

## Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic few weeks in school since coming back after half term! World Book Day was a huge success, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting us by providing us costumes and coming along to our Bedtime Stories event!

### Phonics Screening Check Workshop – Year 1

We would love to see all Year 1 parents at our Phonics Screening Check Workshop on Tuesday, 9th April at 9:00 AM in the hall. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the national phonics test that your child will be sitting in June. We'll explain what the check involves and share practical tips on how you can support your child at home to help them achieve the best possible outcome. We hope to see as many of you there as possible - your support makes a huge difference!



### Rotary Art Competition

This year the Rotary Art Competition was open to children in Key Stage 2 and we were thrilled to find out that we had two winners! Last Friday, the winners were invited to an event at Conkers with Miss Moore and had the opportunity to talk about their artwork. What a wonderful opportunity for our young artists to showcase their skills.



### Ordering school dinners

Where possible, can you please purchase your child's school dinner through the Relish website. [Login to the Relish Parents Section](#). You will be able to see your child's menu in advance and any special menu's that the Relish team will be providing.

As a reminder all school dinners are to be paid upfront and not after your child has received their meal. Payments should be made through the meals section of Arbor and must sit as a positive balance in the meals section.

### New Clubs

Information regarding our new After School Clubs run by SH Active will be sent out in the next few weeks. We have Nerf Wars for Year 1&2, Trampolining for Year 3&4 and Fencing for Year 5&6. If your child would like to take part in these clubs, there is a small fee of £3.50 per week and payments need be received before your child takes part in the club.

## ELSA Sessions

Emotional literacy is important for all round healthy mental health. Talking about how you are feeling can be hard for many children. In school, Miss Plant works to support children with any emotional and social difficulties. This can be anxiety, anger management, self-esteem, coping strategies to regulate emotions, friendships, relationships with others, loss, or bereavement. She offers weekly 1-1 or group sessions depending on the needs. If you feel your child needs support, there is more information on the school website, pop into to school for a referral form or to arrange to see Miss Plant.

## Family Support

We can offer a referral for support out of school services. This can be for domestic abuse and or if your child has witnessed this, mental health and wellbeing services for parents, positive parenting programme for behaviour and SEND stepping stones. Pop into school to see Miss Plant.

## Measham Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafe

This drop in cafe is run by Age UK and is at Age concern building on the high street, just opposite the end of Bosworth Road. This is a great free support for any adult who needs a safe space, a drink and a chat. Please find information about this at the end of the newsletter.

## Welcome Mrs Wedge!

We are pleased to say that Mrs Wedge has started to work with Mrs Carpenter and Year 6. Welcome to the Measham family, Mrs Wedge!

## Easter Egg Competition

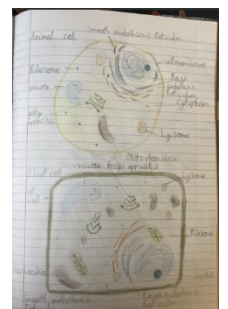
The Easter egg competition is back! Children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to decorate an egg and bring it in for a chocolatey prize! Children in EYFS and Pre-School are invited to make and bring in an Easter Bonnet, Miss Moore has sent out information to all EYFS and Pre-School parents.



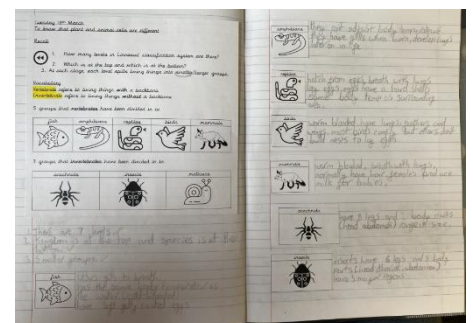
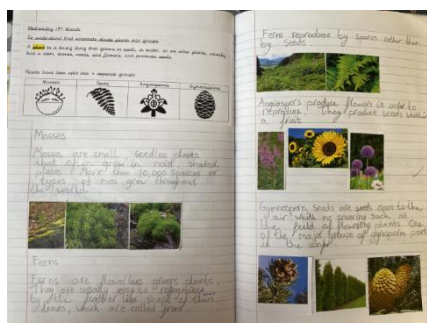
## Updates from the classes

