

Monthly Newsletter

Asfordby Hill Primary School

DECEMBER 1ST 2023: ISSUE 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've had a great month!

Without doubt November has been a month where we have focused on many of our rainbow skills: gratitude, optimism and understanding others. Across the school we have raised awareness of individuals and communities both here in the UK and across the world who don't have access to basic needs: warmth, food, clothing and medical supplies by participating in Children in Need and the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. I was absolutely blown away by the whole school community – children, parents and staff- for your kindness in donations. Such generosity and warmth characterise our school's ethos.

I also hope you got to see our Remembrance events on our social media that happened earlier in the month. It is always a poignant day in the school calendar but seems more so this year with so much division in the world at the moment. The whole school community stood together to remember those who sacrificed their lives so that we might live in peace.

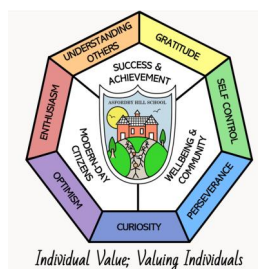
As always, our children were so respectful and understanding of the moment. Then, throughout the day, each class used their historical skills of enquiry to focus on different aspects of remembrance, with Rowan children paying a visit to Asfordby's Memorial Garden to lay their poppy wreath.

We are planning some very exciting events in the run up to Christmas- please see the dates section. This year, our choir has been invited to sing in the mayor's concert and tomorrow Chestnut class will be singing in the marketplace for the light switch on in Melton. I am sure that all the children will be a credit to the school and make us all smile with pride.

Finally, can I remind you all that we are a nut-free school. Please keep this in mind when packing your children's lunchboxes. We have put a helpful guide on what to avoid in this newsletter.

Thank you again for your very much valued support.

Mrs Millward



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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Key dates for your diary

- **Friday 1st December:** Chestnuts singing in town onstage at 1:30pm
- **Wednesday 6th December (AM)-** SEND Clinic for parents and Year 6 taking part in the Indoor athletics competition.
- **Thursday 7th December** -Lord Mayor's Carol Concert
- **Friday 8th December-** Whole school Santa Dash and Non-School Uniform Day to raise Tombola and Hamper prizes
- **Friday 8th December-** Chestnut and Willow Christmas decoration afternoon- parents are invited.
- **9th December-** Christmas Fair (FOAH) 11:00 – 1pm
- **Thursday 14th December** -Chestnut's Nativity 1:30pm – tickets out soon
- **Thursday 21st December-** Pantomime comes to Asfordby Hill and Christmas Dinner
- **Friday 22nd December:** Last day of the term
- **School closed to children (Inset day)-** Friday 5th January '24

Sporting Events:

6/12/23: Year 6 indoor athletics

2/12/23: Cross- Country at Mallory Park



Other Dates:

- W/B Monday 13th May 2024 Year 6 SATS week
- 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

Coming up in December

Please see Parentpay for further information regarding these coming events.

Christmas dinner at school is on Thursday 22nd December.



Chestnut and Willow classes would like to invite their parents to a Christmas crafting afternoon on 8th December. Come and enjoy being creative together!

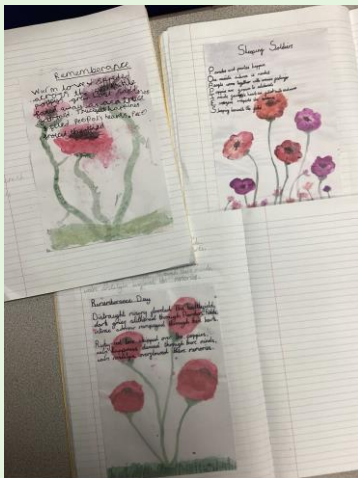
PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Chestnuts
Sycamore	Rowan			
Rowan	Willow	Sycamore	Beech	Holly
Holly	Oak	Oak	Willow	Beech

School Clubs Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Year 3 and 4 activities	Year 5 and 6 activities			
After School	KS2 dodgeball	KS1 football	KS2 gymnastics	KS1 games Year 3 and 4-craft club	

Our Achievements



During November, in assemblies we have been talking about remembrance and the incredible acts of service by those in the armed forces and at home. Each class learnt about different types of remembrance. On the 10th November, the whole school took part in a remembrance commemoration with a minutes silence. The children were very respectful and showed a real sense of community as we all stood together.



A huge thank you for all your kind donations that have gone into the rotary shoe boxes. In total we have created 25 boxes which will be heading off to spread a little happiness to others.

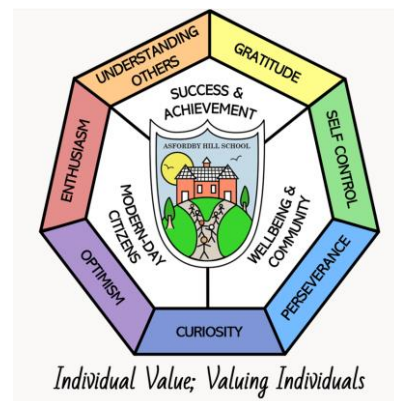


The year 6s have been working on their 'Roar' projects to design a product that would have impact and support others. They recently submitted their final presentations to Roar and '8 billion ideas' national competition for a travelling recycling bin that fits in any vehicle!

