

Friday 8th December 2023

Deputy Headteachers Comments

It has been a fantastic week across the school as we move into December. Students have been continuing to work hard in lessons with great focus on their learning and interactions with peers.

At New Lubbesthorpe Zach was keen to show everyone the animals that live in the desert using the visuals and also the animals in the sensory tray. Ivor and Isabelle were selecting animals to watch in the wild with Zebras and Giraffes proving very popular. At the main Primary site, Jupiter class were exploring vocabulary, including heavy and light. Alfie was trying hard to make the scales balance but needed to find some heavy items to make this work. It has been brilliant to see all of the great fun being had by all! Over at Richmond the students have been taken back in time as the internet has been down. Students have managed this change really well and the focus on cooperative play has let students explore their social communication targets across lunchtime and social times even more.

At Barwell Lane this week Key stage 3 have had brilliant PE sessions with groups of students working together to practise their movement skills. Students loved accessing some of the gymnastic equipment to create some truly challenging obstacles requiring balance and patience to travel across. At The Hinckley School, across classes, pupils have been working as part of a team to create their 3D display to show the 'Carbon Cycle', some have planned an investigation into seed dispersal while ensuring that their testing was fair and reliable, while others have been looking at and sequencing the food chain. At Cleveland House pupils continue to work on their individual targets and the level of reflection during their social communication sessions is impressive, especially William who provided some insightful comments. Eleos students welcomed some visitors to the base, showing great confidence talking about their work. At Vocational Sixth form this week students have been loving getting out into the community and practising their social interactions in places of work and recreation venues. Some of the students visited Ikea as they planned furnishing their own rooms and spaces, getting to explore what they would purchase and working to the budgets they had set.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Julie & Jonathan

LUNCHES w/c 11th December 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.

Breakfast Club Reminder - Breakfast Club must be booked in advance, this is due to student medical needs and allows us to provide the correct level of staffing. Bookings close at **3pm each Friday** and sessions can be booked as many weeks in advance as required.

Applications for Spring Term 1 Afterschool Clubs are now open. Please complete the relevant form in order to apply. The application form will close at **8am on Monday 11th December 2023**. Please see form for more details regarding the clubs on offer and costs.

[Primary After School Club Application Form](#)

[Secondary After School Club Application Form](#)

Date for the Diary	Event	Info
Thur 14th Dec	Christmas Dinner in School	Richmond (provided by the base)
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Farmers Market	Secondary School (10am - 12noon)
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner in School	Cleveland House & The Hinckley School Base (DGS provided)
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner in School	Vocational 6th Form (provided by the base)
Tue 19th Dec	Stay & Play with EYFS/KS1	New Lubbesthorpe Base. Information to follow
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Dinner in School	Secondary School
Wed 20th Dec	KS2: Christmas does talent	Parents will be invited to see performances. Info to follow
Thur 21st Dec	Christmas Dinner in School	Primary School (DGS provided) & a visit from Santa
Thur 21st Dec	Christmas Dinner in School	New Lubbesthorpe (provided by the base)
Thur 21st Dec	Vocational 6th Bowling Trip	10am - 2pm - information sent out separately by email.
Fri 22nd Dec	Stay & Play with EYFS/KS1	Primary School. Information to follow
Fri 22nd Dec	CH Laser Quest Trip	09:30am - 1:30pm, Cleveland House students
Fri 22nd Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term	

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Pupils independently using the swing in the adventure room!

WRITE UP

It's our last week of our animal topic! Pupils have enjoyed learning about different types of animals, animal patterns and exploring animal habitats. They are very excited about starting our winter and Christmas celebrations next week and everyone looked fab on christmas jumper day.

Key Stage 1

Primary School



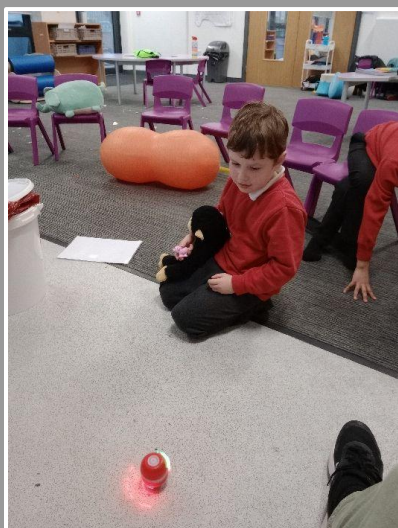
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Please send in money for our Aldi visit if not already done so - thanks

New Lubbesthorpe

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Finding a huge piece of ice in the allotment that looked like a window!



