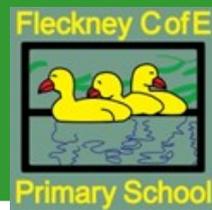


# Fleckney School Newsletter

March 2024



## Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

As you will be aware this is my last newsletter from me to you all.

I have been head teacher here at Fleckney for nearly eleven years now.

It has been a privilege to work with so many of your children and families over the last eleven years.

The school has changed in many ways from the time I took over in 2013, with Covid, a new building and a changing demographic within the village and wider area. It still remains however a happy, exciting and special place for your children to learn.

I am hoping by the time you read this the recent Ofsted report will have been published, which captures well the school that we work in, and recognises some of the excellent learning opportunities that the children have here.

I would like to thank all of the staff for all of their efforts over the years that I have worked here. An organisation is only as good as the people who work there. The positive relationships that they develop with your children and yourselves is key to the success of the school.

I would also like to thank the governing body for all of their support and guidance and the FSA for their ceaseless work to fund additional opportunities and activities for all of the children. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for all of your support over the years.

The school is in a good place to begin the next stage of its journey. I wish my successor Mr Richards every success in the future as it continues to grow and educate the young minds of the future.

Best wishes

Mr. Leah

## Kindness Cup

This half term the kindness cup was awarded to one of our youngest pupils – Winnie C in class RTH.

Here is a write up from Mrs Hughes about why she was chosen:

Winnie is a little ray of sunshine in our classroom! She is always smiling, enthusiastic and keen to help her teachers. However, where Winnie really shines is in her kindness to the other children. She is a naturally caring little girl, who is always looking out for her friends.

Winnie has particular friends that she has taken under her wing and cares for. She will support these children with kind words and inviting them to join her in activities. If a friend is hurt or has been upset by another child, then Winnie is always ready to help and even advocate for them with a teacher. We are very proud of her and feel she truly deserves the kindness cup.



**Mrs. Allen**

## Fond Farewell to Mr. Leah

We are very sad to be losing our much-loved Headteacher, Mr Leah. We have been fortunate to have Mr Leah as our Headteacher for the past 11 years.

During his time here, Mr Leah has cared for our whole school community; he is a leader who shows mutual respect for all. Mr Leah is an approachable person with a calm nature and he has an abundance of kindness.

He is fondly thought of and there will be many things that we'll all miss. Sharing his passion for sports, he has enabled many pupils over the years to access and take part in a wide variety of disciplines and events. His love of a themed event has seen countless children decorating and rolling eggs. In addition to taking part in annual pancake racing events, Mr Leah has become synonymous with telling his 'dad jokes' in our church services. Over the years, we have been treated to various jokes - some resulting in laughter, most with a groan!

You are a special person Mr Leah. Thank you for all you have done for the teaching staff, children and wider community of Fleckney Primary – You will be greatly missed.

**Mrs. Allen**



## Dojo Awards

This half term has been so short however, the children have all worked hard and gained a high number of Dojo reward points. We are always proud of our children and their behaviour in class and around school. The winners for this half term will be treated to cupcakes with Mr. Leah.

**Mrs. Allen**



## Easter Service

In our Easter service at church this year we looked at what kind of king Jesus is and why Christians choose Jesus to be king of their lives. Some of our Year 3, 5 and 6 children made the service really special by beautifully delivering their readings and prayers and miming being a 'king'.

Mr. Robson did some special magic tricks involving pulling a rabbit out of an empty bag and one which involved chocolate eggs, a matchbox and an elastic band! He talked about Jesus' tomb being empty on Easter morning, in spite of a huge stone and guards guarding the entrance and how we can choose to believe that Jesus rose from the dead and make Jesus king of our lives.

Many thanks to Mr. Baum for accompanying our singing on the keyboard and to Mrs. Goode for providing the music to 'We want to see Jesus lifted High'. Also thank you to Mrs. Binczak, Mrs. Bishop and to all our parents and helpers who supported the children in so many ways.

**Mrs. Fremmer**



## School Reports

If you and your child's other parent do not live together, and would each like a copy of your child's report, please contact the school office by the start of June to let us know.

**Mrs. Jones**

## Year 4 Update

Year 4 have been inventors this half term, designing their own contraptions in order to make life just that little bit easier!! It was surprising just how many children chose to design a 'tidy up / cleaning' robotic device!

After completing their designs, the children wrote explanations, explaining how their devices worked. We now move on to looking at the classic text by Ted Hughes – The Iron Man.

