



Reggie's Reading Room.

As Headteacher of Muskham Primary School, it is with great pride and deep emotion that I share the opening of our new Reggie's Reading Room, a special space created on our school playground for all of our children to enjoy.

This wonderful addition to our school is far more than just a reading area. It is a place of calm, comfort, and creativity - a cosy haven where children can lose themselves in books, find a quiet moment in a busy day, and simply be. It reflects the warmth, kindness, and joy that Reggie brought to our school community, and it stands as a lasting tribute to a much loved member of our school family.

This project has only been possible thanks to the incredible generosity and support of our parents and carers. Your donations, encouragement, and belief in this idea have brought it to life, and for that, we are truly grateful.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Mr Ken Redfern, our dedicated site manager, who worked tirelessly painting and decorating the reading room in all weathers. His commitment and care have made this space as welcoming and beautiful as it is. Our thanks also go to Mr and Mrs Davies for their hard work in helping to construct the room, and to Mrs Davies once again for her support of Violet in preparing the space so thoughtfully for our children.

It was particularly moving to mark the opening together with those closest to Reggie. We were honoured that Reggie's parents, Mr and Mrs Hopkinson, were able to join Violet alongside her friends and Reggie's friends for this intimate and meaningful moment. Their presence made the occasion all the more special.

Reggie was very much in our thoughts during the opening, and he will continue to be each day as we see children enjoying this beautiful space. In every page turned, every quiet moment shared, and every smile found within Reggie's Reading Room, his spirit will live on.

This room has been created in his honour, and it will stand as a lasting reminder of the happiness he brought to our school. It is a place where his legacy of kindness, warmth, and joy will continue to inspire us all.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mr Pearson



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Newsletter



End of a Great Term.

As we reach the end of what has been a truly vibrant and memorable Spring Term at Muskham Primary School, I find myself reflecting with immense pride (and just a touch of exhaustion!) on all that our wonderful children, staff, and families have achieved together.

It has been a term bursting with energy, curiosity, creativity - and, in at least one notable case, quite a lot of chocolate.

We began the term with an inspiring Science Week, where classrooms transformed into hubs of investigation and discovery. From bubbling potions to carefully constructed experiments, the children embraced the role of scientists with enthusiasm and, thankfully, only minimal mess! It was a joy to see such inquisitive minds at work, asking thoughtful questions and exploring the world around them with confidence.

Not long after, we celebrated the magic of stories during World Book Day. The costumes this year were nothing short of spectacular - staff included, I might add - ranging from classic characters to some truly imaginative creations that left us guessing. More importantly, it was a wonderful reminder of the joy that reading brings, and the way books can transport us to entirely new worlds.

One of the standout moments of the term must surely go to our adventurous Year 2 pupils, who had the unforgettable experience of riding on trams. For many, this was their first time, and their excitement was infectious. It is safe to say that the journey itself may have rivalled the destination!

Sporting success has also been a highlight this term. Our teams have represented the school with determination, teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship. Whether on the field, court, or track, the children have done us proud - not just through victories, but through their resilience and support for one another. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Of course, no term at Muskham would be complete without opportunities to bring our school community together. Our baking and tasting sessions with parents (Yr5 & Yr6) were a particular treat - quite literally. It was heartwarming to see families enjoying a slice (or two!). I can confirm that the standard was exceptionally high, and sampling was taken very seriously by all involved!

Then there was the much-anticipated Chocolate Bingo - an event that has quickly become a firm favourite. The combination of excitement, friendly competition, and an abundance of chocolate made for an unforgettable evening. I suspect that dentists across the region may have noticed a slight increase in bookings shortly afterwards.

We also had the pleasure of hosting a beautiful Poetry Recital, where pupils showcased their confidence, expression, and creativity. Standing up in front of an audience is no small feat, and the courage and talent on display was truly inspiring. There may even have been a few proud tears among the audience.

What stands out most when I reflect on this term is the sense of togetherness that runs through everything we do. Whether in the classroom, on a trip, at an event, or out on the sports field, our school community continues to support and uplift one another in the most wonderful way.

