

Headteachers Comments

Friday 15th December 2023

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Farmer's Market today. It was a fantastic atmosphere and the choir did a superb job of bringing the Christmas spirit to the school. The pupil's had worked really hard to make everything in preparation for the market and the cakes and Christmas gifts were a really big hit.

I enjoyed spending time with Leopards class this week – Alfie did really well at showing me how he liked to enjoy soft play and we did some climbing, jumping and catching. Philip was really independent throughout the session and transitioned really well exploring the slide at the end of soft play and the ball pool. I supported Charlotte with her dinner and although I thought she had finished she went back to her main course independently after trying her pudding. It has been a really busy week and we are all very excited for the special events next week.

Kelly

Have a good weekend

Louise Leeson – Assistant Headteacher – Vocational 6th Form

I was extremely proud to see Callum H, Callum LW and James D graduate from the Caterpillar 'Work Ready Crew Programme'. Each young person completed a presentation, in front of approximately 30 people, detailing what they had gained from their experience. Callum H highlighted receiving a 'Made My Day' slip from a manager for spotting defects on the production line as a highlight, staff at Caterpillar commented that lots of staff who have worked there for a long time hadn't received one of these. James reflected that he had loved being able to use skills learnt in the classroom in the workplace and Callum LW reflected that he was able to listen to instructions and carry out tasks accurately. They all shared they had built positive relationships with their mentors, felt increased confidence and had improved their communication skills.

LUNCHES w/c 18th December



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.

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)



If you plan to attend any of our Primary events, please follow this link to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you next week.

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KS1 Christmas Stay and Play!

Tuesday 19th December

13.30-14.30

New Lubbesthorpe School



KS2 'Christmas got Talent'

Wednesday 20th December

PM Each KS2 class has prepared a performance to share with you. Please see the identified times for your child's class, where you are invited to come and join in the festive talent.

13:45 - 14:15 Saturn/ Pluto/ Neptune/ Sun/ Earth

14:15 - 14:45 Venus/ Mars/ Jupiter/ Mercury

All class performances will take place at Dorothy Goodman's Primary Site, Stoke Road.

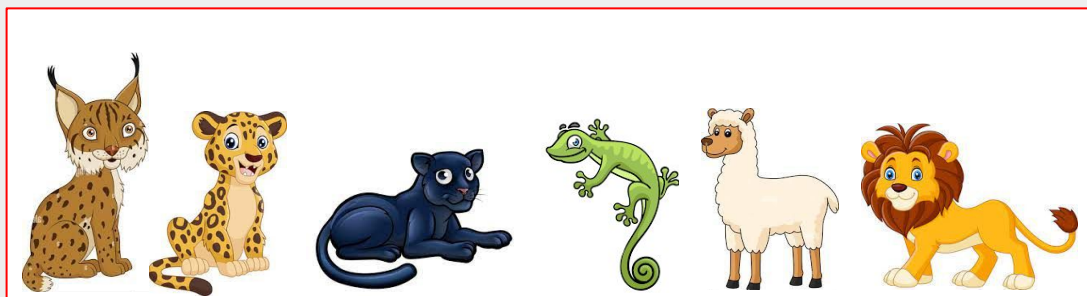


EYFS and KS1 Christmas Stay and Play!

Friday 22nd December

13.30-14.30 in your child's classroom

Stoke Road Site



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.

Date for the Diary	Event	Info
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	
Mon 8th Jan 2024	Spring Term Starts	First day back for the new term

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Lots of Christmassy activities

WRITE UP

This week we have started our Christmas activities. We have chose our own Christmas songs, decorated our class Christmas tree and have experimented with Ice play.

Key Stage 1

Primary School



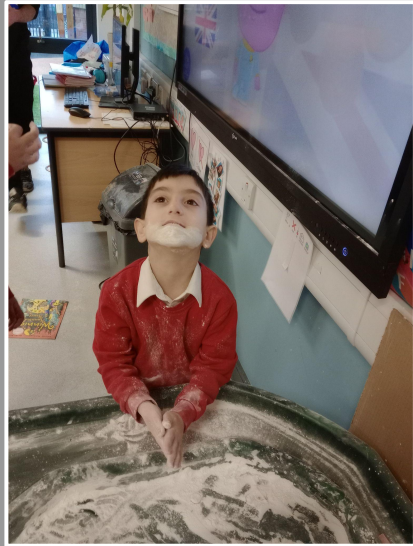
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If anyone has an old useable rucksack which could be donated. we would be very appreciative! Thank you



New

Lubbesthorpe



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Going to Aldi and Remy's big hair cut!