In maths, the children have focused on their number knowledge, in particular their times tables. This will continue as we move into the summer term.



It has been such a short half term, but we have managed to fit in so much! During science week, the children explored aerodynamics and made whirly gigs / whirly birds.

World Book Day brought colour and energy into the classroom - and

'reading for pleasure' was celebrated (alongside the children's words and costumes of course!).

We are delighted to welcome Father Philip into the year group to talk about the Easter story and very much look forward to celebrating History week and the songs from the 70s!

**Mrs. Galpin**



## Dodgeball Competition

On Tuesday 27th February, six children from Year 5 travelled to Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough to take part in a Dodgeball competition against children from other local primary schools. Each game lasted only two minutes, making it a very fast paced event. Every member of the team played well and gave it their all.

As the competition progressed, the team really jelled, developed their tactics and began a winning streak. It was great to see their confidence, teamwork and tactics develop so well. Towards the end of the tournament they faced some strong teams and finished twelfth out of sixteen teams. Well done to all the team.



**Mr. Pullen**

## SEND Coffee & Chat Sessions

**\*\*\*\*\*New time of Tuesdays  
3.15 - 4.00pm\*\*\*\*\***

Come and join us for tea/coffee and a chat. Bring your children so that they can play while you chat!

I look forward to seeing you.

**Mrs. Goode**

Tuesday afternoons 3.15 – 4.00pm

SEND Coffee & Chat



Tuesday mornings 3.15 - 4.00pm

Parents/carers of all Years welcome

(Children welcome to attend)

## Year 6 Update

It has been a short but very busy half term in year 6. During our English lessons, we have written short stories based upon the animated film Alma. The children have produced some very dramatic, exciting and tense narratives.

Our Maths lessons have been focused on algebra and we are impressed with how confidently the children have picked up some new and challenging concepts.

Geography lessons have been about trade and the children have learnt about the historic Silk Road through Asia which led on to learning about fair trade.

In outdoor PE, we have studied an 'Outdoor Adventurous Activity' unit with a strong focus on orienteering. The children have shown great skill in reading maps as well as lots of stamina to complete various challenges around the school grounds.

We are busy preparing a performance of the song 'Mamma Mia' to share with the whole school during History week before the end of the half term. Many of the children have demonstrated great enthusiasm for this project!

In Science, we have been studying living creatures and their habitats. The photograph shows us searching for animals in our school environment which we then drew and classified.



**Mr. O'Connell and Mrs. Koria**

## World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March the staff and children celebrated World Book Day. The theme for this year was 'Read your own way' and everyone was given the opportunity to dress either as a word, a book character or in an outfit that represented them.

As well as a number of activities that the children completed throughout the day in class, we held two assemblies for the children and staff to share their costumes with the rest of the school. As always, we were so impressed with all of the efforts that had been made for the day. Thank you for all of your support on this enjoyable annual event.



Miss Baum



## Year 5 Update

This month in Year 5, we have been busy calculating the area and perimeter of rectangles in our maths lessons.

In computing, we have learned to write formulae for a spreadsheet so it calculates the area and perimeter for us, using the dimensions that we enter.

In English, we are finding out about the life of Anne Frank and learning to write diary entries of our own.

This fits into our history topic of World War Two and the Battle of Britain.

We have studied the evacuation from Dunkirk and considered how serious the threat of invasion was. Our artwork has been inspired by the depictions of the bombing of London docks by war artist W.S. Haines.

In RE, we are learning more about Christianity and investigating how Christians know that Jesus is the Messiah.



**Mr. Pullen**

## Year 3 Update

Year 3 has had another very productive half term. We have studied some wonderful books, including 'Cinderella of the Nile' and 'Malala's Magic Pencil' in our English lessons. We have been collecting data and drawing graphs, adding and subtracting money and learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute on an analogue clock in our maths lessons.

In addition to visiting church for our Easter service, we have had several trips out in the village to facilitate our R.E., Geography and History learning. We visited St. Nicholas Church to find out about the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Philip; visited the library to learn all about the history of Fleckney C of E Primary School and about our school in Victorian times and, by the time this newsletter is published, we will have had another walk around the village to look at how our local environment has changed over the past decades.

On World Book Day, we had great fun dressing up. We brought in and spoke about our favourite books, enthusing others to try reading something we have really enjoyed. We wrote about books, dreamed of books we'd like to read and drew our favourite book characters.

In Science Week, we carried out experiments relating to air resistance and forces. We made different whirly gigs and timed how long they took to fall to the ground to find out which one was the quickest plus, we investigated the amount of friction created by different surfaces.

