

Friday 17th November 2023

## Headteachers Comments

A massive thank you to the Hinckley Fire Station Rudolph Fund who visited us to present a cheque from their sleigh collections last year. A small group of pupils came out to help Danielle and I accept the cheque – Olivia was a little cautious at first but once Claire modelled going into the back of the fire engine she was confident enough to climb in. Trofim and Shane enjoyed seeing the flashing lights which Harley was controlling from the driver’s seat and Olivia also did some of the photography during the visit.

Jonathan and I had a lovely time at the Hinckley School satellites coffee morning on Tuesday where we had the chance to catch up with pupils and parents. Harrison shared his train designs with me and explained how he used You Tube to get his ideas and it was so positive to hear how well Dexter has settled into school and how Hugh is doing with his preparations for his GCSE exams.

I have enjoyed seeing what pupils have been up to outside of school on Earwig – Elliot R has been bowling – spending time with family and getting some strikes – well done! Bethany has been following instructions to create flat pack furniture and George has started decoration shopping enjoying the lights at the garden centre. Willow has found the apples and taken them upstairs as a way of asking for them and Savannah has been at dancing and gymnastics having a fantastic time. Zoe went to Beavers and created her superhero of the future adding in the facial features and writing her name independently. Isabella really enjoyed getting ready for the dressing up day and it was great to watch her announce her name for the day ‘Cinderella Isabella’ – what a fantastic dress. Thank you so much for sharing all the home learning.

Have a good weekend.

*Kelly*



**UK PARLIAMENT WEEK**  
6-12 NOV 2023



Last week at Cleveland House, we focussed on UK Parliament Week. We had some interesting resources sent to us and were able to look at videos about The House of Commons and The House of Lords. We were even sent a video to watch from the local MP Luke Evans who explained his role in his constituency.

Then on Friday a couple of pupils were able to have a discussion about issues suggested in the resource booklet using the 3, 9, 27 rule about building an engaging soundbite on a topic. Overall, these were engaging resources and we will be able to use them again.



Date for the Diary	Event	Info
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Farmers Market	Secondary School (10am - 12noon) information to follow
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner in School <b>Only for Primary School, Secondary School, Cleveland House and The Hinckley School Base</b>	Cleveland House & The Hinckley School Base
Wed 20th Dec		Secondary School
Thur 21st Dec		Primary School
Fri 22nd Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term	
Mon 8th Jan 2024	First Day of Spring Term	

## LUNCHES w/c 20th November Week 1 Menu



Our up to date lunch menus for Primary and Secondary can be found by clicking this link:

[Lunch Menus](#)

**Primary School Meals: £2.20 per day (From 8th January 2024: £2.30)**

**Secondary School Meals: £2.45 per day (From 8th January 2024: £2.55)**

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.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Leicestershire Partnership   
NHS Trust

### School Aged Immunisation Service

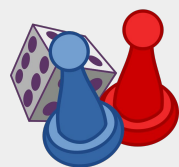
### IMMUNISATION SESSIONS AT YOUR SCHOOL

The School Aged Immunisation Service from Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust will be delivering the following vaccinations at your school this academic year:

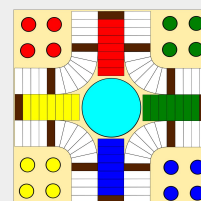
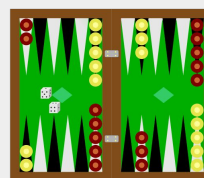
**Friday 9th February 2024 - 3 in 1 Teenage Booster & Meningitis - Year 9 and above**

**Friday 3rd May 2024 - Human papillomavirus (HPV) - Year 8 and above**

Consent can  
be given/declined [here](#).  
School Code is LE138156



# WANTED



6th form are looking for games/jigsaws for their common rooms. If you have any at home you do not want anymore (with all of the pieces) please send them in with a note to come to Middlefield Lane.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHRISTMAS DINNER



**BOOKING IS NOW CLOSED**

- The deadline for booking Christmas Dinner has now passed and the figures reported to our kitchen. **We cannot accept any more requests.**
- If you have not made a request for Christmas dinner for your child, please ensure that they bring a packed lunch on the day
- The site which have Christmas Dinner will have no other alternatives that day (no Jacket potatoes or sandwiches) - this does not include any dietary requirements.