WRITE UP

In geography, we learnt about one final habitat- the African Savanna. We enjoyed singing the Savanna song and spotting the different animals. In science, we learnt about birds and insects. We identified which parts of the bodies that birds need to fly. Katie's English group enjoyed starting to learn the story of the snowman and then recreating the characters. Sara's group have been enjoying creating posters for their own animal clubs.





NOTICES

We have our Christmas lunch on Thursday. The students can wear a Christmas hat if they would like to. Also if anyone has any spare underwear to fit age 7-10 years we would be very grateful and if anyone has any of our underwear, can it be returned please.



Richmond Base

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Having a local celebrity visit Pluto last Friday..Ben came to visit with 3 of the students from last year. Everyone wanted to sit with him.

WRITE UP

In maths we have continued our work on telling the time and been playing bingo and a turn taking game. In science Pluto students followed instructions to make edible poo. In English some of the groups have been watching The Water Horse and some have started listening to a story called Nessie. In geography the students have been learning about lakes and mountains and have worked on creating maps.



Key Stage 2 Primary School



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Seeing all the children in their Christmas jumpers for Christmas jumper day and also seeing how the students communication and confidence across ks2 has grown across a range of contexts. Very proud.

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Please remember swimming kits for Jupiter and Venus class, every Monday. Two more weeks left. If you have any of the schools spare clothes please could they be returned to school.

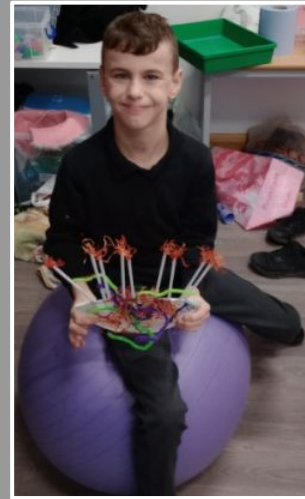
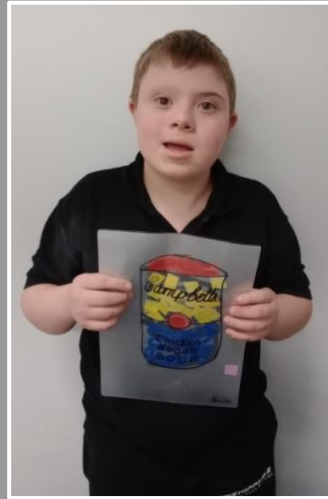


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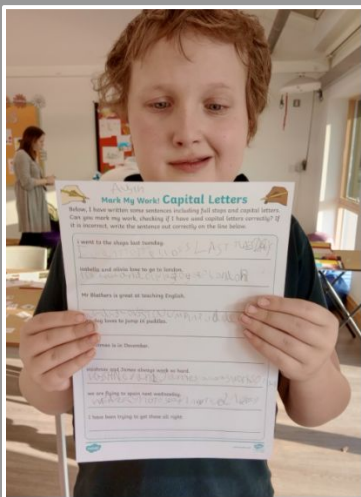
We have been working on our timings in math. Looking at both sequencing and clocks to build out representation of time. Some super learning and number formation in Jupiter and mercury groups! Another busy week in Key Stage 2! In Geography we have continued learning about lakes, we have all had lots of fun exploring floating and sinking. In English, the children have enjoyed a chance to watch the film of the water horse and have also engaged in sensory learning to explore the themes of the film. In science, we have been exploring the polar regions and comparing them to the desert the children have really enjoyed the sensory learning this has offered - especially the snow!

WEEKLY WRITE UP

In Art some of us have been printing using polytiles that we prepared last week with our favourite superheroes on. Connor was particularly proud of his batman prints!! In Science we have continued looking at food chains in different habitats, we have enjoyed learning about what different animals hunt which particularly watching clips of animals hunting their prey and explaining what is happening. In RE some of us created Hanukkah decorations and learnt about the importance of the Menorah in this Jewish holiday by creating our own out of lollipop sticks and paper. Some classes have been cooking savoury quads and others have been making jammy puff pastry snails. In Art we have been consolidating our learning and practising all the different types of printing we have learnt over the half term. In English some classes have been writing about Baskerville Hall and describing it using symbols to help them. Other classes read some of the Sherlock Holmes story and answered questions about the text. In RSE, we learnt about who we can go to if we have a problem, and we designed our own safe spaces.



