

From our headteacher: It has been a busy week where pupils have supported us to recruit new teachers to the school. Elsa asked questions to find out if the candidates were kind and fun and Edward shared his passion for trains, steam rollers and boats with the candidates. Lacey-Mae and Cameron tested the candidates Maths skills and found out about their favourite subjects to teach. Over at the HAJC base Nathan and Ryan shared their learning in Maths with me. Nathan understood the importance of budgeting well and talked about how he had explored how much people got paid to do different jobs. Ryan explained that their trip into Hinckley was about finding out what they could spend the rest of their budget on in their social time and they were visiting the leisure centre and the cinema to look at the prices of different activities. Pupils in Iris were focused on their script writing – Phoebe was using her holiday to Whitby to help her with ideas and Charlotte was writing about Butlins. Brett was a bit stuck for ideas at first but then decided to focus on theme parks using his experience at Drayton Manor. Ellie at Cleveland House shared with me at break time her love for cats and anime and we talked about some different shows that we both enjoyed watching. She was really looking forward to going to her ICT lesson where she was going to be continuing to design her website with a focus today on choosing the pictures.

Harry at the Vocational 6th Form achieved his goal for the end of the year this week – at his last annual review he shared that he was ready for work and that instead of looking at colleges he wanted to get a job. Throughout this year he has attended work experience placements independently at Mencap, a nursery and the Leicester City Football Club fan shop learning new skills and supporting customers. On Friday he interviewed for a job in logistics working in a warehouse. Harry spent time at school preparing for the interview and this week he learnt that he had been successful in gaining a part time role. He was able to talk with his employer about the things that he would need to support him and is looking forward to starting his role. Sue and Harry spent time talking about how his successes were linked to his drive and motivation and how he has worked to achieve his goals. We are very excited to see how things progress in the future.

As you know this week I shared the update for the school. We have extended the consultation time about expanding DGS to include a new satellite provision at a primary school in the Blaby locality. Click on [this link](#) to tell us what you think.

We would also like to invite you to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee with us here at school. On Friday 27th May our theme will be red, white and blue and we will be holding a primary and secondary event. Parents of all pupils in Key Stage 2 (main site, Saturn and Neptune) are invited to join a coffee morning at the primary site from 10am – 11.30am.

Key Stage 1 parents (main site, Tigers and Turtles) are invited to join a coffee afternoon at the primary site from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Parents/carers of secondary aged pupils (main site, Redmoor satellite, HAJC satellite, Cleveland House and Vocational 6th Form) are invited to join us for an outdoor street party at the secondary site on Barwell Lane. The admin team will send out invites next week with all of the details on so that you can let us know if you would like to join us.



Date	Event	Location/Info
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June	Half Term	School Closed
Wed 22nd June	New Teacher Parents Evening & Moving On Information Event	Details to follow
Fri 1st July	Sports Day at Secondary	Secondary School
Mon 4th July	Sports Day at Primary	Primary School
Thur 7th July	Last Day of School for Summer	

Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please can we ask you to check the ingredients of your child's sun cream before you send it into school.

We have been advised that a very popular brand has started making theirs with Almond Oil.



As we are a nut free school, please **DO NOT** send any sun cream in which has nut oils listed in its ingredients.

Thank you.

w/c 9th May 2022

Week 3 Menu

Our up to date lunch menus for Primary and Secondary can be found by clicking this link: [Lunch Menus](#)

School Meal Primary meals: £2.20 per day

School Meal Senior meals: £2.45 per day

We would like to remind you that we have a no-debt procedure for our school meal service.

If your child is not entitled to free school meals, they MUST be in credit if they wish to have a school dinner.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please keep the office updated with any dietary requirements for your child. School Meals can be paid for via Arbor.

Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available through County Hall:

[LCC - Free School Meals](#) or contact School Food Support Service. Tel: 0116 305 5770.