## DGS PROVIDED MEALS

Date	Location
Tues 19th Dec	The Hinckley School & Cleveland House
Wed 20th Dec	Secondary School
Thur 21st Dec	Primary School

## OTHER MEALS

Date	Provided by
Thu 14th Dec	Richmond School
Tue 19th Dec	Vocational 6th Form
Thur 21st Dec	New Lubbesthorpe



**TOMBOLA PRIZES WANTED**

We are looking for prizes for our tombola stall we will have at the Christmas Market on 15th December.

We are looking for the following items:

- Wine
- Chocolate (No Nuts please)
- Bath sets
- Candles
- Toys
- Games



Please can we ask that any donations are new and in their original packaging.



## Lunch Menu

### Christmas week (18th - 22nd Dec)

#### Monday

Meatballs & pasta or vegan sausage roll, potatoes & vegetables

#### Tuesday

Cheese pizza potatoes & beans

Xmas lunch for The Hinckley School/Cleveland house

#### Wednesday

Chicken steak, potatoes & beans / cheese & onion lattice (Pri)

Secondary Xmas lunch - no other option available

#### Thursday

Chicken steak, potatoes & beans / cheese & onion lattice (Sec)

Primary Xmas lunch - no other option available

#### Friday

Fish, chips & mushy peas

Jacket Potatoes / Sandwiches are still available (except Weds for Sec/Thurs for Pri)







# New Lubbesthorpe Base



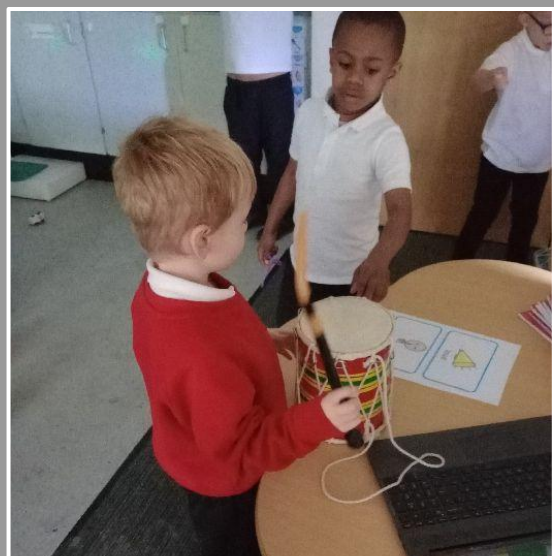
## WRITE UP

We have been learning about Diwali and taking part in celebrations, including making coconut barfi, playing musical instruments and making Diyas. On Monday we made crazy hats ready for Tuesday to help raise money for Menphys.



## MEMORABLE MOMENT

Celebrating Diwali through music and movement



## NOTICES

If your child does not have wellies or a P.E kit, please send one in thank you



### MEMORABLE

### MOMENT

Pupils trying new food!

### WRITE UP

This week, pupils have been celebrating Diwali week. They have been exploring the sensory textures of different food, like samosas and onion bhajis, and some pupils have been brave enough to taste them. Pupils have also been busy making diya lamps.

### NOTICES

Although it is very muddy outside, this is an important part of the curriculum, therefore if you can please provide suitable outdoor clothing such as wellies and all weather suits.



## EYFS & Key Stage 1 Primary School

# Key Stage 2 Primary School

### MEMORABLE MOMENT

The fire truck coming to visit DGS on Wednesday.



### WRITE UP

The children in Jupiter had a fabulous time operating trips and switches to make toys move and create amazing light shows. It was lovely to see the children experiment with their curiosity.

