshop. They did really well in our production of "It's a cracker" and also went to the church to join the toddler group acting out the story of the first Christmas.



It has been an amazing half term and I hope all of the children have a fun filled Christmas and that Santa brings them everything they want – Merry Christmas everyone!

Class 1 News

This term the children have enjoyed learning all about habitats and microhabitats. They went over to the field to investigate different microhabitats and had a great time!



The children have created woodland dioramas (shoebox habitats) in Design & Technology. They used a range of different joins such as fold, brace and flange to join the different materials. They have all really impressed me with their hard work and determination throughout the term! Keep it up!



A key event this term was the Nativity. The children have worked extremely hard to rehearse and remember all of their lines. They have remained enthusiastic and resilient throughout the regular rehearsals. They made Mrs Lea and I very proud! They did a grand job 😊



Finally, we all want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lea! As you all know, her time at Seagrave is coming to an end. She has done an amazing job to teach, care and nurture your children. She will be truly missed. The staff and children in Class 1, wish her all the success for the future!

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Crabb back in the new year!

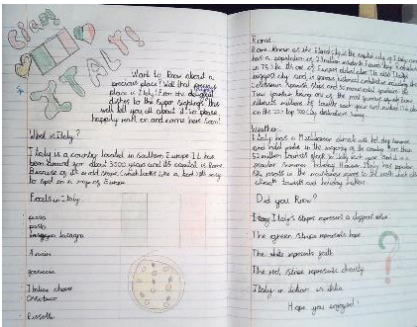
Thank you once again for your continued support.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!
Mrs Saleh 😊

Class 2 News

As we reach the end of another busy and fun-filled half term, Ms Cook and I would like to say a huge thank you to Class 2. You have worked incredibly hard and continue to demonstrate determination, perseverance and resilience.



This term, Class 2 have had the opportunity to explore and learn about the natural environment during our 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 were also reminded of the fire safety rules and took part in fire lighting. The hot chocolate and marshmallows were delicious!



The children have been working extremely hard in English and have produced an amazing non-chronological report all about Italy. This falls in line with our class topic 'World Pizza'.



Earlier this term, the children took part in a range of Diwali festivities. They tried Indian cuisine, made Rangoli patterns and tried on some traditional Indian clothing.

Class 2 enjoyed Science this term. We have been learning about electricity and how to create a complete circuit. The children tested materials, identifying conductors and insulators.



Wishing you all a 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!

World War II was Class 3's topic.

During our Geography and History lessons, we learnt about the English counties that children were evacuated to, understanding why it was safe for children to live there and not in the cities. We discussed and debated physical and human features of our chosen county. We used conscience alleys to explore our ideas.



We have learned the reasons for WWII and placed events in chronological order. We looked at rationing and ration books – researched on computers using primary evidence.



In art and design we created wallpaper in the style of William Morris by transferring our design onto polystyrene and then using paint rollers to print the wall paper.

In Music we have listened to and learned about the singers/composers during the WWII era. From Vera Lyn and the Andrew sisters to Glen Miller's Big Band. The children also listened to Elgar's 'Nimrod' which is always played at Remembrance Services. The children have sung 'a round' 'Hey Mr Miller' learning notation too.

During Science we looked at classifying living things using the Linnaean system. We matched groups of animals to their characteristics. We also described the useful and harmful effects of different microorganisms. We identified the variables in an investigation.

R.E – generated some 'BIG' questions. The children looked at similarities and differences between their views about life and death. This was treated with sensitivity and the children had experiences to share dealing with this in a mature way.



We also enjoyed exploring Diwali through dressing up, art and craft, stories and food tasting.



**Bags of Kindness with DUCTu and
The British Red Cross**



We have completed our sponsored silence and now we are in the position to buy the contents for 33 bags to take to Dudley Court in Sileby. We have raised £177. Thank you for your kind and generous support. We hope that these bags will put a smile on face and provide some joy.

Swimming has been amazing! The children have completed the course and, without exception, have made great progress!



On behalf of the Class 3 team we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.