Vocational 6th Form Woodwork Shop

Practice tying your shoelaces. £1.00

Small singular candle holders. £2.00

Wooden blackboard heart £3.00

Half Moon candle holders. £3.00

Seed trays £3.00

Small drinks tray £5.00

Outdoors Drinks Coasters £5.00

Large drinks tray £8.00

BBQ containers – ideal for sauce bottles/drinks/cutlery £8.00

BBQ bottle drinks opener £10.00

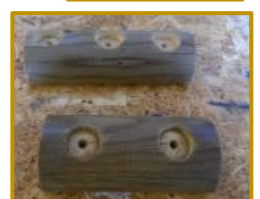
Bird boxes (painted or unpainted) £12.00

Blackboards (with or without a pencil holder) £12

We will also be making planters soon

If you would like to order anything please complete the order form out below.

[Order Form](#)



Notices



**R U N
W I T H
R I C H**

**25th June
2022**

Holme Pierrepont,
NOTTINGHAM

**R U N
1_{mile} or 5_{km}
YOUR WAY**

This fundraising run is for anyone of any ability. If you'd like to join us, you can enter at:
<https://bit.ly/runwithrich2022>



@Whitehead_Found
www.facebook.com/whiteheadfoundation
You can find out more at: <https://www.whiteheadfoundation/>

SEND reforms

Leicestershire local offer
accessibility strategy

[Leicestershire SEND local offer](#)

[YouTube video of Leicestershire local offer](#)



**Sport in Desford and Desford Tennis Club
Learning Disability Inclusive Tennis Session**

For ages 6-16

Every Thursday from Thursday 5th May 2022

18:00 to 19:00 all equipment is provided

Sport in Desford
The Flying Fields
Peckleton Lane
Desford
Leicester
LE9 9JU

£2.00 per session with sibling discount available

Make new friends and have fun- just come along

For more information contact Matt at
mchilvers138@gmail.com



Get your Covid jab in Hinckley!

Walk in jabs available at: **Hinckley Leisure Centre**
all adults plus children aged 5+
Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays
each week during May

from **12 noon to 7 pm** for **16+**

from **3:15 pm to 7 pm** for **5+**

No appointment necessary

Pfizer only - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and booster jabs if due

Please have your NHS number handy if possible

- Children aged 5+ attending will be offered a single dose of the Pfizer vaccine and must be accompanied by parents or guardians so consent can be obtained.
- Children aged 5+ will have to wait 12 weeks after testing positive for Covid before they can have the vaccine. Adults need to wait 28 days after testing positive.
- 12 weeks between doses for 5 to 17 year olds and 8 weeks for adults.

CLASS REQUESTS/MESSAGES

PLEASE COULD YOU SEND SOME SUN CREAM INTO SCHOOL AS WE ARE HOPEFUL OF SOME NICE WEATHER NEXT WEEK. -

LEOPARDS

PLEASE SEND IN SUN CREAM AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS WITH THEIR NAME. - LIONS

SATURN AND NEPTUNE HALF TERMLY VISIT TO OUR COMMUNITY LINK AT ATKINS BUILDING- PLEASE SEND IN EI ASAP. -

SATURN + NEPTUNE

PLEASE SEND IN PE KITS IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

- SATURN + NEPTUNE

PLEASE REMEMBER MONEY FOR THE CAFE/ SHOP AFTER SWIMMING AND PE. - 6TH FORM

WE ARE SWIMMING THIS TERM, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH A SWIM KIT EVERY MONDAY.

- KITES

- DEMETER

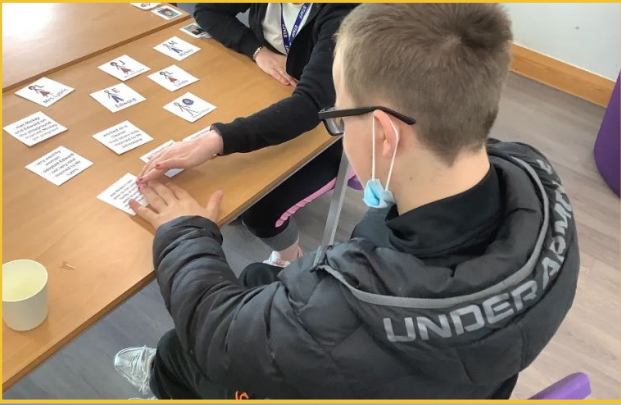
- POSEIDON

- HERA



This week in Pictures!

