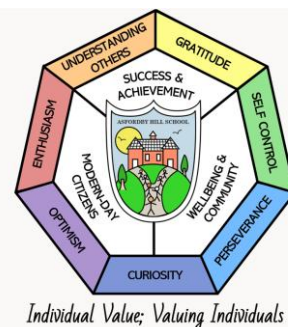




Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

MARCH 2025: ISSUE 18



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we reflect on the past month at AHPS, we are filled with gratitude and pride for our incredible community. Your generous support for various initiatives, such as Rainbow Africa, Red Nose Day, and our Reading Together Session, has truly showcased the spirit of togetherness that defines our school. It amazes us how united we are in our efforts to enrich the lives of our children and others.

This month has been nothing short of extraordinary, with the children continuously impressing us with their enthusiasm, perseverance and achievements. Highlights include the parallel sports hall events, and the Sky Dance competition, both of which allowed our pupils to shine and showcase their talents. We are extremely thankful to the organisers, both within and out of school, who dedicated their time and efforts, to provide these fantastic opportunities for our children to engage in.

Looking ahead, we encourage you to keep reading with your children at home, as it not only promotes literacy skills but also strengthens those precious bonding moments between parent and child. All the children have now bought home a 'reading for pleasure book'. Together, we can nurture a love for reading that lasts a lifetime. Congratulations to those children who have reached their bronze and silver rainbow reading certifications- it's a highlight of our week handing these out in assemblies.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication to our school community. We look forward to another month filled with joy, learning, and shared success!

Mrs Millward and Mrs Bailey



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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Key dates for your diary

Tuesday 8th April: Photographer in school for class photos

Wednesday 9th April: FOAH Easter Raffle Draw

Friday 11th April: last day at school

Monday 14th April- Friday 25th April: Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April: School open for children

Monday 28th April: Travelling Toybox workshop visiting school for Chestnut Class

Thursday 1st May: Bags4school collection (FOAH) and Year 6 Beaumanor Hall residential meeting (3:15pm)

Other Dates:

Week beginning Monday 12th May 2025: Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 11th June – Friday 13th June 2025: Year 6 residential to Beaumanor Hall

Monday 16th June- Friday 20th June: Sport's Week (Parents are invited to our sports morning on **Tuesday 17th June**)

Saturday 28th June: Summer Fair

PE Timetable

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5		Year 2		EYFS
		Year 4		
Year 3		Year 3	Year 1	Year 5
Year 4	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Year 6

School Clubs Timetable

Before the Easter Break

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Football Language/BSL club	Ball Games (all year groups)	Athletics	Minecraft	

What have we been up to?

March has been a very busy month in school. Look and see what we have been up to...

Our Aspirations Week was a wonderful opportunity for our children to be inspired and help them dream big! We had many visitors from our local community who shared their career journeys. It was fascinating to hear how different aspirations can lead to some incredible jobs. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and visited us over the week:

- Jashan, a leader from the Covenant Life Church
- Dr Amy, who is a lecturer, researcher, author and podcaster on the history of South American civilisations linked to Nottingham Trent University
- Kat, an artist, talked about her self-taught career journey within the art world and how children have inspired her to work with 'Kick up the arts' in Melton.
- Tim Webster, Mayor of Melton
- Vic, a scientist, who specialises in flavours in medicines
- The Matt Hampson Foundation spoke about their jobs and aspirations to some of our children. The children took part in an active session involving wheelchairs and some listened to Matt's story through the book - Brave Huxley.
- Melton Vale teachers and students planned activities to inspire our children about different subjects not taught at primary school: media studies, psychology and criminology.
- Katie from Leicestershire Fire Service who came in and talked about her role and answered our questions about the fire service.
- Samosa Wallah shared his career journey and brought some samples for the children.
- Two police officers from our local community who discussed their jobs and showed some of the children the equipment they need to help them keep everyone safe



Beech Class showed off their times tables skills during their Year 4 Open Morning at the beginning of March. The children had the opportunity to show their parents many strategies and activities that can be used to develop fluency in times tables facts. Thank you to everyone that came and took part!



