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MUSKHAM Newsletter

‘May’ You Enjoy This Week’s Newsletter

It has been a truly uplifting and memorable week here at Muskham Primary School, and I could not be prouder of our children and staff.

Last week’s poetry recital was a wonderful celebration of creativity and confidence. Our pupils represented the school fantastically, showcasing not only their talent for language but also their courage in performing in front of an audience. There is something very special about watching children bring words to life, and I suspect there may have been a few future poets in the making (and perhaps one or two who now think they deserve a spot on the national stage!).

Our Year 3 children also had the incredible opportunity to visit the Yorkshire Safari Trip, and what an experience it was. I had the absolute pleasure of joining them, and I must say, seeing the children’s awe and wonder was a highlight of my week. Watching their faces light up as they encountered animals from all corners of the world was a powerful reminder of how important these experiences are. There were wide eyes, excited whispers, and the occasional enthusiastic wave to animals who, I’m fairly certain, were not waving back - but it was magical nonetheless.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks before the summer holidays, the calendar is certainly full. It promises to be a busy period, but one that we are all very much looking forward to. There are many exciting events and opportunities planned, all designed to create lasting memories for our children.

It is a real drive of mine that every child who passes through Muskham Primary School looks back on their time here with a smile, remembering not just what they learned, but the moments that made their childhood special. These experiences - whether on a stage, representing the school through sporting events, on a school trip, or in the classroom - are the ones that stay with us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here’s to many more wonderful moments in the weeks ahead (and perhaps a little bit of sunshine to go with them!).

Mr Pearson





What’s coming up...

Monday 11th May - Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th May - Year 1 Parents Evening
Wednesday 20th May - School Disco
Thursday 21st May - Last day of term
Friday 22nd May - School Closed - Staff Training
25th - 29th May - Half Term
Friday 12th June - World Cup Day
Friday 19th June - Year 6 Camping
Thursday 2nd July - Transition Day (children into new classes)
Tuesday 7th & 8th July - The Wizard of Oz Performances
Thursday 9th July - Reports out to parents
Friday 10th July - Sports Day
13th July - 15th July - Residential
Friday 23rd July - Leavers’ Assembly



It's all happening in the classroom...





Mr Charlesworth's Class

This week, Foundation have been exploring different creative mediums, with a focus on clay, to make their very own dinosaurs. The children used their fingers to shape and mould the clay, and experimented with tools to refine their designs and add detail to their models. They also incorporated additional materials to give their dinosaurs extra texture and effect, resulting in some wonderfully imaginative creations.





Mrs Keane's Class

The children in Year 1 have done some fantastic learning this week! In ICT, the children have shown impressive skills using the computer, confidently typing their own words on Microsoft Word and learning how to delete and edit text independently. They were very focused and proud of what they achieved.

In Design and Technology, the children have enjoyed exploring wheels and axles in preparation for their exciting DT project later this term. They investigated how wheels move, what makes them turn, and why axles are important. The children were curious, engaged and asked some brilliant questions.

Well done Year 1 – we are very proud of your hard work and enthusiasm for learning!





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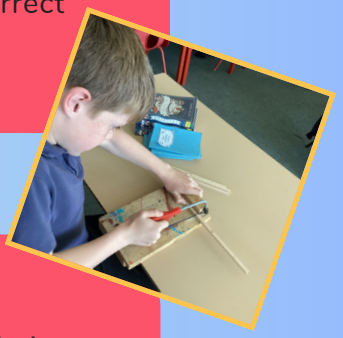
Mrs Palmer's Class

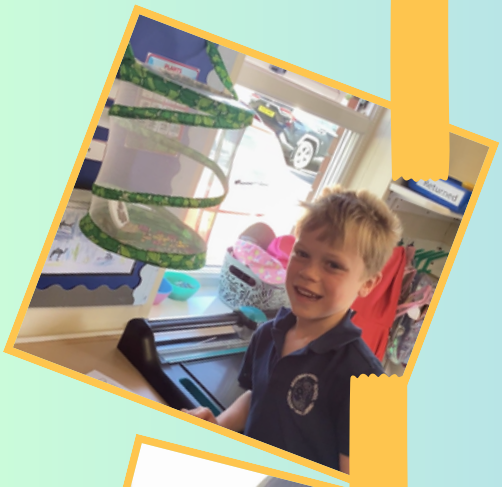
Year 4/5 have had a very busy week!
On Monday, the children continued to get creative in computing by using vector drawings and adding increasing levels of detail to draw animals.

In Science, they put their investigative skills to the test by exploring whether the temperature of water affects the rate at which substances dissolve.

Finally, in DT, they began constructing the frames for their moving toy projects, carefully measuring and cutting wood to the correct sizes.





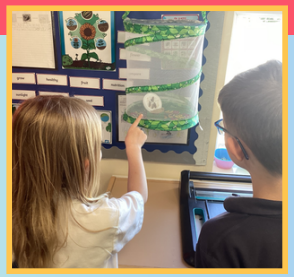


Mrs Hough's Class

Class 2 have been excitedly watching their caterpillars — Kiwi, Strawberry, Ava and Bluebelle — move into the next stage of their life cycle this week. As part of their science learning, the children have been exploring the life cycles of sheep, frogs, butterflies and humans, and it has been wonderful to see them make real-life connections as they observe their own caterpillars changing.