“Sarah M, Edward S, Elsa W, Lacey MK, Cameron T, Lilia KM and Jacob O were awarded an Assistant Head Award for taking part in the teacher interviews with the School Council.”



PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

Highlight of the week: This week at Primary, we had a visit from Richard Whitehead MBE and BBC East Midlands Today. He came into school to promote the work that his foundation does to support young people with disabilities in the wider community. Students loved meeting him and enjoyed showing off for the cameras. For more information about The Richard Whitehead Foundation visit <https://www.whitehead.foundation/>

KS 1 We enjoyed moving over and under this week, with lots of good balance and movement skills on show.

KS 2 Our focus this week was on jumping, with various techniques and obstacles explored.

KS 3 / 4 We looked at sprinting and speed this week. We introduced a sprint start and worked on how we can improve our speed.

KS 5 Continued different methods of training to improve our fitness. The running group did a fantastic job and showed really good resilience.

Primary
Finley for
excellent
application of
previous skills

Secondary
Flo for engaging
well in PE.

KS 1

- Llamas:** Great participation in P.E
- Lemurs:** The whole class drawing spider during Write Dance
- Leopards:** Leopards had an excellent write dance session this week, the children were all focused on their tasks completing lots of fantastic work!
- Lions:** The children joining in and understanding the actions of up and down to the rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider'
- Tigers & Turtles:** Everyone engaging together in PE

KS 3

- Apollo:** Helping one another within Maths when teaching time.
- Athena:** A great non-verbal Drama lesson
- Kites:** Demonstrating our knowledge of left and right!
- Owl:** doing a whole class animal quiz in science
- Poseidon:** Great engagement in our English session this week based of zones of regulation.

KS 5

- 6th Form:** Band Lab was a great experience for the young people involved and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- Demeter:** Adam working more with peers and being able to self regulate with NO prompts!
- Nike:** How well our students have managed with the changes

Highlights of the week

KS 2

- Earth:** Fantastic communication and turn taking
- Jupiter:** This week our pupils have all worked really hard at developing their personal skills and independence.
- Mars:** Luke sharing with different staff all about the life cycle of a butterfly.
- Neptune:** Fabulous observational skills, shown by everyone in Neptune, during Science.
- Saturn:** A snowball (pom pom) fight in english, linked to the film 'Cloudy with a chance of meatballs'.
- Venus:** Children loved meeting Richard Whitehead in their PE session.

KS 4

- Atlas:** Exploring mosaic patterns in RE whilst learning about Islam.
- Hera:** Introducing TinkerCAD to the class and seeing them draw 3D shapes - cubes at first and Olivia using a large keyboard to write to the Queen about her birthday and the Platinum Jubilee.
- Hercules:** Geography
- Janus:** Exploring and making electrical circuits

Cleveland House: Bradley and Alex for completing their A level practical in Chemistry and Biology

Iris & Zeus Some students starting work experience at our own primary school.

Key Stage 1

Leopards: This week we have been looking at the nursery rhyme Jack and Jill. The Leopards enjoyed experimenting with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to make a bubbling reaction, lots of communication used to request more. The Leopards always enjoy water play, this week we have been using buckets to fetch pails of water just like Jack and Jill.

Lekan

Llamas: We have continued our nursery rhyme theme. This week we have focused on Jack and Jill and positional language moving up and down in a variety of contexts applying our knowledge. In topic we have been thinking about weather and seasonal change and used a variety of materials to make collage weather symbols.

