

MUSKHAM

Newsletter



A Busy (and wet) Week!

Dear parents and carers,

What a week it has been at Muskham Primary School! The highlight, without doubt, was our fantastic pantomime visit. The children were absolutely captivated...although I must admit, after being roped into a very energetic dance with Mr Charlesworth in front of the whole school, we are both in no doubt that the children were left slightly traumatised by witnessing the worst 'dad dancing' imaginable. It's fair to say that our "moves" may well become the stuff of legend - or nightmares!

On a slightly less magical note, it has unfortunately been a very wet week, which has meant that a number of playtimes had to be spent indoors. We do feel a little crestfallen seeing the children unable to run and play in the fresh air, but we've been amazed at how creative and cheerful they remain, making the most of indoor games and activities.

All in all, it's been a week of laughter, resilience, and (perhaps) a few lingering memories of questionable dance moves!

Mr Pearson



What's Coming Up Before Half Term...

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 - NON UNIFORM DAY



It's all happening in the classroom...

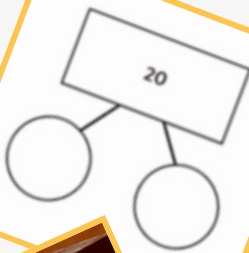
Mr Charlesworth's Class

This week in Foundation Stage we've learned to count beyond 10 using real, hands-on objects. Children carefully counted, grouped, and organised items, then explained and showed their partner how they knew their answer was correct. The purpose of this learning was to develop confidence with numbers, improve accuracy in counting, and support early mathematical communication by encouraging children to share and justify their thinking.



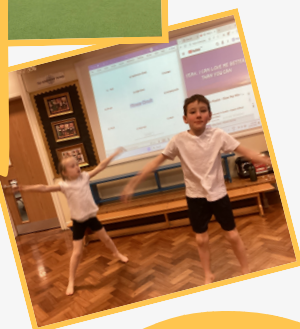
Mrs Maxey's Class

This week in Year 1 has been packed with exciting learning and brilliant effort! In maths, the children have been busy exploring number bonds to 20, using practical resources, games and lots of super thinking to find different ways numbers can be added together. In English, the children have impressed us with their independent writing, confidently using the joining words and, but, so and because to create clear and interesting sentences of their own. Our history learning took us back in time as we explored homes in the past, comparing them to our own homes today and noticing how things have changed over the years. In RE, the children enjoyed learning about special places, sharing thoughtful ideas about places that are important to them and explaining why they matter. It has been a joyful week full of curiosity, creativity and fantastic learning across the curriculum! ✨



Mrs Keane's Class

Our children have been thoroughly enjoying their fitness lessons this week. They have focused on building strength, stamina, and coordination in a fun and inclusive way, and it has been wonderful to see the children supporting and encouraging one another. Many pupils have grown in confidence, challenged themselves physically, and taken pride in their personal achievements. Most importantly, the children have been having lots of fun while learning how being active supports both their physical wellbeing and positive mindset. We are very proud of their positive attitudes and effort, and we look forward to continuing to build healthy habits that will benefit them for life.





It's all happening in the classroom...

Mrs Palmer's Class

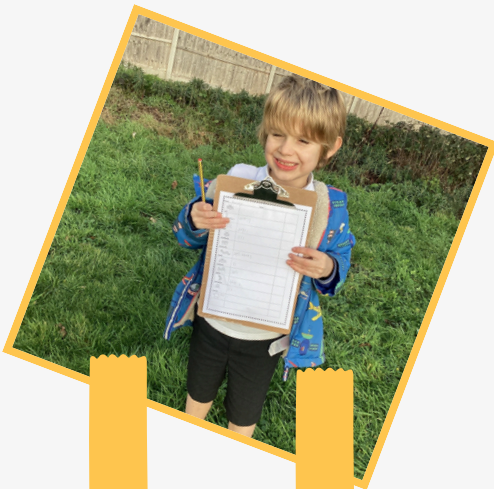
Building on our creative minds, the classroom was buzzing with excitement this week. As children enthusiastically shared ideas, experimented with sounds and confidently performed their musical compositions to their peers, showing fantastic teamwork and focus. In Science, curiosity reached new heights as pupils brought learning to life by physically modelling the moon, Earth and sun, using their bodies to demonstrate how light and shadow create the different lunar phases. Laughter, discussion and plenty of "wow" moments filled the room as children asked thoughtful questions, made predictions and impressed everyone with their scientific vocabulary. It was a joyful week of learning where creativity, collaboration and curiosity truly shone! 🌙



Mrs Hough's Class

This week, Year 2 had a wriggly time on their minibeast hunt, turning the outdoor area close to our school, into a place of discovery and excitement! Armed with magnifying glasses and sharp observing eyes, the children carefully searched under logs, among leaves and in the soil to find a variety of minibeasts such as ants, worms, spiders and woodlice.