### NOTICES

Please clearly label all items that belong to your young person; including shoes, lunchboxes and any toys or comforters they may need to bring in.







### WRITE UP

In maths, the children have continued to work on handling money. They applied these skills in the class shops where they exchanged coins for plastic fruit and items. We have watched more of "The Water horse" in English. They have been using colourful semantics to build simple sentences about the story. In science, we have explored a range of habitats through sensory exploration as well as matching animals to the correct habitat. In geography, the children have taken part in messy play activities to discover how mountains are formed. The children have been discussing their pets in PSHE where they have built shelters for toy animals and started to discuss how their pets make them feel.



# Richmond Base

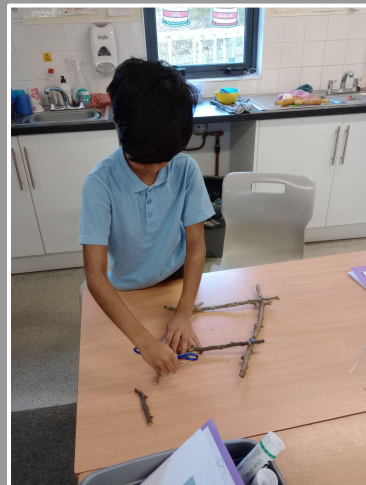


### MEMORABLE MOMENT

Pluto class going to the farm to buy milk.

### NOTICES

Can all children's items be labelled with their names.





## WEEKLY WRITE UP

Some students have been taking part in non verbal drama and interacting with each other in positive ways. In Art we have enjoyed learning about monoprinting and repeating patterns and got to paint the tables and then take a print of it. In RSE we have been discussing how all families are different. In Science we have been exploring different animal groups through using touch to feel wet slippery animals in slime and stroking different fake furs to feel how soft mammals can be.

We had an amazing theatre company come in on Wednesday and everyone loved listening to the classical instruments and watching the different animal dances. We showed great respect to the performers by sitting quietly when asked and joining in with the performers later on.



# Key Stage 3 Secondary School



## MEMORABLE MOMENT

The whole key stage enjoyed the performance on Wednesday of The Ugly Duckling and A Donkey's Tale.



## NOTICES

Please can all pupils wear appropriate footwear and clothing on Mondays and Wednesdays for PE. Please can water bottles, lunch bags and coats be labelled Swimming kits will be needed on Mondays for those swimming and Wellies and waterproofs for those attending Forest Schools on Tuesdays.





### WRITE UP

We had a visit from a touring theatre company who performed an interactive show to students in KS3 and 4. The theatre company told us that Dorothy Goodman wins the award for the best participation in the show with most students joining in with dancing, making music and acting!



### NOTICES

As the cold weather sweeps in can we remind all students to come in suitable clothing so they can continue to enjoy outside learning experiences.

# Key Stage 4 Secondary School



### MEMORABLE MOMENT

- Lucas in Demeter class has been struggling to get back on his feet after an operation in the Summer. This week he began walking again and was very proud of his achievement!
- We've seen a real push with engagement in the curriculum this week from all students which has been really positive.
- Having a Diwali themed party

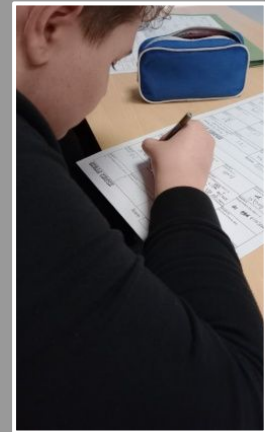




## WRITE UP

KS 3 - A brilliant coffee morning this week. Eleos loved serving teas and coffees, as well as ringing down to the base to let people know when their parents had arrived. We also enjoyed watching the Carrot Productions, The Ugly Duckling, with all of use dancing and having a close look at the instruments.

KS 4 - Students have been working hard in Cleveland House and have been sharing their views about real life situations in their SCPD lessons. Kyle attended The Hinckley School 6th form open evening as a volunteer to greet prospective new students and also attended the year 13 'car crash' event where the fire brigade demonstrated how they deal with car accidents. And Hugh has now completed his final practical assessment in his GCSE food and nutrition.