To our pupils: thank you for your enthusiasm, your kindness, and your willingness to try new things.

To our staff: thank you for your dedication, creativity, and endless energy.

And to our families: thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school life.

It has been a Spring Term to remember - and if this is anything to go by, the rest of the year promises to be just as exciting.

Now, if you will excuse me, I believe there may be a stash of Chocolate Easter Eggs somewhere in the office... purely for quality assurance purposes, of course.

Mr Pearson



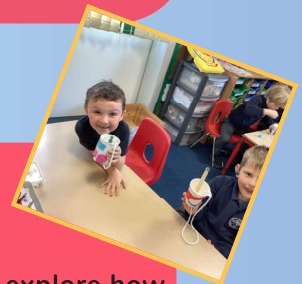


It's all happening in the classroom...



Mr Charlesworth's Class

This week in Reception, the children have loved getting their hands muddy as they planted their own seeds and learned how to care for them. They've been checking on their pots each day, noticing the first shoots appear and talking about what plants need to grow. As their seedlings have begun to sprout, the children have started measuring and comparing the height of their plants, using language like 'taller' and 'shorter' to describe what they see.



Mrs Keane's Class

This week, Year 1 stepped back in time to explore how children in the Victorian era played. Instead of the electronic toys we know today, Victorian children had to be creative and make their own toys using very simple materials—and our pupils had a brilliant time discovering this for themselves!

The children looked at examples of traditional Victorian toys such as button spinners, cup-and-ball toys, and peg dolls. They were fascinated to learn that these toys were often handmade at home, using whatever materials families had available.

Inspired by this, Year 1 had a go at becoming Victorian toy makers. Using paper cups, string, wool, wooden pegs, fabric scraps and other classroom bits and pieces, the children created their very own working toys. They loved testing them out, comparing how they moved, and seeing whose designs were the most successful.

The room was full of excitement, problem-solving and creativity, and the children were so proud of what they produced. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life as they experienced how Victorian children found joy in simple, homemade playthings.

Well done, Year 1 — you've proved that the best toys don't always need batteries!



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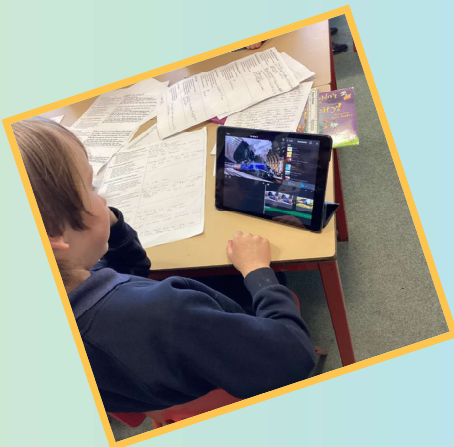


Mrs Palmer's Class

This week, Year 4/5 have been busy developing their research and creative skills through our "Inspirational People" project. Each pupil selected a famous figure who inspires them and used their findings to create an engaging iMovie, highlighting key moments and achievements from their chosen hero's life.

To celebrate the end of our Volcano topic, the children worked collaboratively in groups to produce vibrant volcano collages. Their teamwork and creativity really shone through in each piece.

A special mention goes to Violet, who was so enthusiastic about the topic that she created her own PowerPoint presentation at home to share even more of her volcano knowledge—well done, Violet!



Mrs Hough's Class

Class 2 had a fantastic day exploring Crich Tramway Village. They took part in a hands-on workshop all about the history of trams, where they stepped into the past as conductors, drivers and even horses. The children loved trying on the costumes and imagining life long ago. They also enjoyed a real ride on a vintage tram and rounded off the day with some well-earned playtime in the park. A brilliant adventure from start to finish.



It's all happening in the classroom...

Miss Baker's Class

This week in Year 5/6, the children have impressed us with their curiosity, teamwork, and creativity. Early in the week, pupils explored electrical components and used them to build working circuits. They showed fantastic resilience and problem-solving skills, especially when troubleshooting components that didn't work as expected.