They learned how to identify different minibeasts by their features, talked about the habitats they live in and discussed why these tiny creatures are so important to our environment. The hunt encouraged the children to ask questions, make predictions and record what they found, developing their scientific enquiry skills. Most importantly, the purpose of the activity was to spark curiosity, build respect for living things and help the children understand that even the smallest creatures play a big role in our world - all while having lots of fun exploring and learning together! 🌿



It's all happening in the classroom...

Miss Baker's Class

Our Year 5/6 pupils have been absolutely shining in Dance this term as they choreograph their own routines to feature in our whole-class performance of Fleur East's Sax.

The class has already impressed us with their brilliant sense of rhythm, strong unison and infectious enthusiasm.

Their creativity is really coming through as they experiment with formations, style and movement ideas to develop a routine that is uniquely theirs. We can't wait to see their finished performance!

Our artists have been busy experimenting with acrylic paints as they prepare to begin their landscape masterpieces next week. The children explored how warm and cool tones can change the mood of a painting and practised mixing a wide range of shades to achieve subtle transitions in colour. They also thought carefully about how these tones might be placed on their canvas to create depth and atmosphere.

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

Year 2 & 3



We were delighted to welcome Maria from Caunton Tennis Club back into school for a second week of tennis taster sessions with our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils. The children approached the sessions with great enthusiasm and energy, thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to develop new skills and build their confidence. Maria's engaging approach helped pupils to learn the basics of tennis in a fun and supportive environment, and many children demonstrated impressive coordination, control and technique. It was wonderful to see such excitement and talent on display, and the sessions proved to be an inspiring introduction to the sport for everyone involved.

Children's Mental Health Week – Non-Uniform Day

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.

All money raised will be donated to Place2Be, a leading children's mental health charity that provides vital support to young people and families.

We hope this will be a fun way for everyone to get involved while helping to support an important cause.

Thank you, as always, for your support



Improving
children's
mental health

Wellbeing Project Appeal

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 12.5 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.



Staff Update - Mrs Maxey.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Maxey has made the difficult decision to resign from her role as Deputy Headteacher and Year 1 Teacher at Muskham Primary School.

This has not been an easy decision, but Mrs Maxey has chosen to move on to new ventures and opportunities. She leaves with very best wishes for the continued success of the school and has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks to her colleagues, parents and carers (and most importantly) the children, who have made her time at Muskham Primary School such a positive and rewarding experience.

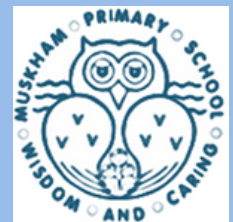
Although I have only had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside Mrs Maxey for a short time, it has been clear to me how dedicated she is to the children, staff and wider school community. I would like to personally thank her for her commitment and the contribution she has made during her time here, and I know you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness in the future.

We appreciate that staffing changes can raise questions, and I would like to reassure parents and carers that any updates regarding staffing arrangements will be shared with you in due course.

As always, the education, wellbeing and continuity of care for our children remain our highest priority.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Pearson





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.



FEBRUARY TENNIS CAMP

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

📅 February 19th

🕒 Full day 9am-4pm

📍 Full day Tennis Camps @ Caunton Tennis Club

👶 Ages 5-15 years.

📍 Caunton Tennis Club, NG23 6AS



All Camps run by LTA Qualified, Licensed coaches with DBS checks.

£40 per day. Discounts for club members

TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE or SCAN THE QR CODE www.tennis4all.org.uk/holiday-camps



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NEW CLASSES ENROL TODAY

STREET & COMMERCIAL



CONTEMPORARY & LYRICAL DANCE

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