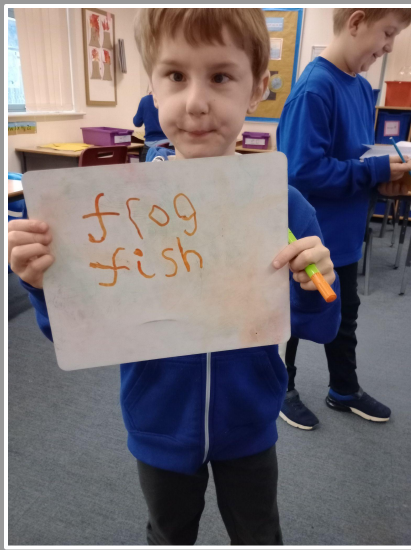
WRITE UP

Groups of pupils from both classes have enjoyed visits to Aldi this week. They had their own money which they used to purchase snack items of their choice and then used the self-checkout to pay. We are super proud of everyone and how independent they have been!



We have also been learning the story of The Snowman. We used the fan to make the snowman fly and invited people to our own snowman party. We are looking forward to lots of Christmassy fun next week!





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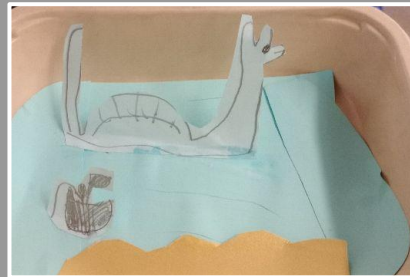
Christmas talent show next Wednesday- details sent separately. PE kits will be coming home for a holiday wash. Please return in January. Saturn will be swimming the first Monday back.

Richmond Base



MEMORABLE MOMENT

All of the students in Pluto being polite and helpful to the new teacher Mrs Lee.



WRITE UP

Jake, Danielle and Ashton had a very good session at the Care Home and the students engaged in a game of charades with the residents. In geography we watched our home made volcanoes erupting. In maths we have continued our work on time and money. The students are busy practicing for the Christmas talent show next week.





MEMORABLE MOMENT

The children in Mercury class giving a confident and proud delivery of the story in English. One particular child 'found their voice' in their lesson and was very confident. And starting to celebrate Christmas



Key Stage 2 Primary School



WRITE UP

We have been starting to introduce some of our Christmas activities. It has been great to hear the excitement and enthusiasm about the children's favourite parts of Christmas time. In RE we have learnt about Christingle and the Christmas Story. The children have enjoyed making hot chocolate and exploring cold polar regions. Many of KS2 have started to make Christmas cards and decorations and have had the opportunity to decorate their classrooms with Christmas trees and their lovely artwork! Mercury class have been very busy practicing their singing and signing ready for their production on Wednesday. We hope to see many of you next week at our Christmas performance!



NOTICES

Please can you return any school spares to school.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Pupils have been enjoying football skills with Dan during break time.



Key Stage 3 Secondary School



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.



WEEKLY WRITE UP

In cooking some pupils have been making jammy snails. In PE some of the girls have been learning a dance to Jingle Bell Rock. In Art we have been doing Christmas crafts.

In RE we have been looking at the original Christmas Story through a message story and creating Christmas ornaments to decorate our classrooms. For cooking some of us have been creating Christmas treats for the Farmers Market on Friday. In RSE we have been looking at Christmas traditions from around the world and comparing them to our own home ones. Some classes have been decorating our classrooms ready for the final week of term in the build up to Christmas.

WRITE UP

KS4 have enjoyed preparations for the farmer market by cooking lovely treats to buy and Enterprise pathway have been super busy getting their stall ready too. The choir did an amazing job on Monday and could be heard all the way down the high-street. We are looking forward to having a War-time football match next week to tie in with War Horse and our understanding of WW1. There was lots of baking and creating Xmas decorations



NOTICES

The Snowball is on Wednesday and pupils are welcome to come in their sparkly Christmas outfits.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

The choir singing and signing in Hinckley town got everyone into the Christmas spirit on Monday morning.

Key
Stage 4
Secondary
School



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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
(weather permitting)



The Hinckley School



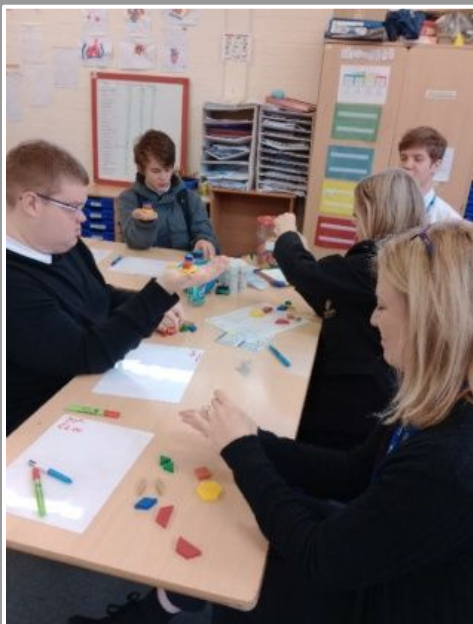
MEMORABLE MOMENT

Students all participated and worked incredibly well together to get all the ingredients and make different baked goods for the DGS farmers market.