We had two incredible evenings with our children at the Sky Dance Challenge! 🌟 There's nothing like teamwork to bring everyone together; watching them dance, laugh, and support one another was truly heartwarming. The children showed brilliant sportsmanship, cheering each other on and celebrating their unique moves. It was a joyful spectacle filled with creativity and collaboration. A massive thank you to all the young dancers for their energy and enthusiasm—making every moment memorable! Remember, it's not just about the competition, it's about the friendships and memories we forge along the way. 🎉



We were lucky enough to receive a visit from The Dogs Trust to speak to us about our canine companions.

We explored the ABC of caring for our canine friends. We learnt that dogs' senses of smell and hearing are much better than humans' but their eyesight is much worse and they can only see a few colours like blue and yellow.

A – affection – we talked about giving treats, playing, giving space to dogs and very importantly 'snuggles' not cuddles, letting dogs choose to come to us

B – busy – if a dog is busy, humans STOP! We need to let dogs get on with what they need to do, be it eating, sleeping, playing or going to the toilet.

C – choice – we need to give dogs the choice of whether they want attention or not. We should say hello and goodbye to dogs but if they move away, we mustn't follow them.



Wow- we had an incredible day designing schools of the future in the Lego challenge as well as wearing red.

Asfordby Hill raised a whopping £187.50 for Comic Relief. Thank you everyone for all your kind donations. 🍌



Well done to the team, who represented Asfordby Hill, at the Leicestershire and Rutland Parallel Sports Hall Event. They will be going through to the finals next month! Congratulations!



Our Year 5 and 6 swimming team did SWIMMINGLY well at the recent gala. You made us all very proud- well done to you all.



Reading For Pleasure

World Book Day! 📖

Thanks to all our amazing children (and parents) for wearing all things ALICE, bright colours and joining in with our drama workshops throughout the day as well as listening to Mrs Bailey reading a book for pleasure.

We all had the best time reading our books and performing for world book day! 🇬🇧❤️



Reading Together Session

We had wonderful turn out for our Reading Together Session- thank you everyone.

The atmosphere across school was amazing. It was brilliant to see everyone enthused and encouraged about the 'reading for pleasure books'.

The joys and benefits of reading are enormous 📖



Team Points



AIR



EARTH



FIRE



WATER

This month's team points results:

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
7/3/25	106	110	102	105
14/3/25	161	130	126	175
21/3/25	193	165	195	158
28/3/25	199	172	196	179

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!



School Council News

A huge thank you to Dennis and Lesley from Rainbow Africa, who were invited into school by our school council. They gave us an insightful presentation about their charity work and how they support schools across Zambia and have invited some classes to write letters to the children over there.



What an amazing amount of coppers we have collected for Rainbow Africa!

Each class arranged their coins on the outline of Zambia. The school council are pleased to announce that we raised £115.00-thank you to them for organising the event. Sycamore class collected the most coins by weight. Well done to everyone and thank you for all those who donated. 🌈



Updates:

Class photos Tuesday 8th April

Please can your child wear their school uniform and if they have PE on that day please bring their PE Kit in a bag for them to change into.





WE HAVE REGULAR PLACES
AVAILABLE ON THURSDAYS AND
FRIDAYS FOR

**BREAKFAST
CLUB & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE CLUB**

CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE
DETAILS OR TO SECURE YOUR
PLACE.

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Easter Excitement is in the Air!

As Easter approaches, we're thrilled to announce our Easter Raffle! Get ready for a chance to win one of two fabulous prizes:

- A Scrumptious Easter Cake
- An Easter Craft and Chocolate Hamper

Ticket Sales **start on Monday, 31st March**. Look out for us on **the playground before and after school** to grab your tickets! The draw will be held on Wednesday, 9th April. Don't miss out!

Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday, 1st May – Bags to School
- Wednesday, 4th June – Disco
- Saturday, 28th June – Summer Fair

Keep an eye on the board outside of school and our Facebook page for more details on these exciting events.

Want to Get Involved?

If you're interested in helping out at the disco or summer fair, we'd love to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to get in touch. Your support makes all the difference!