Oscar

Tommy

Lemurs: This week we have focussed on the nursery rhyme Incy Wincy Spider, the students have done some amazing drawing and mark making this week, with every child completing their own spider picture. We have also enjoyed exploring the different pipes and rolling things up and down them as well as pouring water down the pipes. We have also been working on our fine motor skills, making spiders out of biscuits and spaghetti.

Jack

Lions: Although it has been a short week the children have been busy exploring a range of activities linked to the nursery rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider' and in Topic work learning about the seasons. In PHSE the children have been very enthusiastic to try on hats and costumes and look at themselves in the mirror in our topic 'The photo booth'. There have been some great facial expressions seen in the mirror and the children have been excited when they have recognised themselves in photographs.

Jacob
K

Aurora

Tigers & Turtles Tigers and Turtles have engaged really well all week. We have been learning about "Mary Mary Quite Contrary" in Literacy and science, learning about what seeds need to grow successfully. In Maths we have been focusing on left and right, up and down directions. We really enjoyed cooking twice this week, decorating Eid biscuits and making Rice Krispie cakes.

Key Stage 2

Earth: This week we have been working hard in science on push and pull forces and grouping the different items to see what forces are used. We had fun exploring the different toys and how they operated. In English we continued with our weather story working on our communication and exploration. In maths we have continued to explore and match shapes and engaged well in our shape massaging story fantastic problem solving and persistence with the shape sorters - Well done!

Austin

Lewis

Jesse

Jupiter: We have continued our exploration of the story 'Cloudy with a chance of meatballs' in English. with various focuses on descriptive language, story recall, sentence building, engagement, weather, initiating interactions, communication etc. In math some of the pupils are exploring 2D or 3D shapes while others are exploring direction. We have continued our explorations of forces in science and earthquakes in Geography. Throughout this we have been exploring a variety of sensory learning opportunities and mindfulness sessions.

Finlay

Omella

Saturn: In English the students have continued watching 'Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs'. The students have been working on answering questions relating to the film. In the film it was raining ice-cream, so the students had a pom pom fight. The film was paused and the students had to predict what would happen next. In maths they have been working on directions and map work. On Thursday they put their skills to the test by following directional instructions around the Richmond park. In science they were learning about gravity and they took part in experiments, predicting and observing different items falling to the floor. A very good PE session in the sunshine, were we working on our jumping skills.

Venus: This week in English pupils created their own invention inspired by cloudy with a chance of meatballs. They drew their plans and discussed the special features. Pupils then used made their invention come to life through junk modeling.

In math pupils have continued to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and were able to find them in real objects around the school. In Geography pupils built towers out of different resources and created pretend earthquakes to see which one would stand the longest.

Well done Venus!

Jennifer

Mars: This week in Mars we have been continuing with our topic "forces" on Monday we went out on the bikes where we got caught in downpour, which the children really seem to enjoy. We had a good PE session where the children have been working on their agility and completed an obstacle course.

Luke

Key Stage 3

Owls: in Owls class this week we have continued to look at the curious incident of the dog in the night time book , creating our own mysteries and having great conversations about the story.
in Maths we have continued looking at shapes, including a scavenger hunt around school for as many as we could find.
in science we enjoyed learning more about Animals and identifying the different species.

Ellis

Poseidon: This week Poseidon have been busy in English and Maths. In English we have been focusing on our new book The Curious Incident of The Dog In the Night Time. We have been exploring the character Christopher from the book and how he displays his emotions. In maths we have been exploring shape and directions. In Science we have been exploring habitats and Daisy could recall what a habitat was. Lennon did some super work in his new rabbit walker and is now using two hands to wheel himself which is super!

Lennon

Kites: In maths we have been busy practicing turns, direction and co-ordinates. Murder mystery has been the focus for English and we have been trying to understand what makes a good murder mystery story (apparently lots of blood and gore!) We have been learning about Richard III and trying to decide if he was a good or a bad person.