Well done to all involved. We are looking forward to the results.



What a spotacular day we had! Friday 17th November was a very spotty day in school with children and staff supporting Children in Need by wearing a spotty non-uniform and taking part in Joe Wick's burpees challenge. We raised a whopping £257 for the cause. Thank you to Miss Lovegrove for organising the whole 'spotty' day.





A huge congratulations to our three runners who travelled over to Mallory Park for the penultimate race of the school's cross-country season. It was a typical racing day with lots of mud! Last race is this coming Saturday 2nd December.

Willow class have had an exciting morning putting all their history learning of 'homes in the past' into practice. The creative library services workshop gave the children a hands-on experience of what life was like in Victorian Britain on a wash day.



It was a perfect day to hang out the washing and it was definitely hard work. Phew! Thank goodness for the invention of electricity.



A huge thank you to Mrs Charles and Miss Warner for decorating our Christmas tree and all the children for making a decoration to hang on it. You will be able to see it at St Mary's Church Tree Festival in Melton Mowbray. Our theme for this year was ILLUSTRATORS. Can you name all the illustrators represented on our tree?

Tree photo



Chestnuts have been busy celebrating different homes and houses. We have linked this to our maths sessions about the number 3 and had a look at making a new house for the three little pigs. We have compared where we live to our friends' and talked about both Asfordby and Melton. We have also used 3d materials in the craft area to create our own houses.



Willow class have been learning about algorithms in **computing**. They had to give a set of instructions in order, so that the arrow could get out of their mazes. It was a challenge!



Holly have been working hard on learning the properties of different materials and why these are used in **science**. They used their observations and investigative skills to understand why certain objects are made from different materials.



Do you know your neolithic eras from the paleolithic eras? Well **Rowan** class do! Within **history**, they have been learning what was similar and different in these periods of prehistory and how these changes have impacted on our lives today after 2 million years. They used their **computing** skills to present their findings.





Beech Class have been learning all about the human digestive system within **science**. They have investigated our teeth and how they are affected by different foods and drinks. Using boiled eggs, they soaked them in different drinks including orange juice, squash and fizzy drinks. They then evaluated the results that they saw. Some of the results really surprised them!



Sycamore



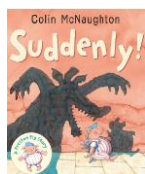
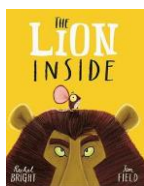
In **geography**, Oak class have been working on the question, how does tourism impact our local economy? Farmer Jane, from the NFU, came to speak to the children about how dairy farming on her farm in Somerby links to Long Clawson Dairy and the production of local cheeses. This in turn impacts tourism in Melton Mowbray and our local economy. Later in the term, the children tried some blue stilton supplied by one of our parents, who works at the dairy. Thank you to all involved.



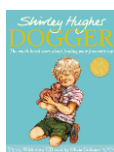
Recommended High Quality Books

November's list of high-quality books selected which have been selected by the staff. Remember these books are also available to borrow from Melton Library. Keep reading!

Chestnuts



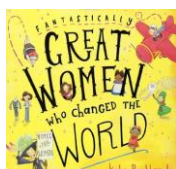
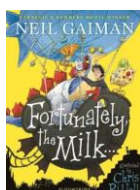
Willow



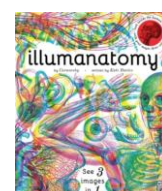
Holly



Rowan



Beech



Sycamore



Oak



Team Points



AIR



EARTH



FIRE



WATER

This month's team points results:

Week ending	AIR	EARTH	FIRE	WATER
3 rd November	236	<u>271</u>	245	230
9 th November	184	200	189	<u>221</u>
16 th November	204	214	<u>240</u>	198
23 rd November	254	<u>299</u>	288	291

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!

3rd November



9th November



17th November

24th November



Nut-Free School Advice

If you are unsure as to whether any products contain nuts, please check the ingredients list on the packaging. The items below do or may contain nuts as a guideline only. Therefore, please do not send them in to school.



Please check different brands of chocolate spread as some do and some don't contain nuts.

Governor's Section

Hello everyone and welcome to the December newsletter. I am Phil Rudkin the Chair of the Finance, Health and Safety Committee (FSAP) and have been a governor at Asfordby Hill since December 2021. I fully support the leadership and the incredible teachers and staff we have at school. I currently have a daughter in year 3 and my son previously attended the school.



My work at the school involves me working to support the head teacher and the chair of governors by working through financial decisions to ensure the school is secure financially and that the children receive all that they need to thrive in a safe and comfortable environment. I am sure you will agree that the school has invested heavily in both the interior and exterior of the school over the past 18 months.

In my personal life I am a former police officer who turned to academia in 2018. I now head the Policing, Criminal Justice, and International Law enforcement provision for Nottingham Trent University. In my spare time I am a magistrate with the Leicestershire and Rutland Bench, and I travel all over the country with my son who is a very keen cross-country runner.