WRITE UP

KS 3 - The students learnt about who can help them in the community during their life skills lesson. Students continued with acting the Grinch play for Drama. Students created an artificial tuck shop to practice exchanging cash and money. Students successfully learnt how to calculate change in Maths. Artemis also did very well in Science in which they learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



KS 4 - This week KS4 prepared some cakes and other treats to sell at the Farmers market on Friday. They worked really well as a group supporting each other. In Science some KS4 completed their science assessments and in Maths they continued to work on Money. We are all looking forward to the Farmers Market! Key Stage 4- completed a speaking and listening assessment for English, created a model of the carbon cycle in science and in Maths they have continued to look at money.

WRITE UP

KS 3 - It's been another great week this week. We had another visit from Delia, PCSO. She was wonderful and everyone was very respectful while she was talking to us. We had a great trip to Barwell Lane to visit the Christmas Market, very festival and Christmassy. We have also started to make Christmas decorations to decorate our classroom, it is really looking festive!

KS 4 - Students have been working hard in SCPD in the Drugs Education module. We have been looking at legal and illegal drugs, reasons why people might take them and consequences of drug taking. Good contributions from Dan and Amelia. We have also had another visit from our local PCSO where students listened to workshops on knife crime and drugs, Ellie made some great contributions to the discussions and the students asked lots of questions.

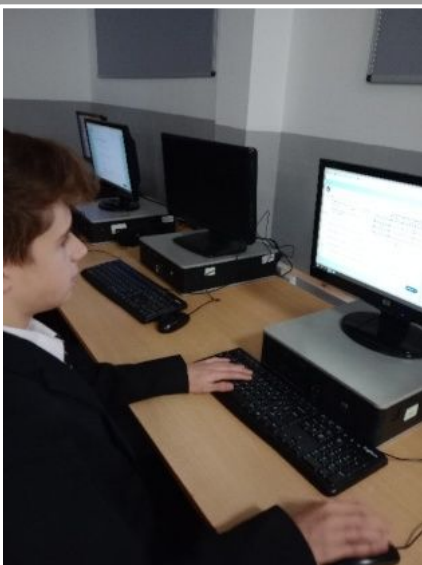


Cleveland House

MEMORABLE MOMENT

KS 3 - Visiting the Christmas Fair at Barwell Lane.

KS 4 - Hugh completing his GCSE English speaking and listening exam.



ALTERNATIVE TRAINING PROVIDERS

Fields & Farm

Creating work-based outdoor Study Programmes for young people with an EHC Plan. Using the natural environment to provide therapeutic and learning opportunities. Students take part in a range of outdoor work based activities across two possible bases. Our main base is a working calf and sheep farm and we also work on an Alpaca park farm one day a week. Activities are focused on five main areas of learning: Animal Care, Horticulture, Ground Care and Conservation, Art and Design, Agriculture and Farming. All activities have a therapeutic element running through them to ensure all the students' needs are being met. If you would like more details or would like to arrange a visit then please do get in touch: Jo Dudek - 07759 31511 - jo@fieldsandfarms.org.uk

T.E.C.K Ltd (Teaching Educationally Creative Kids)

Qualifications - Motor Vehicle Workshop - Motorcycle Workshop - Inno-Tech and Recreational Area

T.E.C.K offers a full range of Motor Vehicle and Motorcycle courses and qualifications which incorporates bespoke programmes and progression for

each learner. TECK Virtual tour Link www.i2itrust.com Follow the link onto TECK, then TECK Virtual Tour.

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WHM Work Connections

Our four key areas for education and workplace training are Conservation, Vehicle Maintenance, Construction, Woodwork. In working together with the Local Authority we will assess students and find an educational starting point. That starting point will typically range from City & Guilds Entry level 1 to Level 1 and be based around 'The Skills for Working Life' programme. Upon completion of this initial qualification the student may decide to progress to further their education and look to complete more specific qualifications within the above four key areas.

To further the education and training to students (aged 16+) and enable them to be successful in finding employment. We will aim to increase the employment status for adults with learning difficulties who are receiving support from the Local Authorities. Based on a working Dairy Farm in the Leicestershire countryside and alongside WHM Work Connections, we currently offer a professional wood workshop, mechanics workshop and a specific area for construction. All areas come equipped with the latest tools and machines to create a variety of goods for personal use or for sale to the public. We pride ourselves on creating an environment which replicates that of the 'real world'. The students we are currently working with are treated as colleagues rather than students and the workshop is that of a workplace rather than a classroom.

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