### Foxes

Foxes have been non-stop these past few weeks; writing a descriptive paragraph on a futuristic city, including zoom-out sentences, non-finite clauses and fronted adverbials. This was based upon our geography topic of Berlin vs London, comparing the two cities landmarks, history after the war and the changes of the country and cities over time. In science, Year 6 have learnt about classification, ask them about the mnemonic - Keep ponds clean or frogs get sick - and the difference between plant and animal cells.

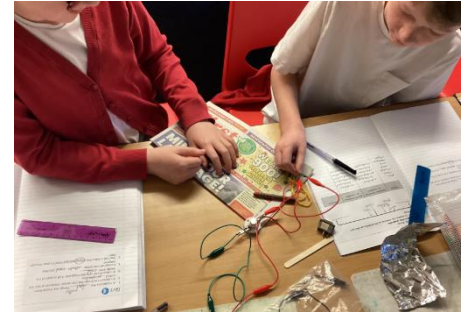


We have delved into the conversions of Fractions, decimals and percentages in mathematics and ordering them either ascending or descending. We have began our DT topic, making toys with cams and rods, so look out for these in the future.



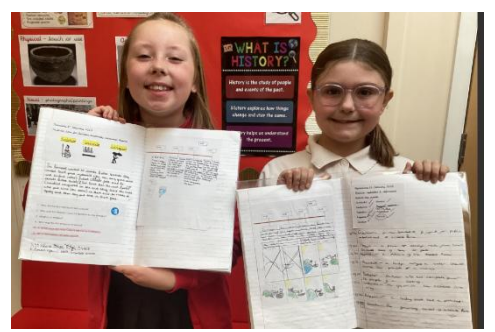
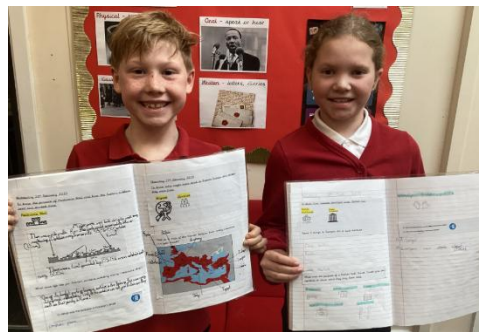
## Owls

Year 5 have had an exciting and productive few weeks! We've been busy testing and experimenting with different materials to understand their properties in science. World Book Day was a huge success, sparking creativity and a love for reading. Our description writing has been truly impressive, showcasing amazing vocabulary and imagination. In maths, we've tackled fractions, multiplication, and division with great determination. Beyond the classroom, we're growing into responsible members of the school community. Well done, Year 5 – keep up the great work!



## Squirrels

Squirrels have had another busy few weeks. We are in full swing of our rehearsals for our Production Splash! learning our lines and singing our songs, we can't wait to share this with you. In our D&T sessions we have started investigating different musical instruments and started to plan how we can make our own instruments from recycled materials. We have sadly come to the end of our History topic all about The Romans and their invasion of Britain. We have all been so enthusiastic about this topic and have gained some excellent knowledge, we're looking forward to our next curriculum sessions!



## Moles

It has been an awesome few weeks in class, filled with exciting learning experiences! In science, we have been exploring the fascinating world of magnets, and it has been truly mind-opening to discover how they work. World Book Day was a fantastic celebration! We explored a variety of dinosaur-themed books, and it was wonderful to see all the children dressed up in their amazing costumes. This week, we also had a fantastic visit to Measham Library, where we had the most amazing time exploring books, learning how to find them, and enjoying a great story. We can't wait for more learning adventures ahead!