Key Stage 3 Secondary School



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Taking turns and sharing with friends on the new basket swing in the playground.

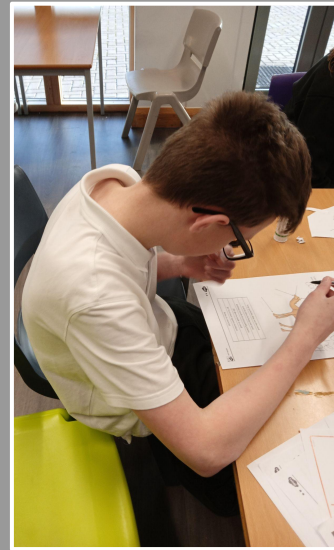


NOTICES

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

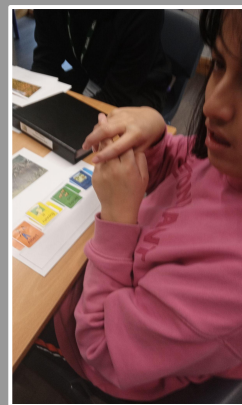
Another busy week In Key Stage 4. The pathways Enterprise group have started to become very festive, making gingerbread men this week. The Sports pathway looked very active in the gym and the performing arts group have been enjoying Alice in Wonderland, through Sherbourne and a sensory story. There's been lots of work in Computing about how we use technology in our lives, including home appliances. In RE classes have been exploring all about Hanukkah festival. In Maths students are continuing to focus on money and in English the story War Horse is being explored in the different groups. We are coming to an end of studying Warhorse for our literacy unit this term. Students have really enjoyed looking at this book and film and learning all about animals in WW1. We have also been learning all about rainforests so some students went to Asda to look at different tropical fruits. We bought some and made delicious smoothies.



Key Stage 4 Secondary School

NOTICES

A reminder it's the Christmas Farmers Market at the Secondary site on Friday 15th March, 10am -12pm. All welcome!



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Seeing Demeter class supporting and helping each other when in the immersion room this week. We've had a really busy week here in KS4. Students have been doing a lot of cooking in preparation for the Christmas Market.





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KS3 - Please remember your allotment clothes for Monday

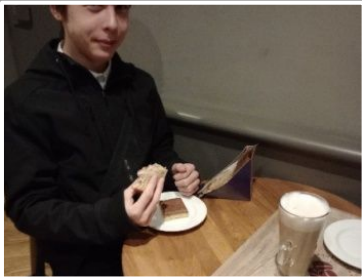
KS4- Wrap up warm on Monday as we are going for a walk in the morning

The Hinckley School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

KS 3 - The kindness shown from pupils when things go wrong

KS 4 - Going to Costa Cafe with KS4 and printing in art.



WRITE UP

KS 3 - The students did very well in Life Skills and learnt about who can help them in the community. Students continued with acting the Grinch play for Drama. Students have learnt about how to calculate change in Maths. Students also did very well in Science in which they learnt about food chains. We started the week thinking about how the allotment is beneficial for our wellbeing, community spirit and bring us together as a class team. Each pupil has demonstrated how to be kind, thoughtful and caring. I have seen so many great moments that show the "nurture" part of our values of the school. I am very proud of what lovely students we have. We ended the week making a young man feel very welcome in our class.



KS 4 - In English they have been performing presentations as part of their assessment. They have also been seeing evolution through peppered moths in science. KS4 started their week by going to Costa for breakfast. This was a trip they planned in RSE, they then reflected on their visit. In Science they started an investigation on seed dispersal and investigated whether wing length affects how far a sycamore seed would travel and in Maths we have moved onto money problems.



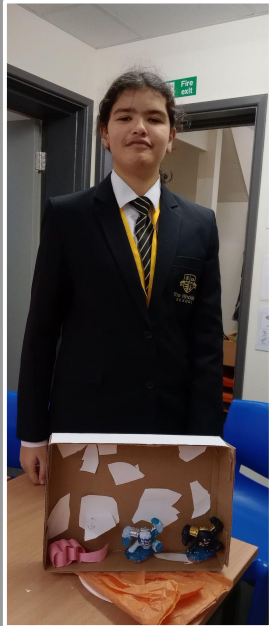
WRITE UP

KS 3 - We have been practicing our body percussion, in music, showcasing our Habitat knowledge by making a variety of habitats, in Geography and starting to write our own stories in English. We were very lucky to have Delia, PSCO, visit us on Tuesday and she spoke primarily about online safety.

