



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 2024



Headteacher end of term update

What a wonderful start to the school year.

We have welcomed new children and adults into our school community since September, and I am very pleased to say that everyone is settling in well to the new classes and getting to know the routines. We have all achieved so much already as you will see from the class reports in this newsletter.

Please take a minute to look at the diary dates, as we are already planning for Christmas. Please offer to help our FSA if you can.

Thank you for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning where we raised almost £900 and for your generous donations to the foodbank at Harvest.

The parents evenings have gone well, thank you all for your ongoing support.

Enjoy the half term when it arrives and we will see you all on Tuesday 29th October.

Jayne Watson

KEY DATES



- Tues 12 November - Flu Spray immunisations
- Weds 13 November - EYFS Nursery rhyme dress up
- Fri 15 November - Children in need
- Tues 19 November - EYFS/KS1 - Chance to share - 9am/2.30pm
- Weds 20 November - Years 2/3/4 - Chance to share - 9am/2.30pm
- Thurs 21 November - Years 5/6 - Chance to share - 9am/2.30pm
- Fri 22 November - Make Christmas decorations at home for the school tree, to be returned by Thurs 28 November
- Monday 25 November - Parents invited to school to make decorations for FSA fayre
- Tuesday 26 November - Non uniform day in exchange for fayre donations
- Friday 29 November - Christmas fayre - 3.30 - 5pm
- Tues 10 December - EYFS Nativity - school hall - 9.15 - 10.15 am
- Tues 10 December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity - school hall - 10.30 - 11.30am
- Weds 11 December - EYFS Nativity - school hall - 1.15 - 2.00pm
- Weds 11 December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity - school hall - 2 - 3pm
- Thursday 12 December - Christmas jumper day
- Tues 17 December - School disco - KS1 3.30 - 4.15 pm, KS2 4.30 - 5.30 pm
- Weds 18 December - Christmas Services - KS2 St Sebastian's 9.30 - 10.30am, EY/ KS1 - school hall - 11 - 11.30am
- Thurs 19 December - last day of term
- Mon 6 January - start of term

Reception

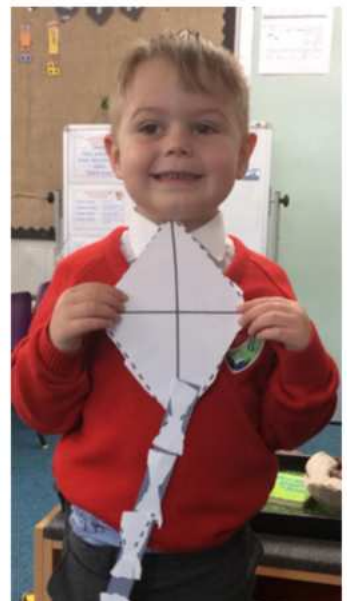


The children have been settling into their new class and their new school wonderfully!

We have been learning tricky words and sounds, and letter formations. We have also begun our dough disco sessions, which is great fun and also helps us to strengthen our fingers ready for writing.

We had our Macmillan coffee morning, and it was lovely to see so many families come and join the class and enjoy some cake in the school hall.

Everyone has commented on the children's manners and how well the children have adapted to the school day. Well done, Explorers!



Year 1



Pathfinders have had a great start to the new school term!

In maths, we have been comparing numbers of more, fewer and the same, using dominoes or dice.

We have learnt about semaphore flags and how to spell out our names.

In art, we have been learning about shades of colour, and how to make different tones by adding black and white. We have also been experimenting with photo effects, making images back and white and then slowly introducing colour back in.

In our history lessons, we have explored how television has changed over time, and how we have so many more channels and freedom to watch when we choose.



Year 2



Year 2 Pathfinders have had a great start to the new school year!

We have been looking at two digit numbers, and number bonds in maths. We have also learned about place values, using shapes to look at tens and ones.

PE channelled our inner frogs, as we practised our jumping skills and how we use our arms for greater movement.



A focus this term is the media and how it is used by us. One part of the topic was communication, and how people talked to each other long before all the technology we now have. We discovered how to send messages using flags, and the children quickly learned how to signal to each other.



In Art we have explored colour and tints, and how adding different shades and tones to paint can create something new. We also applied this theory in ICT, taking photographs and changing the colours into black and white.