## MEMORABLE MOMENT

KS 3 - Coffee Morning, to raise money for Menphys

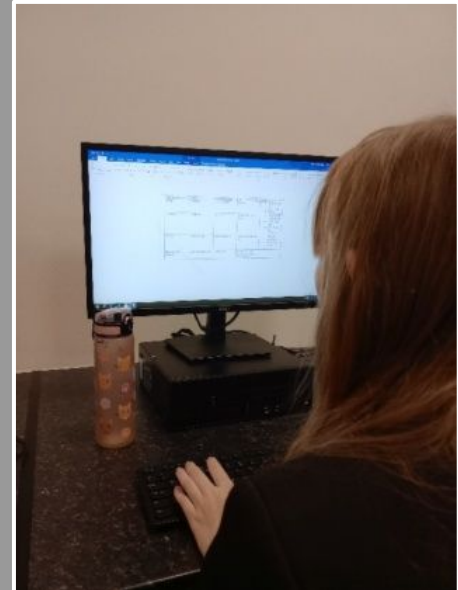
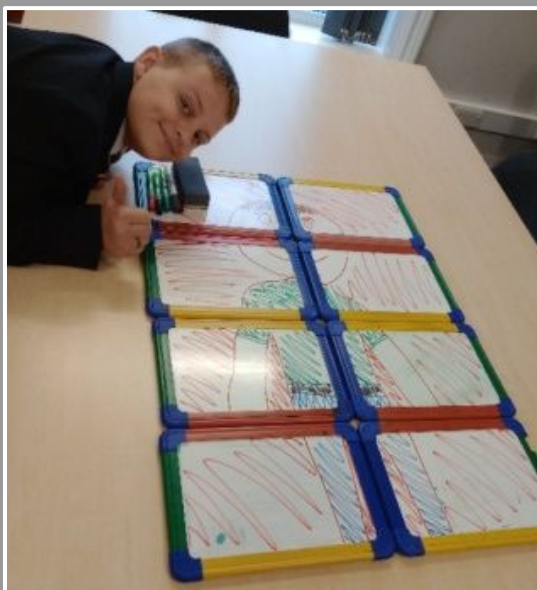
KS 4 - Great effort from the Drama students this week when practicing a production of The Grinch!



# Cleveland House

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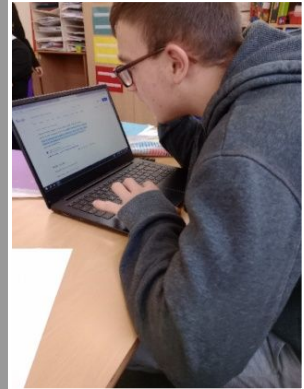
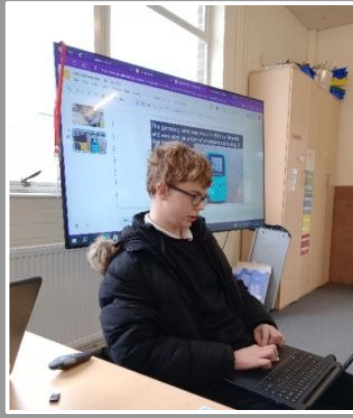




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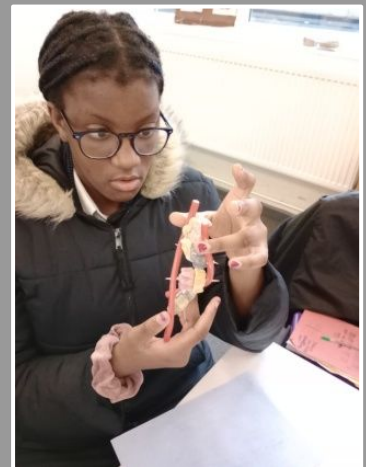
KS4- If you have any please could you bring in boxes on Monday (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, other small cardboard boxes).