## Badgers

Year 2 have had an exciting few weeks becoming real scientists! We've been learning all about materials and carrying out some fantastic investigations in the sunshine. We tested different materials for absorbency, explored whether substances dissolve using words like soluble and insoluble, and even investigated how stretchy materials can be. Hands-on science has made our learning truly come to life! Alongside this, we've been enjoying *The Day the Crayons Quit* and have started writing our own creative letters. The children have loved imagining what their crayons might say! It's been a brilliant time of learning and discovery.



## Rabbits

Rabbits have continued with their pace and enthusiasm for new learning this half term. In Maths we have been adding to our existing knowledge as we learn all about place value within 50, exploring sentence structure and how to entertain the reader in English, understanding how life has changed for us within the last 70 years in History and continued to use line within Art to create our own interpretations of the work of Artists such as Kandinsky and Mondrian. We have also started tennis coaching sessions within PE and are focusing on understanding and managing our emotions in PSHE. Keep up the great work, well done Rabbits!



## Butterflies

Our EYFS children have been working hard learning all about 'Kings and Queens'! The children have been finding out about The Royal Family, have been learning about the line of succession and also looking at famous London landmarks! We have had such fun reading some popular stories too such as 'Zog', 'The Queen's Hat' and 'If I Were King'! We had some great ideas!



## Caterpillars

Pre-school are reading 'The Gingerbread Man', as part of their topic, 'Once Upon a Time'. We have followed a recipe to make gingerbread playdough! Together, we measured, mixed and baked to create perfect gingerbread people of our own. The children have been discussing different parts of the story together and deciding whether it has a happy ending. We have enjoyed acting out our favourite parts by using puppets, small world characters and through role play.



## Attendance

All parents should have now received an email regarding a new law regarding Penalty Notices which are now in force across the country. The Government have introduced a new national framework for schools and Local Authorities. All schools are now required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 school days) or more for unauthorised reasons. Fines are issued by the Local Authority and with effect from August 2024, the fine for school absences for each parent will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

Children should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time. A family holiday is not an acceptable reason for a child to miss school. If a child is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the matter for the consideration of a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

## PE

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. Trainers can be worn.

**Foxes** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Owls** will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

**Squirrels** will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Moles** will do PE on **Tuesday and Thursday**

**Badgers** will do PE on **Wednesday and Thursday**

**Rabbits** will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

**EYFS** will do PE on **Tuesday and Friday**

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Hannah Carter  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

HALF TERM	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y2 Art exhibition 3.15pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PFA Uniform sale after school on the playground
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS library visit
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and 2 Tennis
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 library visit
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Open the Book in for assembly
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	EYFS library visit
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y3 Forest School morning
	Year 1 and 2 Tennis
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	After school clubs finish
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	PFA Easter Disco
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Phonics Screening Check meeting 9am
	Y6 orienteering @ Donisthorpe Woodlands 9.45am-2.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter church service 10am – all welcome!
	Year 1 and 2 Tennis
	Y3/4 production for Y3 parents 6pm start
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 production for Y4 parents 6pm start
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school 8.40am

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and Rutland

## Measham Neighbourhood Mental Health Café

Drop in support for when you're  
struggling to cope

Provided by Leicestershire & Rutland Age UK  
Tuesdays 4pm - 7pm and Fridays 1pm - 4pm

Age UK Measham, 40 High Street,  
Measham, Swadlincote, DE12 7HZ

Email: [nmhcafe@ageukleics.org.uk](mailto:nmhcafe@ageukleics.org.uk)  
Phone: 07731 019 489

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### What is a Neighbourhood Mental Health Café?

Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés offer local support for people who need immediate help with their mental health.

The cafés are drop-in centres for anyone to come and talk to us about their mental health in confidence - no appointment needed. They are run by partners on behalf of the NHS.

We have supportive, trained staff who can listen and provide the practical support you need.

If you need urgent mental health support, call our free 24/7 Mental Health Central Access Point on 0808 800 3302. Always call 999 if there is a physical threat to life.

[www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health)

Information may be subject to change, for up to date information on launches, days, times and locations scan the QR code or visit:

[www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/neighbourhood-mh-cafes](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/neighbourhood-mh-cafes)