Oliver

Athena: Athena class has had a really good week. We looked at Rastafarian art and had a really fun outdoor PE lesson.

Kacper

Apollo: This week in English we have been looking at questioning, linked to the scene where Christopher gets questioned by the police. The class wrote interview questions which they will use within their drama next week. The pupils have been reflecting on their artwork, as they have been asked to recreate some of their best work to display around the school: they are all very excited about this!

Alexie

Key Stage 4

Janus: This week we continued looking at our new term topics in science we looked at symbols for electrical circuits as well as making some electrical circuits ourselves, in Humanities we continued looking at population density and factors that can affect where population goes, the CYP were very good at identifying the difference between a natural occurring factor and a man made one.

Jake

Hercules: The class enjoyed creating their own dinner party menus for Come Dine With Me. In Science we have been looking at electricity. We enjoyed having a party, for Rhia's birthday!

Theo
(& Rhia)

Hera: In Computing we have been working on representing a 3D shape using a 2D image and pupils have worked on drawing cubes on TinkerCAD - lots of fun and learning.

In PSHE and RSE we talked about healthy eating as part of planning afternoon tea for the Platinum Jubilee and we designed and decorated crowns - Lewis drew a Queen's corgi shaped crown and covered it in rubies - fabulous!

Humanities is all about emigration and Ellis Island at the moment and we continued with our story and our Sherbourne.

Missy

Atlas: This week we have been exploring circuits in Science. We've also been magnet fishing in science, exploring which items are magnetic or not. In Maths, we've been playing Supermarket Sweep, hunting for the highest prices items around the school in two teams - the competition has been fierce!

Dylan

Princess

Zeus & Iris: It may have been a four day week but we have still packed a lot in! In maths, students have enjoyed practical maths lessons and have been thinking about money and budgeting. This week a trip into town involved finding out about leisure activities available in Hinckley and how much they cost. In English, we continue with our new text, Our Day Out, and have enjoyed drama activities linked to the topic. This week, some of our pupils have also started some work experience supporting our younger pupils at our own primary school. A big thank you to all the staff and pupils who made them feel very welcome!

Lewis

Rubi
KS4

Mackenzie
KS3

Kyle
KS5

Cleveland House: KS5- Henry had a excellent session in DIY on Wednesday completing some great work and being very helpful to other students. After that with Jake in cooking own lunch made a fantastic spaghetti bolognaise. All our KS5 students are preparing themselves for the exam season, good luck to you all. KS4 - Danni has completed some excellent work in her inclusion lessons, Kyle in English was doing article writing which is good practice for his forthcoming English GCSE. KS3- In geography our students continued there study of Eco Tourism. In history they continued to develop their understanding of slavery. Our students were completing there end of rotation assessments.

Key Stage 5

6th Form: Josh W has been leading a sports group on a Friday afternoon in choice time and has been requested to make this a weekly event. Well done Josh. The DIY group are making a set of chairs and a table for the common room and will have soft furnishings for these made by the sewing pathway. The gardening pathways have been to Geosynthetics to begin a project there to improve the garden area.

Aimee
Kratos

Josh
Triton

Callum
Helios

Nike: This week Nike have enjoyed lots of different activities. Nike made their own 'pub/club' in the classroom. We explored the getting ready process, and tried on lots of different outfits. The students enjoyed going to the 'bar' for drinks and being the DJ. When we got 'home' they had a spa session. This included a foot spa and a hand massage.

Kairiah

Demeter: We have had a great week in Demeter class. In Math we have been looking at weights and measurements and English we saw some great independent painting. During PSHE the young people really enjoyed making mocktails and beer (apple juice) with a frothy top. Ollie squeezed the vinegar a little too hard though and it went everywhere! Emily has worked really hard on her transitions too and managed to join the class for tacpac in the sensory room. Well done everyone on a fab week! ~ The Demeter team

Adam

Have a fantastic weekend!