# The Hinckley School Base



## MEMORABLE MOMENT

Making Diya lamps and decorating cakes as part of our Diwali topic in RE. Making DNA strands out of different materials while learning what DNA is and what it does.



## WRITE UP

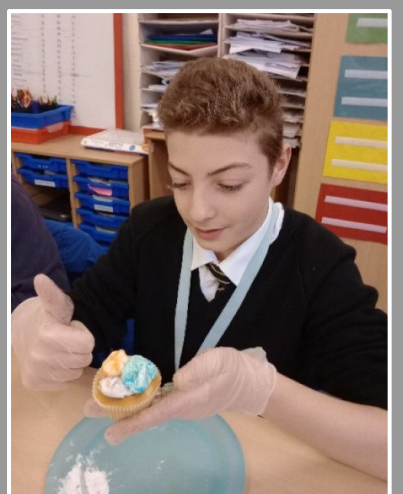
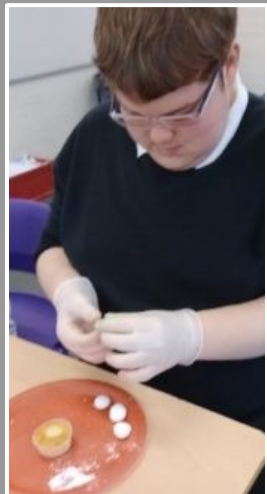
KS 3 - We made art work in the style of Andy Warhol. In science the pupils collected leaves and sticks for their mini habitats. In RE we looked at Diwali and made some Diya lamps. Lots of us enjoyed the coffee morning and the pupils enjoyed showing their books to their parents

KS 4 - This week KS4 have learnt about how decay happens in living things and how things return back into the earth. In RE we finished of Diwali celebrations by decorating cakes using fondant and food colouring. The pupils were very creative! In PSHE the students have been preparing the materials to start making their worry boxes. Key Stage 4, have celebrated aspects of Diwali this week and compared it to other celebrations they have done in the past. They are continuing to work hard in both Math and English. They have also begun planning a trip out in Hinckley.





# Memphys COFFEE MORNING AT CLEVELAND HOUSE



Don't forget our coffee morning at 6th Form on 21st November.  
Please complete [this](#) form to confirm your attendance

## SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

- ❖ Open to young people aged 16-24 years with an EHC Plan
- ❖ A structured, work based programme – typically around 70% of the time in the workplace
- ❖ An unpaid programme
- ❖ Lasts for at least 6 months
- ❖ A workplace training and study programme – the aim is to enable the intern to take up paid employment at the end of the internship which could be with the same employer
- ❖ An opportunity for young people to achieve sustained, paid employment by equipping them with the skills they need for work through learning in the workplace
- ❖ The intern will be supported by an expert Job Coach – support will taper off, if appropriate, as the intern becomes familiar with their role
- ❖ Job Coaches work with the employers and employees to increase their confidence in employing individuals with additional needs and helping them to create and support a diverse workforce.
- ❖ Supported interns are in full-time education and their supported internship work placements are part of their course
- ❖ The supported internship should contribute to the long-term career goals of the young person and match their capabilities
- ❖ Alongside their time with the employer, supported interns complete a personalised study programme delivered by the school, college or training provider, which includes the chance to study for relevant qualifications, if appropriate, and English and maths at an appropriate level, whilst meeting their needs and providing progression and stretch
- ❖ The aims of the internship: support young people to develop skills valued by employers, enable them to demonstrate their value in the workplace, enable them to develop confidence in their own abilities to perform successfully at work
- ❖ There are no entry or completion requirements for supported internships
- ❖ On completion of a supported internship, young people could move on to traineeships and apprenticeships.

## WHERE TO FIND OUT ABOUT SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

- ❖ Local colleges eg <https://college.sense.org.uk/supported-internships>
- ❖ Social worker & transition worker (Young Adults Disabilities Team)
- ❖ Jobcentre Plus