Year 3 and 4

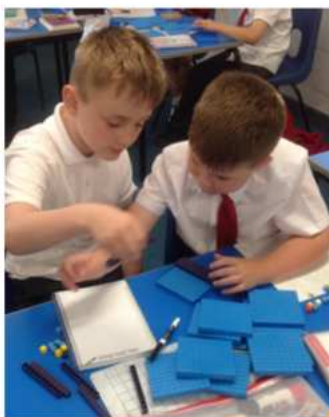


The Adventurers classes have settled into the new school year beautifully.



The children had a great time constructing electric circuits and making their own light switches to open and close the circuits. They also learned what would and wouldn't make a circuit work successfully. Well done!

In maths we compared different objects and created posters to show what is more and less than, so we could understand place value.



We studied Hinduism in RE, and drew objects that Hindus may need for worship.

We like to enjoy our PE lessons outside when the weather stays fine. We have been practising our jumping, throwing, and balancing skills.



Year 5



Our new Navigators classes have settled into their new classes wonderfully, and we have had a great September term.

We have been learning about planets and space, painting such creative and colourful creations of the solar system. We mixed primary colours to make different tints, and saw how colours can be altered from primary to secondary shades. The trip to the space centre was a highlight of the term and enjoyed by all of the children (and the accompanying staff!)

We have been learning about column addition and subtraction in maths, alongside a word problem solving game to gain flags. The first to get 10 flags was the winner!

We unleashed our creativity with our time keeping topic, designing our own time keeping devices and interviewing an alien! We also drew pictures of our dreams and aspirations.



Year 6



Welcome to year 6, Navigators!

Our topic this term is Space. We have been looking at how day and night is formed by earth rotation, and how shadows change during the day. The children also had great fun creating a time keeping device for a spaceman, and we had some fabulous and inventive suggestions.

The theme continued into art, where the children explored texture and blending and colouring to compose the moon and sunset pictures.

We had the best day at the Space Centre! There was so much to see and explore, with lots of interactive activities. We discovered and learned so much about our topic, and the children were so well behaved.



We have played volleyball in PE, and even got creative on a wet day and played ballon volleyball! So much fun!



What is PUPIL PREMIUM?

Pupil Premium is EXTRA GOVERNMENT MONEY which is paid to schools to SUPPORT children in reaching their full potential.

WE CAN ONLY APPLY FOR THIS IF PARENTS CLAIM FOR THE FUNDING THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.

Your child could benefit from:

- Free school meals from Y3 onwards.
- Free milk over the age of 5
- Free items of uniform
- Financial support for school trips and activity days
- Access to extra curricular clubs

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school receives more funding to ENABLE us to enhance provision for your child.

APPLY ONLINE:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

You will be eligible if you are already receiving:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act
- State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Jobseekers allowance

St Sebastian's Church,
Great Gonerby
invite families to join us for a
LIGHT TRAIL
of discovery
2024

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER
4.30pm-6.30pm

*Come and collect your
free TRAIL MAP from Church
& children's refreshments
from 4.30pm
Bring your own torch and Lantern
and a PEN*

Free!
FUN

**POP UP
LEGO PLUS!**

Build with
Lego

Story

Craft

Food

**AT ST SEBASTIAN'S
CHURCH**

Adults to accompany children
Starts Thursday 24th

October 2024
2pm-3.30pm

More info at:
sarahtierney336@gmail.com

PLEASE SUPPORT THE
BHIVE COMMUNITY!

Bhive Community are a Grantham based charity, with premises in Finkin Street. If you are thinking of having a tidy up or clear out before Christmas, Bhive would love your soft toys, which will then be sold for a donation to families prior to Christmas. Any clean, preloved toys can be bought to the school office to be forwarded to the charity for you.





PUMPKIN TRAIL PRIZES

**WE HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES
UP FOR GRABS THIS YEAR!**

**Here is a little bit about our businesses
who have all donated prizes this year.**

Lincoln Visitor Information Centre
visitlincoln.com/things-to-do/visitor-information-centre
The Visitor Information Centre is situated within the iconic Leigh-Pemberton House in Castle Square. The knowledgeable team here will advise you on the best way to experience the city during your visit. The Visitor Information Centre have kindly donated a Halloween Gift Bag.