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Asfordby Hill Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 1st May 2025 by 9am



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

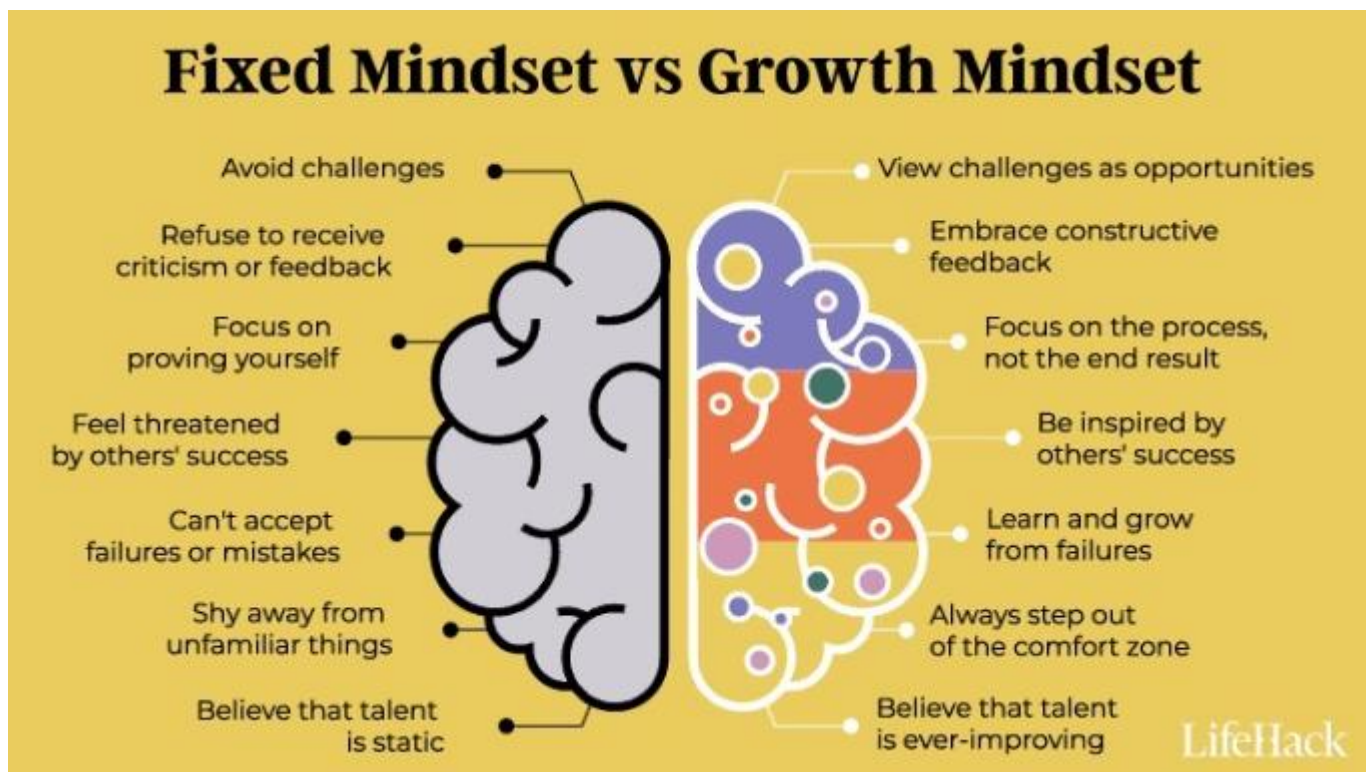
Mental Health Information

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 **FIXED AND GROWTH MINDSET**

Encouraging a growth mindset in your child can set them up for success in school and beyond. Children with a growth mindset believe that with hard work and the right strategies, they can improve their skills. This makes them more resilient and motivated to tackle challenges head-on.

Dr. Carol Dweck, a well-known psychologist, has done extensive research on growth mindset. She found that children with a growth mindset tend to enjoy learning more and are better able to bounce back from setbacks. They understand that their abilities aren't fixed and that, with effort, they can improve.

For parents, understanding and fostering a growth mindset in their children is essential. When children see that their abilities can grow with effort, they're more likely to take on challenges, persevere through difficulties, and ultimately achieve greater success. A growth mindset for parents means recognising the value of effort and resilience and teaching your children these critical life skills.