I am often at school events, so if you see me, please say hello, and let me know your thoughts on how the school is doing and how we could improve further.

Phil

Friends of Asfordby Hill (FOAH)

Thank you to everyone who supported the events so far this year. The QUIZ NIGHT was a huge success raising £308, which will go towards subsidising future school trips.



If you can help out at the Christmas fair on Saturday 9th December, even for an hour, please contact any member of FOAH on the playground or through the FOAH Facebook page.

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.

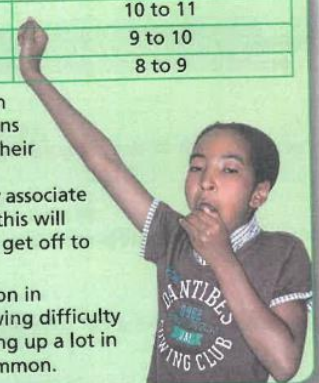
If you require further support with regards anxiety, sleep, managing emotions, toileting, emotional based school avoidance or grief, please see our excellent pamphlets from Dragonfly Impact Education in the school's foyer- a sample on sleep is below. In the newsletter each month, we will focus on a theme with additional signposting. This month is **SLEEP**.

Some facts about children and sleep

- Sleep is a very important part of life. Every child needs a good night's sleep in order to have a happy and healthy life.
- As children grow older, they need less sleep. The following table is a guide to how much sleep children of different ages need:

Age (years)	Hours of sleep needed
1 to 4	11 to 14
5 to 9	10 to 11
10 to 14	9 to 10
15 or older	8 to 9

- If possible, keep their room for sleeping only. This means not having a television in their room and not using it for homework. If children only associate the room with sleep then this will make it easier for them to get off to sleep at night.
- Sleep problems are common in children. Problems like having difficulty getting to sleep and waking up a lot in the night are the most common.



www.youngminds.org.uk

www.choiceandmedication.org/leicspart

www.nhs.uk/livewell/childrenssleep



Rotary
in Melton Mowbray

Santa Fun Run (or walk!)

10th December 2023, 11am
Melton Country Park
2 routes: 5km or 1 mile

**Raise money for Rotary or
for your own Charity, Club or School**

Entry: Adults £10, children 5-12 £5, under 5s free
Free Santa Suits for all paying entrants
Medals for all at the finish
Best dressed Christmas Dog competition

**SPONSOR money goes to support the good work
done by Rotary, or to
Your Own Charity, Club, etc. as you wish.**

For more information and to enter
www.meltonsantafunrun.co.uk

Or follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Rotary  **Rotary helping
our local community**

All money raised from entry fees goes to good causes supported by The Rotary Club of Melton
Mowbray Trust Fund, Charity Commission registered number 1052367



**DON'T MISS OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH
FULL OF CHRISTMAS TREES!**

**MELTON CHRISTMAS
TREE FESTIVAL**

1st - 5th DECEMBER 2023

IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, MELTON MOWBRAY

**Entrance fee £2.50.
Accompanied children FREE.**

Friday, 1st December:
10am - 9pm Church Open for
viewing
Last entry 8pm.

Saturday, 2nd December:
10am - 4pm Church open for
viewing
Last entry 3pm.
5pm Family Carol Service
amongst the Christmas Trees.
All welcome to attend.

Sunday, 3rd December:
10am - 5pm Church open for
viewing
Last entry 4pm.
6.30pm Songs of Praise with
Melton Faith Band amongst
the Christmas Trees.
All welcome to attend.

Monday, 4th December:
10am - 8pm Church open for
viewing
Last entry 7pm.

Tuesday, 5th December:
10am - 4pm Church open for
viewing
Last entry 3pm.
Festival closes at 4pm

For more details contact:
Email: meltonchristmastrees@gmail.com
Tel: 07890 343248

Melton Round Table 2023 Santa Sleigh Routes



MELTON
ROUND TABLE
MOWBRAY

30th November – Wymondham
2nd December – Asfordby Hill, Valley & Village
5th December – Tywford & Thorpe Satchville
7th December – Waltham on the Wolds
9th December – East Goscote
12th December – Frisby on the Wreake
14th December – Nether Broughton & Ab Kettleby
16th December – Long Clawson & Hose
19th December – Rearsby
21st December – Old Dalby & Queensway
23rd December – Whissendine



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



ENVIRONMENT TAKEOVER EVENT

AT MELTON CARNEGIE MUSEUM

Led by Long Field Spencer Academy Students who will be exhibiting their group eco-artwork. Join us and get involved!

Add to a group collage with artist Danielle Vaughan

Fun CRAFTS for all

Check out environmental stalls

Refreshments provided

Join our Cultural Youth Forum!

Make SILD BOMBS with our guerrilla gardeners

PRIZE

PRIZE: Young people aged 11-18 sharing their views will be entered into a prize draw to win a FREE trip to the Natural History Museum in London (1 adult & 1 young person)

FREE

2ND DECEMBER

ALL AGES WELCOME	10:30AM-12:30PM	MELTON CARNEGIE MUSEUM
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