We are very proud of our Year 3 children's achievements this half term.



**Mrs. Fremmer and Mrs. Styles**

## Year 1 Update

In Year 1 this half term, we have been exploring lots of instruments and learning musical scales.

We have had such fun exploring our new instruments called 'Boom Whackers'. We learnt how to play 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' and had a class performance.



In maths we have been learning all about money. We learnt to recognise the different coins and notes and know that they each represent different values. We practised counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and explored adding different amounts.

**Mrs. Pullen**

## Foundation Stage Update

This term the Foundation Stage children have been learning songs, practising lines and taking part in our carers assembly, "Ellie and the Penguins!" All the children had a special costume to wear and a part to play.

We performed to parents and the children in the school. Our children pulled out all the stops and did amazingly well. Children from the Fleckney pre-schools also joined us to watch our performance.

There were some clear messages about saving our planet. In class we have talked about ways we can do this. We have also been looking at planting and growing this term, investigating seeds in fruits and vegetables and in our maths work, using the language of measuring.

**Mrs. Tear**



## Year 2 Beaumanor Hall Residential

The children in Year 2 had a wonderful time on our residential trip. All of staff are so proud of all the children; every child got stuck into all the activities and embraced everything! Highlights include: the climbing wall where lots of children conquered their fears, building shelters in the woodland (and getting very muddy!), having hot chocolate around the



campfire and the adventure playground. We also loved our evening games of hide and seek in the cellars and the gym games.

After an exhausting but fun first day, the children enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit in the evening before listening to a story and getting tucked up into bed.

The instructors at Beaumanor commented on how fantastic Fleckney children were; they remembered their

manners, were enthusiastic and represented themselves and the school amazingly. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you to all of the staff who joined us on our trip as well as Mrs. Holman for all of her hard work behind the scenes before we went.

**Mrs. Webb**

## Wellbeing Event

Thank you from the Wellbeing Ambassadors.

Following our pyjama/non uniform day we wanted to say a huge thank you for all of your wonderful support. All of the children and staff in school had an amazing day. It was a roaring success - we raised a whopping £340.05!

We are delighted to have received this amount of money. You have been an amazing help to our wellbeing community inside our school. We are now planning where the money would be best put and we are looking forward to letting you know what we have spent your donations on in our next newsletter.

We are really looking forward to giving you all another update very soon. A big thank you again



**Joe, Immy, Sophia and Ned**

## Diary Dates

### March

Weds 20th Final 3JS swimming session  
 Friday 22nd Last day of term  
 History celebration day  
 Mon 25th to Fri 5th April Easter holiday

### April

Mon 8th School reopens  
 5HG & 5MW Bikeability starts  
 Fri 19th 3.00pm FSA samosa sale  
 Tues 23rd Leicester Make Music Festival  
 at De Montfort Hall  
 Weds 24th Yr1 West Lodge trip  
 Thurs 25th 5MP Bikeability starts

### May

Fri 3rd FS Windmill Farm trip  
 Mon 6th School closed—May Day  
 Bank holiday  
 Mon 13th to Thurs 16th Year 6 SATS  
 Fri 24th Last day of half term  
 Mon 27th to Friday 31st Half term

### June

Mon 3rd School reopens  
 Weds 5th Class photos

## School Terms and Holidays 2023—2024

### Dates 2023-2024

#### Spring Term 2024

*School Opens*  
 Mon 8th January  
*Mid Term Break*  
 Mon 19th—Fri 23rd February

*School Closes*  
 Fri 22nd March

#### Summer Term 2024

*School opens*  
 Mon 8th April  
*May Day Bank Holiday*  
 Mon 6th May  
*Mid Term Break*  
 Mon 27th — Fri 31st May  
*School Closes*  
 Tues 9th July **1.30pm**

### Dates 2024-2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

*School Opens*  
 Tues 27th August  
*Mid Term Break*  
 Mon 21st—Fri 25th October

*School Closes*  
 Fri 20th December **1.30pm**

#### Spring Term 2025

*School Opens*  
 Mon 6th January  
*Mid Term Break*  
 Mon 17th—Fri 21st February  
*School Closes*  
 Fri 11th April

#### Summer Term 2025

*School opens*  
 Mon 28th April  
*May Day Bank Holiday*  
 Mon 5th May  
*Mid Term Break*  
 Mon 26th — Fri 30th May  
*School Closes*  
 Tues 8th July **1.30pm**