

MUSKHAM

Newsletter

A Wonderful Week in School.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy week draws to a close, it's been one of those weeks that reminds us just how special our school is.

We've had some fantastic tennis sessions this week, with children showing great enthusiasm, improving skills and (most importantly) lots of smiles.

Our first whole-school singing assembly was also a real highlight, beautifully led by the wonderful Mrs Booth and Mrs Goodwin. Hearing the whole school sing together for the first time was a goosebump moment and certainly set a very high bar for future assemblies.

One of the real joys of my role is listening in on children's conversations at the lunch tables.

Alongside the lively chatter and occasional deep discussion about whose turn it is to sit where, I've been struck by how thoughtfully the children talk to one another. This kindness and support carries through into the classroom too, where I've seen pupils encouraging each other, sharing ideas and celebrating successes together.

It's moments like these that make us incredibly proud of our children—and remind us just how lucky we are to work with them every day.



Mr Pearson

What's Coming Up

Before Half Term...

Tuesday 20th January - School Pantomime ('Oh yes it is')

Tuesday 27th January - Meet with Mr Pearson (see further details in this newsletter)

Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February - Internet Safety Day

Monday 9th/Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th February - Parents Evenings

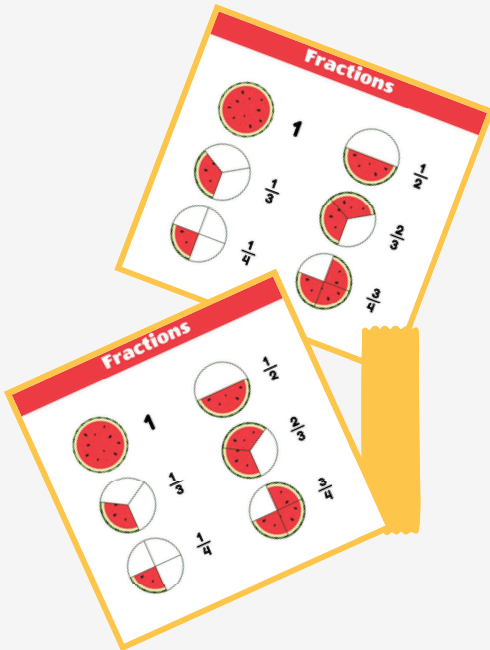
Friday 13th February - Break Up for Half Term

It's all happening in the classroom...



Mr Charlesworth's Class

In Foundation, children have been busy exploring different habitats and learning about the animals that live in them. We have been comparing jungle animals and farm animals, discussing where they live, what they eat, and how their environments meet their needs. Through stories, discussions, sorting activities, and creative play, students have been developing their vocabulary and observation skills while learning to notice similarities and differences between animals. The children have shown great curiosity as they discovered how habitats can be very different and why animals are suited to their particular homes.



Mrs Maxey's Class

Year 1 have had a busy and positive week of learning in the classroom. In maths, the children have been learning about fractions of shapes, finding halves and quarters, and developing their understanding because they are beginning to recognise how shapes can be shared equally. In English, they have been practising using capital letters and full stops correctly in their writing and learning to use conjunctions such as and and because to join their ideas. In history, the children have been learning about the past and how life was different a long time ago, and in geography they have been learning about the seasons and how the weather changes throughout the year.



Mrs Keane's Class

The Year 3 children were thrilled to see the final results of their tie-dye projects and eagerly shared their reactions with one another. Through this activity, they explored how colours mix, spread and change on fabric, discovering that different folding and tying techniques can create very different effects. There were some wonderfully creative and unique designs, and Mrs Goodwin was very impressed with the care and imagination the children showed throughout the process. The pupils enjoyed experimenting, learning from unexpected outcomes, and reflecting on what worked well. They will be using their finished designs as inspiration in their DT learning next half term, where they will build on these skills and ideas in an exciting new project.



It's all happening in the classroom...

Mrs Palmer's Class

This week, we continued our exciting learning about the planets in our solar system. The children explored the names, order, and key features of each planet, developing their understanding through discussion, questioning, and recall activities.

In Art, we used pastels and shading techniques to create 3D planet artwork. The children experimented with blending colours, adding light and dark tones, and thinking carefully about shape and texture to make their planets look realistic and three-dimensional.

In Science, we completed a Kahoot challenge where the children enthusiastically recalled facts about the planets. This interactive activity encouraged quick thinking, teamwork, and confidence as they applied what they have learned in a fun and engaging way.

Mrs Hough's Class

In our class workshop, the children explored science through hands-on investigation and creativity. The focus was on classifying living things, specifically learning how to identify whether something is an insect or not. The children examined key features such as body parts and discussed similarities and differences, developing their scientific vocabulary and observation skills.

