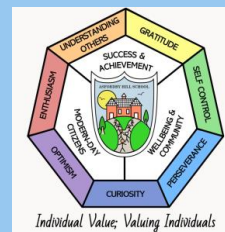


Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

MARCH 2024: ISSUE 7



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a month March has been! Yet again, the children have amazed us all with their rainbow skills that they are embedding across the curriculum and beyond.

When walking around the school, there is a great sense of inquisitiveness, thirst for knowledge and fun from all classes.

We are sure that those of you who attended Rowan and Beech class assemblies will agree with me when I say how immensely proud that we all are of their presentation skills (oracy) and knowledge. Amazing work by both classes.

In other news, we are delighted that Chestnut's Garden is now finished and will be in full use very soon. The children have watched in anticipation as the diggers worked outside their windows. However, as you'll be able to see in the 'Our achievements section' the wait was worthwhile!

Another huge achievement this month has been the Sky Theatre Dance Challenge. Our dance troupe progressed to the finale! And won! We are all SO proud of them and Miss Lovegrove for all of their hard work and dedication.



We are also pleased to announce that we have appointed two new members of staff- Mrs Cresswell and Mr Darley. Please give them both a warm AHS welcome (although some of you are already familiar with the latter!) if you see them on the playground after Easter.

Finally, the calendar for summer term looks very busy! Therefore, have a fun and restful Easter break, ready for the final term of this academic year!

Mrs Millward

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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Key dates for your diary

Monday 8th April: School open

Monday 8th April: Creative Learning Services in school for Chestnuts Class - 'Travelling Toy Box' workshop.

Tuesday 9th April: **Class photos Children to come into school in school uniform. (Year 1 and 4 bring in PE kit to change in to after photos. Year 3 will be doing PE on a different day.)**

Thursday 11th April: Willow Class assembly 2:30pm. Willow parents are warmly invited to attend.

Saturday 13th April: Quiz Night at the Stute

Tuesday 16th April: Train track safety presentation

Thursday 18th April: FOAH 'Bag to School' collection

Monday 22nd April: Earth Day and Year 3+4 boys football tournament

Wednesday 24th April: Creative Learning Services in school for Rowan Class- 'Unearthing the Past' workshop

Thursday 25th April: Science Fair open afternoon. Please come and visit classrooms to see science in action!

Tuesday 30th April – Year 6 hockey tournament (6 players)

Other Dates:

- W/B Monday 13th May 2024: Year 6 SATS week
- **Friday 24th May: SCHOOL SHUT TO CHILDREN- INSET DAY**
- W/B 3rd and 10th June 2024: Swimming Pool on site
- 26th -28th June 2024: Year 6 residential trip
- W/B 17th June 2024: Sports Week
- Wednesday 10th July: Last day of term

PE Timetable (after Easter)

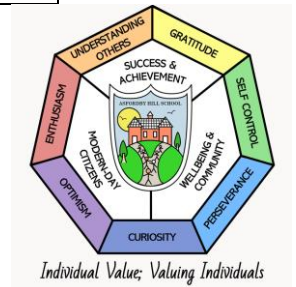
Please remember to wear PE kit on your PE days. PE days for each class are below

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 3- Witches and Wizards		Year 2- Jumping 1	EYFS- Nursery Rhymes/ Games
Year 3- Communication and tactics	Year 4- Tennis	Year 2- Rackets, bats and balls	Year 4- Orienteering	Year 5- Rounders
Year 5- Athletics	Year 1- Jumping	Year 6- Cricket	Year 6- Health related exercise	Year 1- Heroes



School Clubs Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Futsal Club	KS1 Athletics	KS2 Athletics	Lego Club	



Our Achievements- March



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

We had great 'FUN' on this year's World Book Day. The creative costumes certainly made us all smile.



Our wonderful World Book Day costume winners! Each winner received a voucher to spend at our book fair.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Rowan Class took their audience back over 2000 years to when the Romans finally conquered Britannia. Their historical knowledge was dramatically presented through acting, dancing and singing. It was an amazing assembly-well done all.