On Thursday, our classroom was filled with the sights and smells of baking as we spent the day making our Easter celebration cakes. The children measured ingredients with care, mixed their cake batter, and added thoughtful decorations to their finished creations. In the afternoon, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into class for a special taste-testing session!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered their time throughout the day or contributed resources—we truly appreciate your support.

Mrs Ellison's/Mrs Sheldon's Class

Class 3 have brought together their learning about Ancient Greece and pottery this week and created their Greek pots. They have spent time designing these and considering their techniques. The children used coiling to create their pots - lots of clay 'sausages' put on top of each other to create the pot shape. They then smoothed these coils out and used tools to add their patterns and pictures. The children made a variety of items, from vases to cups! They have done a wonderful job, and there are definitely some future potters in the class! Well done, Class 3!

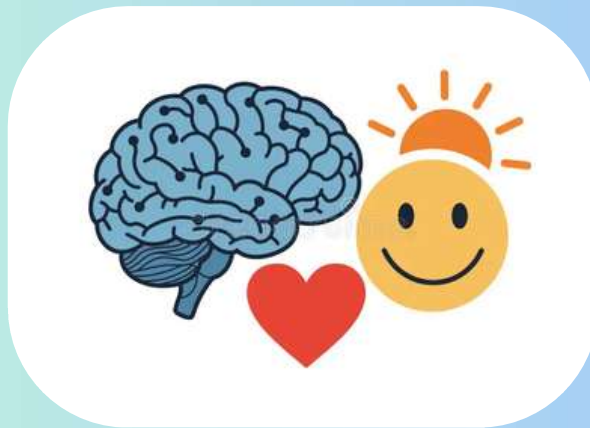


Year 6 SATs Wellbeing Workshop

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in a special mental health and wellbeing workshop focused on preparing for SATs. The session helped the children explore practical strategies for managing worries, building confidence, and approaching challenges with a positive mindset.

Through discussions and guided activities, the pupils learned helpful techniques such as breathing exercises, recognising unhelpful thoughts, and using positive self-talk. They also had the chance to share their own feelings about SATs and support one another as a team.

We are incredibly proud of how maturely Year 6 approached the workshop. They showed great reflection, honesty and resilience – all essential skills not just for SATs, but for life.



Year 1 had a very exciting surprise this week when a real lamb came to visit their classroom!

The children were absolutely delighted and couldn't believe their eyes when the little lamb appeared.

The children were wonderfully gentle and calm, asking thoughtful questions and showing lots of curiosity. Everyone loved having the chance to see the lamb up close – it was a truly memorable moment and a lovely way to bring our learning to life. A huge thank you to Mrs Burnett who kindly brought the lamb in to meet us.



We're Going on a Egg Hunt!

Foundation, Class 1 and Class 2 had a wonderful time hunting for eggs around the playground this week. Working together in their groups, they searched high and low before sharing a well-earned chocolate egg. It was lovely to see such brilliant teamwork, cooperation and kindness on display.



Celebrating Our Incredible Girls' Football Team!

We are incredibly proud of our Girls' Football Team, who finished runners-up in the Newark and District Tournament this week. The team put in a fantastic performance throughout the competition, showing confidence, determination and real grit.

On their route to the final, the girls won two tense penalty shoot-outs, keeping their composure under pressure and supporting one another brilliantly. The final was another close contest, ending in one more dramatic shoot-out, where they were narrowly beaten – but their effort and attitude were outstanding.

This achievement is even more impressive considering the team has only been playing together for about a year. Their rapid progress, commitment, and growing confidence were clear for everyone to see. They demonstrated superb teamwork, resilience, sportsmanship, and some excellent football skills across all their matches.

A huge thank you to all parents for their enthusiasm and support, and to Andy and Julie from Muskham Cougars for their continued coaching and guidance. Their encouragement has played a big part in helping the team develop so quickly.

Well done to every player – you've done yourselves and the school proud!