Our young writers in Class 2 have created fantastic animal care guides for Vets4Pets. They listed all the things new pet owners need to buy and do before welcoming an animal home, as well as how to look after a pet properly. The team at Vets4Pets were delighted and couldn't wait to display the guides for their customers.



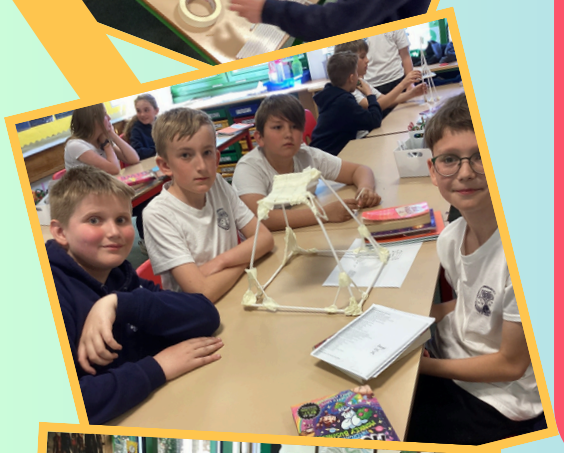




It's all happening in the classroom...







Miss Baker's Class

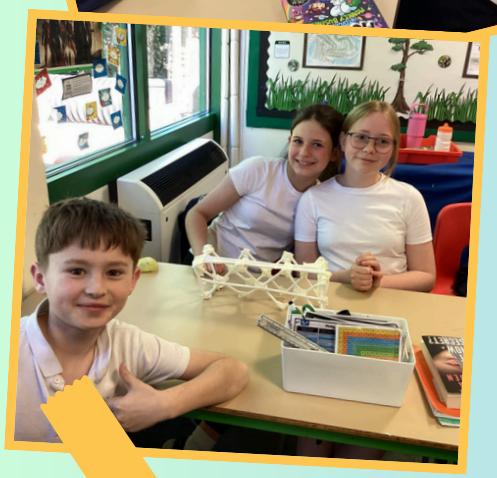
Year 5/6 pupils have been busy crafting their spooky Tales of Fear, and I have been incredibly impressed with the quality of their writing; the stories showed excellent atmosphere, vivid description and imaginative ideas.

The children also entered an Art competition inspired by the Knife Angel sculpture currently on display in Newark, producing thoughtful and powerful responses to an important message.

In Music, the class has begun learning songs for their upcoming performance and are already showing great enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, in Computing, pupils have continued developing their programming skills using Scratch, creating and refining their own projects.

For DT, we explored how to make structures strong and stiff by designing and building simple models.



Mrs Ellison's/Mrs Sheldon's Class

This week, Class 3 had a fantastic visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park for their Science topic. They had a lovely day seeing all the animals in their habitats - the sun shining certainly brought all the animals outside!

They also had a workshop about some of the animals and were given the chance to hold a cockroach, a giant snail and even stroke a python! The children had a wonderful day and were a credit to the school - well done, Class 3!









Poetry Recital Competition

Last Friday, Langar Primary School was alive with energy, excitement and an unmistakable sense of pride as they hosted the first annual Poetry Recital Competition. The hall was filled to capacity, with children from schools across our Trust and families travelling from far and wide to support them. It was a truly special occasion that celebrated not only a love of language, but also the confidence and courage of our young people.

I could not have been prouder of the four pupils who represented our school so brilliantly – Ava, Archie, Rafi and Violet. To stand up and perform in front of such a large audience is no small feat, and each of them did so with poise, determination and great character. Considering the dozens and dozens of talented children taking part, it was an outstanding achievement that three of our pupils progressed to the final stages of the competition.

And, in a moment that I will not forget for a very long time, Violet was announced as the overall winner. Her performance was captivating, and she thoroughly deserved this incredible recognition. It is fair to say that this was one of my proudest moments as headteacher and served as a powerful reminder of what a privilege it is to do this job and witness such remarkable achievements.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to every single child who took part. Learning a poem, stepping onto a stage, and performing with confidence takes hard work, resilience and bravery. Each participant should feel immensely proud of themselves.

Events like this remind us of the richness of our school experiences and the importance of nurturing creativity, expression and self-belief in our children.

Mr Pearson





Sports News.

Over the last week, pupils have recently taken part in a number of football fixtures, representing the school with great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship.

All players worked hard on the pitch, showing excellent determination and positive attitudes throughout. There were some great moments of skill, teamwork and resilience, and it was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and enjoying the game.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to staff and supporters who helped make these fixtures such a success. We are very proud of the way our teams represented the school.

Results

A League

v Farnsfield Lost 4-0

v Kings Won 2-1

v Christchurch Won 4-0

Girls

v Christchurch Won 7-0

Looking ahead, we will soon be recruiting players for next year's girls' football team. We are keen to encourage all girls who are interested in giving football a try, whether they are experienced players or completely new to the sport. Please have a chat with Mrs Keane if you are interested in giving it a go!



This Weeks Stars!

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





FACE

May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	**28 May 7-8pm**

CAUNTON TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY



SATURDAY MAY 2ND
2-4.30PM

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