Beech Class Assembly was informative, superb and amazing. There were many facts about King Richard III retold through drama and dance. However, how much was true and how much did Shakespeare exaggerate or alter for his dramatical needs? To find out what really did happen visit the Richard III Museum explore historians and scientists' theories.

Garden Club

Our garden club are on a mission to source as many clean and unlabelled plastic pop bottles as possible in order to make an eco-house as part of this year's School's Melton in Bloom entry. We want to thank Mr Mould for building the frame ready for the build! Please bring bottles to Mrs Bailey to store for the epic creation!! Reuse and repurpose!



Chestnut's Garden



If you haven't heard, the Chestnut children have a fantastic new outdoor garden to explore! Thank you for all those in the local community who have donated equipment for this exciting resource. As you can see the children have enjoyed exploring their new space.



Dance Challenge 2024

On Thursday 14th March, our AMAZING dance troupe performed in the finale of the competition at Melton theatre...and ...WON!

Every single child was OUTSTANDING and judge's final comments were well deserved. The whole team was INCREDIBLE. A huge thank you goes out to Miss Lovegrove, the staff, parents and children for your continued support and determination. We hope you've managed to remove most of the glitter by now.



Red Nose Day 2024/Non-uniform

WOW! WOW! WOW! Yet again your kind generosity has astounded us all with the amount of donations we received for our non-uniform day. Storehouse also to say a HUGE thank you for your kindness.



Leicestershire Fire Service Workshops

Year 1 and year 5 had talks by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service about keeping safe and what to do if there was a fire at home. This link has videos and a booklet that supports the talk [Schools Education Programme \(leics-fire.gov.uk\)](https://www.leics-fire.gov.uk/schools-education-programme)



PIC•COLLAGE



Recently, Beech Class visited The King Richard III Museum to enhance their historical learning that they have undertaken this term. The interactive displays, the final resting place to this interesting King and the myths around his life were certainly questioned and explored by all of the children.



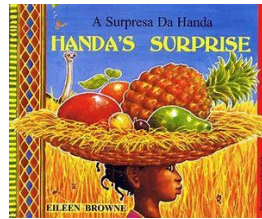
Curriculum In Action: March



Chestnuts have been **exploring our world** through our theme 'Ticket to ride'. We have enjoyed finding out about planet Earth, talking about the land and sea. We have recognised that people and animals live in different countries-both hot and cold- and linked this with our knowledge of our seasons. We have created our own magic carpets to take us to different places in the world and have even begun to look at our world from space.



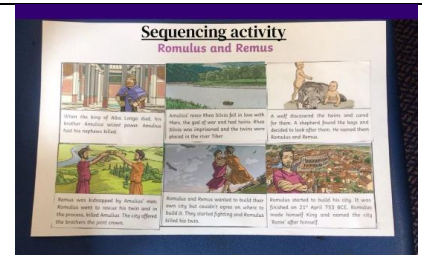
Willow class have been using their drama skills in **English** to act out some of the parts of the story, 'Handa's Surprise'. They added some adverbs and verbs to show how they moved, which they then used in their own writing.



Holly class have been exploring **3D art** and looking at how we can fold, roll and shape paper to reimagine famous artworks as sculptures. Here we were looking at 'White Vase with Flowers' by Odilon Redon.



Rowan class used their **listening** ladder skills to recall the sequence of the story of Romulus and Remus in **English**. Ask us about the story and see if we can remember it in the correct order!



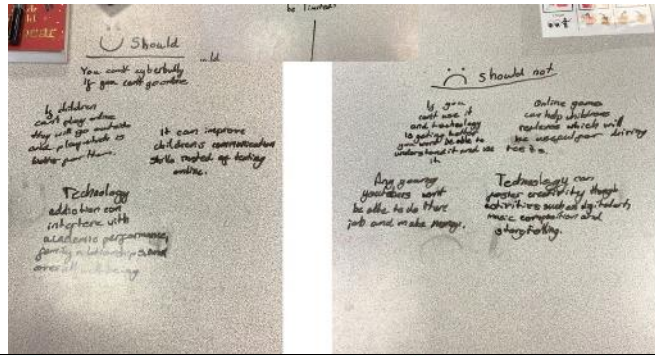
In response to: Science - What is pitch?



