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MUSKHAM Newsletter

Rain, Rain, Go Away!

Dear parents and carers,

Despite the wet weather continuing to keep us indoors, there's been a wonderful buzz of learning and positivity around school. We've been especially proud of the fantastic writing produced by some of our children recently - with a special mention to our Year 2 class, who confidently read their brilliant pieces aloud to a Year 5 and 6 audience. It was a lovely moment of pride for both the readers and listeners alike.

We're also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parents' Evenings this week, as well as all the exciting activities planned for our upcoming Wellbeing Week.

A reminder too that this Friday is our non-uniform day. If you are able, we kindly ask for a £1 contribution, to be handed to your child's class teacher, with all donations going towards the Place2Be charity. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Pearson





What's Coming Up Before Half Term...

Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February - Internet Safety Day

Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th February - Parents Evenings

Friday 13th February - Break Up for Half Term - NON UNIFORM DAY





It's all happening in the classroom...





Mr Charlesworth's Class

Foundation pupils have been exploring what it means to keep both their bodies and minds healthy. They have been talking about what healthy eating looks like, sorting different foods into 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' groups, and creating their own balanced plates using playdough. It's been a hands-on, engaging way for them to understand how to make good choices that help them feel their best.





Class 1

This week, Year 1 have worked incredibly hard across all their learning and we are so proud of their efforts. In Maths, the children have been practising adding and subtracting coins, showing great concentration as they counted carefully and solved money problems with growing confidence. In English, they have finished writing their Three Little Pigs stories, using super storytelling skills, lovely vocabulary, and clear sentence structure – their creativity really shone through.

In History, the children enjoyed learning about schools in the past, comparing them to schools today and talking about how classrooms, lessons and rules have changed over time. In RE, they have been discovering special places of worship and learning about Synagogues, showing curiosity, respect, and thoughtful questions about different beliefs and traditions.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, effort and enthusiasm – well done, Year 1! 🌟





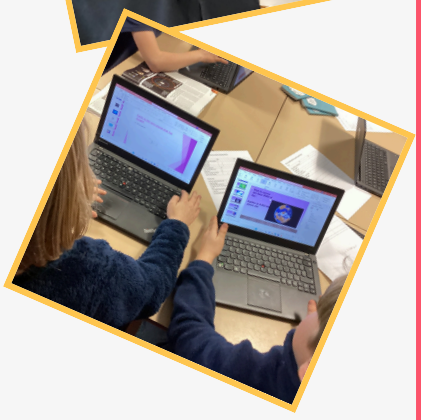
Mrs Keane's Class

This week, Class 3 have been busy becoming coding composers using Scratch! The children learned how to sequence sounds by experimenting with different coding blocks, instruments and rhythms. They showed amazing creativity as they built their own tunes and explored how changing the order of commands could completely transform the music they made.

Once their sequences were perfected, the children extended their projects by adding exciting backgrounds to match the mood of their music. We have been so impressed by their enthusiasm, imagination and growing coding confidence — we definitely have some talented coding masters in Class 3!

It's all happening in the classroom...





Mrs Palmer's Class



In computing, the Year 4/5 children have been busy preparing their PowerPoint presentations about a chosen planet, developing their research skills and learning how to organise information clearly using text, images, and design features. They are now ready to share their presentations confidently with the class.
In Science, we explored why the sun appears to change position in the sky, learning about the Earth's rotation. The children also used compasses to identify directions and locate where the sun rises and sets each day, linking practical outdoor learning with scientific understanding.
In English, the children used the Pandora trailer as inspiration for creative writing, developing imaginative ideas to create and describe their own fictitious planets. They focused on using descriptive language, powerful vocabulary, and detailed imagery to bring their new worlds to life.





Mrs Hough's Class



Our Year 2 storytellers stepped into the paws of a misunderstood wolf! 🐺 They rewrote Little Red Riding Hood from his point of view - reimagining him as a gentle, vegetarian character who found himself with no other choice but to act in a moment of panic.
They proudly shared their imaginative stories with our Year 5/6 pupils, reading aloud with confidence, clear expression, and plenty of smiles. It was a wonderful example of creativity, empathy, and cross-year collaboration, and the older pupils were a fantastic audience and role models too.



It's all happening in the classroom...





Miss Baker's Class

Year 6 have been exploring 3D shapes in Maths through practical activities, including building their own nets. They loved testing how different nets folded into cubes, pyramids and prisms, and showed great teamwork and problem-solving throughout.

This week, one of our Year 5 pupils, Matilda, proudly shared a fantastic PowerPoint they created at home all about the rainforest. They confidently presented their work to the class, using animations, pictures and fascinating facts to keep everyone engaged. A brilliant example of independent learning and creativity—well done!

Our young artists have made an exciting start on their landscape canvases this week. After exploring colour mixing and experimenting with warm and cool tones, the children began applying their first layers of acrylic paint. They thought carefully about composition—skies, horizons, and foreground details—before building up depth with different brush techniques. The classroom was full of focus and creativity as pupils blended colours, added texture, and watched their landscapes slowly come to life. We can't wait to see how their canvases develop over the next few weeks!



Well Done Superstars!





Well done to all our Superstars this week. You are all fantastic ENABLERS and we are very proud of you!

Children's Mental Health Week

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th February, during the final week of half-term.
Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation. This special day is not only about having fun and expressing individuality, but also about raising awareness of the importance of children's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

The purpose of our Mental Health Week is to help our school community:

- **Promote open conversations about mental health**
- **Reduce stigma and encourage understanding**
- **Show children that their feelings and wellbeing matter**
- **Support organisations that provide real help to young people and families**

All money raised will be donated to Place2Be, a leading children's mental health charity that provides vital counselling and emotional support services to children and families across the UK. Their work makes a real difference to young people who need someone to talk to and support their mental wellbeing.