[KS2 PSHE: Growth mindset - BBC Teach](#)

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Melton Neighbourhood Mental Health Café

Drop in support for when you're struggling to cope

Mondays, 10am - 1pm
Thursdays, 5pm - 8pm

Age UK Leicester Shire & Rutland,
Gloucester House, 3 Norman Way, Melton
Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1JE

Phone: 0116 223 7362 Email: nmhcafe@ageukleics.org.uk
For up to date times/dates, scan the QR Code

Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés
A support network for when you're struggling to cope

V1 FEB 2025

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, 24/7 support is available over the phone, call NHS 111, selecting option 2 for mental health. This number is open 24 hours a day and is totally free and confidential. 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 code or visit:
www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/neighbourhood-mh-cafes



Leicestershire County Council
GoLearn!
Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

Family Learning **FREE COURSE**

Spring Bunnies & Chicks

This free craft session is for parents/grandparents/ carers and children aged about 4-11 years to enjoy together. (Older and younger brothers and sisters welcome.)

Melton Library, (Adult Learning Rooms)
Wilton Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0UJ
Monday 14th April
2.30 to 4pm

To enrol on this session, please use the website below or call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 and give the course code **FAMILY LEARNING WORKSHOP 24M1177**

Please give the details of the adult who will attend.
If you have any problems enrolling, please text us on 07535 49027.
Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

Call FREEphone 0800 988 0308
www.GoLearnLeicestershire.ac.uk / LeicsGoLearn

2025 Easter Holiday Sports Camp
At Belvoir Cricket Club, Knipton, NG32 1RE

Costs
£30 per day
£100 for 4 days

Children aged 6-12

Activities include:
Archery
Cricket skills
Orienteering
Tri Golf
Basketball
Short Tennis
Hockey
Dodgeball
Rounders
Base hide & seek

Dates
Mon 14th April
Tue 15th April
Wed 16th April
Thurs 17th April
Tue 22nd April
Wed 23rd April
Drop off from 8:45
Pick up at 3

Interested?
Contact Neil for a booking form or further information
neil@bcctrust.org.uk
07436 263837

Don't forget to bring: a packed lunch, water bottle, wet weather gear/spare clothes in case of wet weather!

Places are strictly limited book now to avoid missing out!

WWW.DRAMAKIDS.CO.UK

'OLIVER TWISTED!'

DRAMA * KIDS *

A dramatic re-take on the classic story!

This Easter, join Drama Kids on a theatrical adventure to devise, re-write and act in a tale of adventure, suspense and excitement!

DATES: 22-25 APRIL 2025
TIME: 2.00-5.00pm
VENUE: MARY'S PLACE, BURTON ST, LE13 1AE
AGE: 5-11 YEARS

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE
EMAIL: nleics@dramakids.co.uk
01664 569 738



Belvoir Cricket & Countryside Trust

SUMMER 2025

Belvoir Bees Junior Kwik Cricket Coaching

Time 6-7.30pm
Boys & Girls aged 5 to 11
£4 per session or
Season Pass £36 for each 12 week venues or £60 for ALL VENUES
(Season pass payments can be made via bank transfer)

Tuesdays at Asfordby Parish Hall
Asfordby LE14 3SA
Starts 29th April for 20 weeks
(Subsidised £3/session)

Wednesdays at Great Dalby Cricket Club
Great Dalby LE14 2EZ
Starts 30th April for 12 weeks

Thursdays at Hose Village Hall
Hose LE14 4JR
Starts 1st May for 12 weeks

Fridays at Belvoir Cricket Club
Knipton NG32 1RE
Starts 2nd May for 20 weeks

All sessions can be pre-booked. For further information or to book contact: Neil Atkins at neil@bcctrust.org.uk or 07436 263837

LET'S GET MOVING




SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES

MACBETH

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

DIRECTED BY JANE TOWERS APRIL 16 - MAY 3, 2025



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The Little Theatre

Performing Stars Academy Juniors Presents...

BUGSY MAIONE

THE MUSICAL



5th-6th July 2025
Melton Theatre

Performing Stars Academy presents Alan Parker's Buggy Malone.
Play by Alan Parker. Words and music by Paul Williams
By arrangement with Faber Music Ltd on behalf of Warner/Chappell Music Ltd

Box office: 01664 851111 www.meltontheatre.co.uk

Performing Stars Academy Presents...

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!



Saturday 3rd May
2.30 & 7.30pm
Melton Theatre

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

Box office: 01664 851111 www.meltontheatre.co.uk

Spring into our free Easter Egg Hunt

love every drop
anglianwater

Explore our park to find giant easter eggs hand decorated by local community groups, each marked with a hidden word.

Visitor Centre - Rutland Water

Saturday 12 to Monday 21 April

10am to 4pm daily

No need to book, just turn up.