The children in **Beech** class have been using their enquiry skills in **science** to investigate how sounds move. They made panpipes and string telephones to understand how sound waves and pitches.



During **English**, the children of **Sycamore** were debating the question: Should children's usage of technology be limited? They used their **computing** knowledge to support or disagree with the question. Ask them what their thoughts were for both sides of the argument.



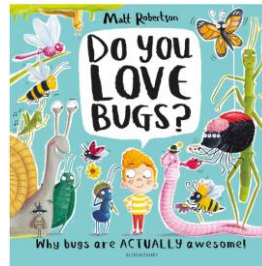
Oak class evaluated, designed and constructed a moving vehicle using their tools skills from their **design technology** learning and their **scientific** knowledge on circuits.



Recommended High Quality Books

During the year, the teachers get asked a lot of questions about what books they would recommend for children in their classes. Each class teacher has suggested a high-quality book that they would recommend for each year group to support reading for pleasure. Each month, we will add to this list as a helpful guide to support the love of reading at home. Remember these books are also available to borrow from Melton Library. This month we have focused on **NON_FICTION** books.

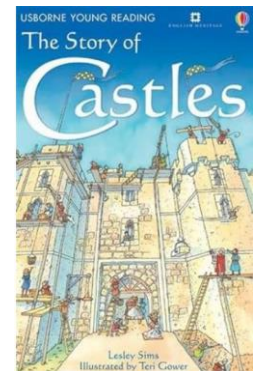
Miss Harby has recommended for **Chestnuts**:



Mrs Blunt has recommended for **Willow**:



Mr Amps has recommended for **Holly**:



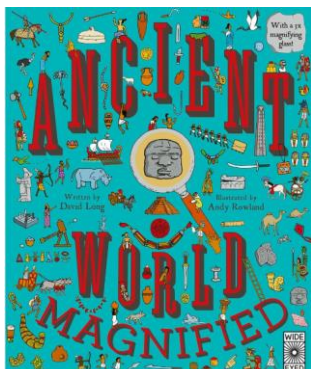
Miss Lovegrove has recommended for Rowan:



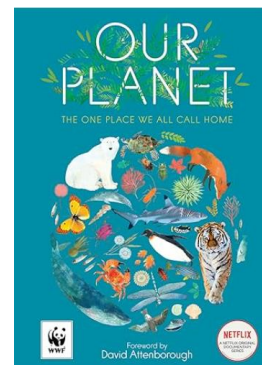
Mrs Smalley has recommended for Beech:



Mr Forde has recommended for Sycamore:



Miss Parrott and Mrs Bailey have recommended for Oak:



Team Points



AIR



EARTH



FIRE



WATER

This month's team points results:

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
Friday 8 th March	188	191	196	169
Friday 15 th March	212	175	140	197
Friday 22 nd March	139	149	177	203

Congratulations to our weekly winning teams. Each week's team winners have had an extra 10 minutes of playtime on a Wednesday- enjoy!

Wow Awards

The children have worked exceptionally hard on using their rainbow skills. It has been a delight to see how many children are using these skills throughout the curriculum but also around school. On Fridays, two children from each class are rewarded in our Celebration Assembly with a WOW certificate and a gold star badge to wear in class the following week.

Congratulations to you all- you deserve a WOW!

8th March 2024



15th March 2024



22nd March 2024



School Council News

The School Council have been researching new play equipment to replace the old trim trail. They have asked their classes to say what they would like. They had to think about the safety of all children and the variety of equipment so that all children can access it. The school councillors can't wait to report back what their classes have suggested.