We hope this will be a positive, meaningful and enjoyable way for everyone to get involved, while helping to support an incredibly important cause.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support 💛

Supporting children's mental health is not an extra, it's a foundation. When we nurture young minds with care, understanding, and safety, we don't just help them survive the world; we help them grow strong enough to change it.



What an Email to Receive!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share a truly lovely email I received last week celebrating some of our budding sports stars in Year 4. It is always such a proud moment to hear about the wonderful achievements of our children and the dedication they show both in and out of school.

Please feel free to share any sporting (or other!) achievements your child(ren) have accomplished - I would be absolutely delighted to celebrate them and include them in our newsletters so our whole school community can share in their success.

We are so proud of all our children and the amazing things they continue to achieve...

Good Morning Mr Pearson,

I wanted to share with you some positive news about some of the children in year 4.

This Saturday:
Henry Navin
George Lawrence
Violet Hopkinson
Elliot Burrows

Will be attending the awards ceremony for the YEL - the football league that they all play in on a Saturday for the Muskham Cougars.

Last term they won the league as undefeated champions in the U9 category which you can imagine was a very proud moment for them and us as parents.

Although winning is always nice, the most inspiring thing about this team is how they work together to succeed. They have been playing together for 3 years now and have gone from losing significantly at the start of their footballing days to champions all by supporting each other, never giving up, showing resilience and tenacity in all weathers.

The leadership that each of them have shown over the years by encouraging, celebrating and learning together is truly inspiring, it is a joy to watch them each Saturday.

I know you are passionate about learning more about the children outside of their academic achievements so wanted to share this with you.

Have a lovely day,

Kind regards

Kathryn Navin



Wellbeing Project Appeal Reminder

At school, we are always looking for ways to support the emotional health and well-being of our children. We are excited to share that we are creating a new well-being space – a calm, cosy area where pupils can take a moment to reset, relax, and feel supported throughout the school day.

To help us make this space as welcoming and comforting as possible, we would be grateful for any donations of items you may no longer need at home.

Examples include:

- **Soft cushions**
- **Bean bags or small soft seating**
- **Calming sensory items (e.g., stress balls, fidget toys)**
- **Small soft rugs**
- **Fairy lights (battery-powered), or similar low-lighting items**
- **Books that promote wellbeing, mindfulness, or emotional regulation**

All donated items should be clean and in good condition.
Your contributions will help us create a nurturing space where children can take a moment to feel calm and supported. If you would like to donate, please bring items to the school office at any time over the next two weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support. It makes such a difference.



Vacancy



Cleaner required for 12.5hours per week, based on 2.5hours per day, we can accommodate either early morning or evening. Please contact Mr Redfern via the school office or email office@muskham.notts.sch.uk for further details.

Staffing Structure for the Remainder of the Academic Year:

Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher: Mr Pearson

Interim Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Palmer (Class 4/5 Teacher)

SENDCo: Mrs Ward

Teaching Staff by Year Group

Reception

Class Teacher: Mr Charlesworth

Year 1

Class Teacher: Mrs Keane

Year 2

Class Teacher: Mrs Hough

Year 3

Monday & Tuesday: Mrs Sheldon

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Mrs Ellison

Year 4/5

Class Teacher: Mrs Palmer (Interim Assistant Headteacher)

Year 5 & 6

Class Teacher: Miss Baker

Volunteers Needed:

Muskham Primary School is warmly inviting members of our community to volunteer their time to support children with reading. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a real and lasting difference in a child's life by helping them grow in confidence, enjoyment and ability when it comes to reading.

By spending just a small amount of time listening to children read, offering encouragement, and sharing positive experiences around books, volunteers play a vital role in building children's self-belief. For many children, reading aloud can feel daunting, and having a calm, patient, and friendly adult to practice with can transform how they see themselves as readers. This support helps children to feel more confident, more willing to try, and more motivated to engage with learning across all subjects.

The purpose of this initiative is not only to improve reading skills, but to nurture a love of reading and learning, strengthen children's confidence, and create positive relationships within our school community. Volunteers do not need teaching experience...just a kind, encouraging manner and a willingness to support children in a gentle, supportive way.

If you are able to spare some time and would like to help inspire young readers, your support would be hugely valued and deeply appreciated. Together, we can help our children grow into confident, happy readers who believe in themselves and their abilities.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.



NEWARK R & M Cricket Club 2010

LOVE CRICKET

OR

WANT TO GIVE CRICKET A GO?

Come and try cricket at Newark R & M Cricket Club, the Junior section provides Winter indoor skills training & games (see details below) for children from 6 to 15 years old & Seniors.

Kwik cricket - (Suthers School) Mondays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
23/02/26 - 30/03/26 - 6 weeks

U11'S/U12'S - (Suthers School) Mondays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
23/02/26 - 30/03/26 - 6 weeks

U13's/U15's/Seniors - (Barnby Road) Thursdays 5:45pm - 7:45pm
15/01/26 - 05/03/26 - 8 weeks

Ladies Softball - (Barnby Road) Mondays 5:45pm - 6:45pm
12/01/26 - 09/02/26 - 4 weeks

Also, summer outdoor skills training and games will delivered on Friday evenings at Kelham Road, Newark (from 19th April), along with Kwik cricket tournaments, U11, U13 & U15 hardball matches throughout the summer.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Evans by email jgesevans@talktalk.net or telephone 07887702412.

We look forward to seeing you.





TENNIS 4 ALL

FEBRUARY TENNIS CAMP

Dates: February 19th
Times: Full Day 9-4pm



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