To deepen their learning, the children then used clay alongside natural materials collected from outside, such as leaves, sticks and other found objects, to design and create their own insects. This activity encouraged curiosity, problem-solving and imaginative thinking, while also supporting fine motor skills. As part of the session, they also discovered some fascinating and unusual facts about how different insects breathe, which sparked plenty of excitement and discussion.

It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic, curious and confident as they explored new ideas and shared their discoveries with one another.

It's all happening in the classroom...

ART

Miss Baker's Class

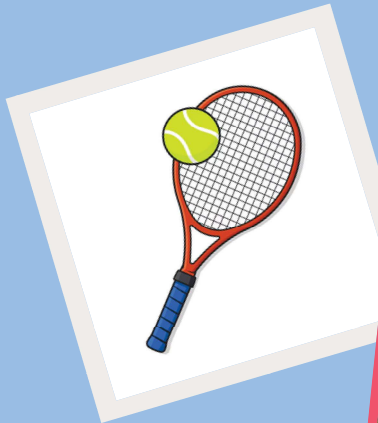
Class 5/6 explored our outdoor areas this week to support their upcoming landscape compositions in Art. Although the rainy weather meant we observed the grounds from the classroom windows, this provided a fantastic opportunity for careful looking and discussion. Pupils studied the natural environment closely, noticing how trees and plants overlap and recede into the distance. Through sketching and shared observations, they developed a deeper understanding of how artists use foreground, middle ground and background to create depth and perspective in a landscape. This thoughtful exploration will inform their own creative choices as they begin composing their artwork.

Well Done Superstars!



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

Tennis Stars



Foundation and Year 1 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their recent tennis taster sessions with Maria from Caunton Tennis Club. The children took part enthusiastically, developing their hand-eye coordination, ball control and basic racket skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. Maria was extremely impressed with their positive attitudes, listening skills and the high level of ability they showed, praising their excellent technique and enthusiasm throughout the sessions. It was a fantastic introduction to tennis and a wonderful opportunity for the children to try something new. 🎾



Our Water Safety Assemblies

The assemblies for EYFS and Key Stage 1 focused on water safety, helping children understand how to stay safe near rivers, canals, and other open water. Pupils learned about potential hazards, safe behaviour around water, and the importance of never going near water alone. The sessions also covered what to do in an emergency, including how to raise the alarm and seek help if someone falls into a river or canal, without putting themselves in danger.



Poppy Appeal



We are delighted to share that our school has raised an impressive £167.00 for the Poppy Appeal this year! Yesterday, a gentleman from the British Legion visited and personally confirmed our total.

A huge thank you to all our children and families for their generosity and support. Your contributions, whether through purchasing poppies or participating in related activities, have made a real difference in supporting the important work of the British Legion. The enthusiasm and kindness shown by our children is truly inspiring, and we are so proud of the thoughtful community spirit they continue to demonstrate. Well done everyone – your efforts have helped make this year's appeal a great success!

Vacancy



Cleaner required for 12.5 hours per week, based on 2.5 hours 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.

Come and Meet Mr Pearson

I would like to warmly invite you to a Meet and Greet session, where I can share with you all a little more about myself, my vision and values, and my aspirations for your children's learning and wellbeing. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for you to ask questions and find out a little more about what we do in school.

Date: Tuesday 27th January

Time: 3:50 - 4:30 (ish)

Location: School main hall

Building strong partnerships with parents and carers is very important to me, as together we can create the very best experiences and opportunities for our children.

If you're having trouble finding childcare, don't worry – your children are more than welcome to come along.

Tea/Coffee and Biscuits will be available...if that doesn't lure you in, then I don't know what will.



Coffe, tea?





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 be 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.




LOVE TO SING, ACT AND DANCE?

Then we have the PERFECT classes for you!!!

Our classes will help your child:

- Grow in confidence
- Express themselves in a safe environment
- Develop leadership skills
- Be as CREATIVE and IMAGINATIVE as possible
- Gain opportunities to perform on STAGE!

Make friends

FIRST CLASS FREE

Classes include

- Cheerleading
- Musical theatre
- Street Dance
- Contemporary Dance
- AND MORE!!!

FOR AGES 3 – 17

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NEW CLASSES ENROL TODAY

FIRST CLASS FREE

STREET & COMMERCIAL

Join us now

Street & Commercial Dance
Venue: Balderton Village Centre (Coronation street)
Day: Wednesdays (during term time)
Year 1 - 6 = 5:30 - 6:30pm

Contemporary & Lyrical Dance
Venue: Balderton Village Centre (Coronation street)
Day: Wednesdays (during term time)
Year 1 - 7 = 4:30 - 5:30pm

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LITTLE STARS BIG DREAMS



Musical Theatre classes for children aged 3 - 5