Follie | follie.co.uk

Located in the heart of the Bailgate, Follie is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. This pretty pink shop features a fantastic collection of jewellery, gifts, cards and home accessories, as well as a selection of vintage one-off pieces. Follie have kindly donated a £25 voucher to spend in store.

The Artisan Maker | theartisanmaker.com

Situated on Lincoln's Bailgate, The Artisan Maker offers handmade and traditionally-made homeware. All items stocked here are either locally made or sourced from international makers via ethical or short supply chains. Artisan Maker have kindly donated three different soaps.

Fabric Quarter | thefabricquarter.com

The Fabric Quarter is a carefully curated fabric shop and haberdashery. Located on Bailgate, this independent shop stocks fabric for all sewing projects including dressmaking, crafting, quilting and interiors. The Fabric Quarter have kindly donated a fat quarter bundle of fabrics.

Gigi's Bar & Bistro | www.gigisbarandbistro.com

Situated on Steep Hill, Gigi's Bar and Bistro combines rustic charm with contemporary dining. Working with the best local suppliers, Gigi's offer a great selection of breakfasts, brunches and lunches. Gigi's Bar & Bistro have kindly donated breakfast for two people.

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HOW TO ENTER

STEP 1: When you've answered all the questions and found as many pumpkins as you can, pop into the Lincoln Visitor Information Centre on Castle Hill to collect a Pumpkin Trail certificate and sticker.

Lincoln Visitor Information Centre, Lincoln, LN1 3AA

STEP 2: To enter the free prize draw for a chance to win one of our spooktacular prizes, submit your answers online before midnight on **Sunday 3rd November 2024**.



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SUBMIT

Terms & conditions apply.

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PUMPKIN TRAIL

18TH OCT - 3RD NOV 2024

**FOLLOW THE UPHILL LINCOLN
PUMPKIN TRAIL, FIND THE PUMPKINS
AND WIN A FAMILY PRIZE**

VISITLINCOLN.COM/PUMPKIN-TRAIL

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ECO-COACH GREEN JUNIORS

Football For ALL - Play Their Way!

LIVE

SESSION DAYS AND TIMES:
MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

AGE GROUPS:

MONDAY - KS1, MIXED (AGES 5-7)
THURSDAY - KS2, MIXED (AGES 8-11)
FRIDAY - KS2, GIRLS ONLY (AGES 8-11)

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- PROGRESSIVE COACHING PHILOSOPHY: PLAY THEIR WAY
- INCLUSIVE FOR ALL ABILITIES
- FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT, NOT COMPETITION
- EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO EXPLORE SPORT THEIR WAY
- EACH CHILD THRIVES AT THEIR OWN PACE

WEEKLY PROGRESS & REWARD SYSTEM:

- WEEKLY ATTENDANCE RECOGNISED WITH COLLECTIBLE STICKERS
- COMPLETION OF FULL PROGRAMME EARNS AN ECO-FRIENDLY BADGE
- REWARDS COMMITMENT AND INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS

VENUE:
GONERBY 3G PITCH, MEMORIAL HALL,
BELTON LANE, GREAT GONERBY, NG31 8NB.

PRICING:
£6.50 PER SESSION OR £4.50 FOR FSM FAMILIES*

HOW TO BOOK:
VISIT: [HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ECOCOACH](https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach)
EMAIL: GREENTEAM@ECO-COACH.CO.UK

*Families claiming the FSM discount will need to provide confirmation from their child's school. Either ask the school to send the confirmation directly to us or forward the email confirmation from the school to our email. Once confirmed, a discount code will be provided for use during booking.



Grantham's FESTIVAL OF COMMUNITY

Saturday 19th October 2024
Grantham Market Place

FREE

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE HERITAGE AND
COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF GRANTHAM!**

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES: 10AM - 2PM
EVENING ACTIVITIES: 5.30PM - 8.30PM

ENJOY FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN GRANTHAM MARKET
PLACE AND BE A PART OF A SHOW STOPPING COMMUNITY
LANTERN PARADE.

PLUS MORE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:

ILLUMINATIONS | LOCAL ARTISTS | PERFORMANCES
STREET THEATRE | CARNIVAL DANCERS |
CIRCUS ENTERTAINERS | MUSIC

Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