KS 4 - Cleveland house had a visit from our local community support officer this week, and we had an informative presentation on online awareness. We discussed the risks of using the internet and how we can keep ourselves safe.



Cleveland House



MEMORABLE MOMENT

KS 3 - The PSCO visiting us

KS 4 - Danni completing an 8 hour exam for her A-level criminology course.



MOVING ON - POST 16 OPTIONS



ALTERNATIVE TRAINING PROVIDERS

Leicestershire County Council's SENA service recognise that young people's' needs cannot always be met in traditional ways so have worked to increase the offer and choice for young people post 16.

As a result they offer alternative training provisions that have led to successful adulthood outcomes; greater independence, employability, and paid work. Each provision can operate separately or as a collective, ensuring that the key aspects of provision are met for each young person. This approach offers greater opportunity to plan a personalised study programme that accurately meets needs. Each provision offers a safe, small and realistic learning environment with progression steps. The provisions are all set up for progress into employment, work experience, voluntary work, supported employment, supported internships, traineeships and apprenticeships. Each provision offers pastoral support, information, advice and guidance, specialist teaching and support staff. There are many vocational options to choose from delivered by experienced qualified staff.

For some young people vocational learning will not be the priority. Some providers will focus on developing greater independence and communication skills, community access and advocacy.

Some of the provisions are on the Social Care framework, enabling both education and social care to give stability and consistency for some young people who have a social care personal budget.

The SENA Post 16 Team will be able to offer guidance and support.

Contact details: SENA.Post16@leics.gov.uk - Telephone: 0116 305 6600

Details of Alternative Training Providers will be included in next week's newsletter.

LLR Change Program Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland Councils (LLR) and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) have been selected in the East Midlands region to pilot a range of changes. The local Parent Carer Forums will be consulting parents and feeding into the programme to ensure that parent carer voices, as well as those of their children and young people, are heard. The issues being looked at include National Standards, developing local area inclusion partnerships, working to deliver a standard, digitised EHCP template, trialling mediation at an earlier stage and with decision makers present and the Early Language Support For Every Child (ELSEC) programme rolled out to support Speech and Language Therapy. More information will be available from the Parent Carer Forum.

<https://www.leicestershiresendhub.org.uk/>

<https://lcpcf.net/>



LCC Consultation Leicestershire County Council is consulting on their Charging Policy for Social Care and Support. The outcome of the consultation will inform the decision on the final policy. The Consultation is open until 22 January 2024 and can be found at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/adult-social-care-charging-policy>.

For further information phone 0116 305 5013 or email A&CConsultations@leics.gov.uk



An informal group for children, young people who use powered communication aids to talk and their parents and carers

**AAC
COMMUNICATION
CAFÉ @
CHRISTMAS**

Next Meeting Saturday 16TH December 2pm – 4pm
At Chapel Café, Bishop Street Methodist Church where we will be singing festive songs and carols together

Full Venue address:
Chapel Café, Bishop Street Methodist Church
10a Bishop Street
Town Hall Square
Leicester LE1 6AF

A selection of hot and cold drinks and freshly made cakes and snacks available to purchase
Disabled toilet available
Please email AACLeicester@gmail.com with any queries

The poster is framed by a decorative border of green pine branches, red holly leaves, and red berries. It includes icons for a coffee cup, a calendar, and a person with a speech bubble.

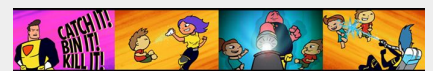
Parents/Carers/Students interested to know more about Apprenticeships and T Levels



National Apprenticeship Week takes place 5th to 10th February 2024. The ASK Programme are offering a range of FREE webinars that week where you can find out about Apprenticeships and T Levels. You can view the collection of webinars on the link below. These include those for parents/carers and, if interested, hear from employers about what they offer. Follow the links to register your interest. [Eventbrite Booking](#)

Do you still wish to get your child vaccinated against flu?

We are able to offer the nasal flu vaccine and the injectable flu vaccine through our **community pharmacy partners** and our community clinics. Submit a consent form to receive details for next steps.



Visit: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk, select Seasonal Flu.

For Dorothy Goodman School Hinckley the code is LE138156

The form will be reviewed, and further information will be sent to you. If you already completed a consent form and your child missed the vaccination on the day, you may have already received an alternative offer. Please make sure to check your Junk emails.