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Thank you to all that supported The Non-Uniform Day and The Easter Raffle. An incredible amount of donations were received and sent to Storehouse in Melton Mowbray to support our local community and we are awaiting the results of the Easter raffle.

Beech class enjoyed their visit to King Richard III Museum in Leicester, which will be subsidised by FOAH.



Thank you everyone for your continuing support.

Please see below for dates of coming events (more information to follow):

- Saturday 13th April: Quiz and Chip night
- Thursday 18th April: Bags2school
- Tuesday 4th June: School Disco
- Saturday 22nd June: Summer Fair

If you would like to help or support in any way: spare some time with a planned activity; sell raffle tickets or bring ideas to meetings, please look out for any of the FOAH to have a chat.

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)



Here at Asfordby Hill we champion the belief that to thrive, emotional well-being is just as important as physical health. We advocate that helping children to manage their emotions is as important as teaching them to read and write. We work with children, their families and other outside agencies by helping to support emotional wellbeing issues, so that they're able to fully engage with all aspects of their life. If you require further support with regards anxiety, sleep, managing emotions, toileting, emotional based school avoidance or grief, please see our excellent pamphlets from Dragonfly Impact Education in the school's foyer. In the newsletter each month, we will focus on a theme with additional signposting. This month is looking after your **STRESS AWARENESS**.

Healthy Together WWW.HEALTHFORKIDS.CO.UK Leicestershire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

STRESS AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2024

April marks the start of Stress Awareness Month 2024, and at Healthy Together we wanted to share with you some resources that can support children who may be experiencing stress and worry.

SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

One of the most common concerns for children in primary school as we approach the end of the academic year is the transition to secondary school for those in Year 6. To support children, teachers and parents/carers during this time, we have a number of resources that provide support, advice and information.

Click on the images to take a closer look.

Let's more advice on feelings, stress and worries can be found on [Healthforkids.co.uk](#)

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL
Our animation discussed anxieties for children who are starting secondary school at the new academic year.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL
We're SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD.
Our animation for parents/carers of children who are starting secondary school is the new [animation](#).

HELP YOUR CHILD LET THEIR FEELINGS, WORRIES AND STRESS FLOAT AWAY
It can be hard for children to open up about any stress they are feeling or worries they might have. Our lanterns game is designed to help with this as it encourages children to write down how they are feeling and then watch them float away into the distance on one of our lanterns. This can show them the benefit of opening up and expressing how they are feeling, and the weight that can be lifted from doing so.

LANTERNS

WRITE TEN ON THE WIND

Write About Your Feelings

CLICK HERE TO PLAY OUR LANTERNS GAME

CONTACTING THE HEALTHY TOGETHER TEAM FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you would like to speak to a health professional about any concerns you have about your child, including problems they might be experiencing with stress or worry, you can get in touch via the following methods:

CONTACT A SCHOOL NURSE BY TEXT MESSAGE

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust has a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

07520 615 382

ChatHealth

CALL THE HEALTHY TOGETHER HELPLINE

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.

CALL 0300 300 3001

Calls are answered from 9am - 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

[A fun way to learn about health \(healthforkids.co.uk\)](http://healthforkids.co.uk)

[Stress Awareness Month 2024 - The Stress Management Society](http://www.stressmanagement.org.uk)

[Primary Toolkit Template \(mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk\)](http://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk)



**CAN YOU HELP?
ECO GARDEN AND
PLAYGROUND EXTENSION
VOLUNTEERING DAY**

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO
MOVE TOP SOIL, MOVE BARK & PLANT
SCRUBS?

NO EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BUT IF YOU HAVE
A SHOVEL OR WHEELBARROW THAT WOULD
BE GREAT!

**SATURDAY 6TH APRIL AT 9:30AM
ONWARDS**

**FAMILIES WELCOME
JUST LET MRS BAILEY KNOW FOR NUMBERS
VIA THE SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE**

**BACON BAPS, TEA AND COFFEE FOR THOSE
WHO VOLUNTEER**