



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2024



Headteacher end of term update

Christmas is a distant memory and the weather has been miserable, but we have had a great term with lots of exciting things happening and school life is going well. We have welcomed visitors from other schools and had Mrs Fytche in for workshops, assemblies and lunch clubs. The number of clubs we offer the children has grown with Bible club, Out of the box, Y2 recorders and colouring clubs. In KS2 we have lunch drop in 3 lunchtimes a week and are looking to grow that further next term.

I would like to draw your attention to some updated policies we have. All our policies are on the school website anytime you might need some information – please be aware of the Behaviour Policy, RSE/PSHE policy, complaints policy, parent code of conduct, attendance and the uniform policy with special regard for PE and jewellery. <https://www.gonerbyhillfoot.co.uk/policies>

I am again requesting that you approach the school at the beginning and end of the day safely and with regard and respect for the other children and parents in the area as well as the heavy traffic on the main road and the surrounding neighbours. Please park with consideration in a safe place and walk your children in both morning and afternoon. Thank you.

I hope you enjoy a good half term, as there is lots to look forward to after the holiday.

Jayne Watson

KEY DATES

- **21 February – Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks**
- **26 and 27 February – Diary of a disciple workshops**
- **7 March – Grantham Music festival**
- **7 March – Pathfinders NG class assembly**
- **8 March – World book day**
- **14 March – Pathfinders GB class assembly**
- **15 March – Red Nose Day**
- **25 March – Year 3 and 4 evening performance**
- **26 March – Year 3 and 4 morning performance**
- **27 March – KS2 Easter Service – St Sebastians – parents welcome**
- **27 March – EY/KS1 Easter Service – school hall – parents welcome**
- **25 April – EYFS Phonics with parents**
- **2 May – Pathfinders ES class assembly**
- **9 May – Class photographers for classes and Year 6**
- **13 May – Mental Health Awareness week**
- **13 May – SATS week**
- **3 June – Year 6 PGL residential trip**
- **17 June – Year 5 Bikeability week**
- **25 June – Year 3 and 4 – Belton Cricket**
- **25 & 26 June – Year 5 Walton enrichment**
- **27 June – EYFS class assembly**
- **1 July – Secondary transition week**
- **19 July – Leavers Service**

Reception



Explorers

We have been learning how to form new sounds, and we will be learning a new one each week.

Our Asia topic has focussed on China, and we have explored the Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated. As this year is the year of the dragon, we have made some chinese dragon puppets, and also drawn some sketches of beautiful cherry blossoms.

Dinosaurs have arrived in EYFS and we have already discovered that we have some experts on dinosaurs and fossils in our class as we begin our Jurassic Park topic! We have looked at some fossils and how they are formed, had a go at labelling the parts of a dinosaur, pretended to be a palaeontologist and even had the opportunity to do some observational drawings of ammonites!

We all enjoyed 'dough disco' to strengthen our fingers for writing!



Year 1 and 2



Pathfinders

We have been busy learning about money in our Maths class, using notes and coins to work out how much change we will get when we buy something. We have also started our multiplication and division learning, beginning with learning about equal groups.

We have covered the topic of support in RE, and why we need each other and how it helps make us strong.

In DT we made picture frames - we researched into how to make them and what to make them from, and then we designed them, before putting our drawings into action to make the finished product. We think they look amazing!

Mrs Geraghty's class have been busy sorting the alphabet, picking out vowels and making digraphs, spelling words with Lego, sharing snack time, making Chinese dragons and sequencing the days of the week!



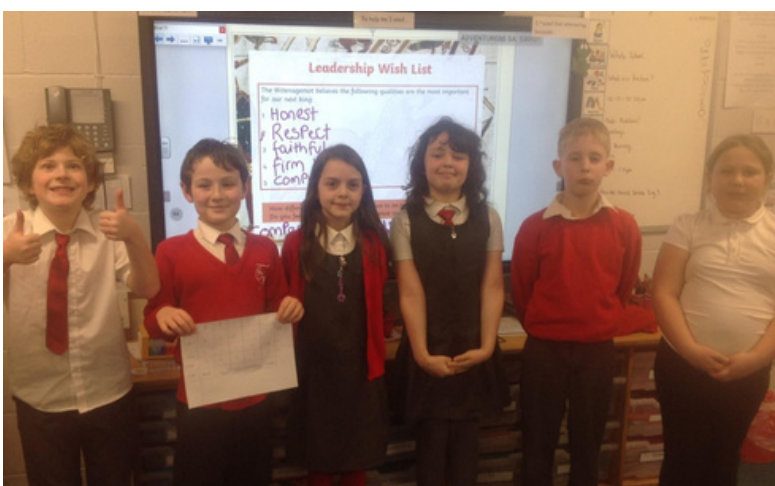
Year 3 and 4



Adventurers classes have been exploring papier mache and using the medium to create animal masks, inspired by the Lion King. It was wonderful to see them coming to life with the use of colour and card, producing some wonderfully life like manes.



As part of our history lesson we reenacted the Battle of Stamford Bridge. Adventurers JS were Harold Godwinson's army attacking the Norwegians - they won!



Year 5 and 6



The Navigators classes had a great day celebrating the Wild West! We studied American landmarks, reading up about them and then sketching the one we had chosen to research. We also had tremendous fun line dancing in our classrooms, and creating our own moves! In Science we have been learning about different materials and if they are waterproof - we undertook our own tests and described our conclusions.

Miss Marshall bought the gorgeous Arthur in to see the classes as part of their story telling experience. The children were very respectful and kept the class peaceful for him, and they were delighted to meet him.

We have also been learning yoga poses in PE, and how to make smooth transitions between poses.



Mrs Hills – Marathon Fundraiser



Training for the Manchester Marathon 2024 is now in full swing with less than 10 weeks to go until the big day. There has been some illness and a couple of lost toe nails along the way but I'm sure that (with lots of grit and determination and thanks to everyone's support) I will make it across the finish line.

I will once again be raising money for Cancer Research UK – a charity fighting for an important cause to find treatments for a devastating disease that will touch all of us in some way at some point in our lives. Please donate if you can – every penny counts! Thank you!



You can scan the QR code or follow the link if you would like to donate:



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peggyhills>



Easter Appeal 2024

As **Easter** fast approaches, once again we are expecting an increase in demand.

Please help us to provide emergency food for the vulnerable of our community,
bringing hope into their lives

Our Shopping List:

Baked beans	Spaghetti	Soup	Toilet Rolls
Rice / Pasta	Biscuits	Tin Tomatoes	Long-life Milk
Tinned Meat	Tinned Fish	Tea / Coffee	Toiletries
Instant Noodles	Breakfast Cereal	Tinned vegetables	Pet Food
Pasta Sauce	Rice Pudding	Tinned fruit	Sugar

Please bring all items collected to the Foodbank:

1-2 Greyfriars,

Grantham, NG31 6PD

By Friday 22 March (if possible)

Meet our new Min

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