

Headteachers Comments

Friday 16th February 2024

What a busy half term it has been! This week I joined Key Stage 4 who were having a good time at lunch celebrating Valentine's with a disco. One of the pupils had requested this last week and it was great to see the pupils and staff working together to make this happen. There were some really good breakdancing moves being practised with Dan M trying out a range of moves and pupils using the crash mat to practise their flipping skills – which were really impressive. Missy spent time telling me about how she was looking forward to going on holiday and I popped into the cooking club where pupils were practising frying eggs.

Over at the 6th Form Ethan H spent time showing me his magic skills with a card trick, he worked through the stages of guessing the number that I was thinking about and did a really good job with finding the 10 of hearts. Josh shared how well his fundraising is going for Guide Dogs – he has been working so hard and has nearly raised £1000. He also shared how much he is enjoying accessing the gym and that he will be doing this outside of school having sorted out the price for a membership. Pupils had enjoyed their visit to Wickes where they had been learning about the different jobs that people do within the store and did a really good job at describing some of the activities. Next week is half term – have a really good break.

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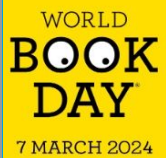
Please be thoughtful to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting pupils from school.

There is a one way system at the Primary School, please adhere to this.

All vehicles must adhere to the 5mph speed limit in our car parks.

Please be cautious when exiting any of DGS car parks, give way to pedestrians when exiting.

TRAFFIC REMINDERS



For World Book Day we invite our students based at **Primary School, Richmond Base, Secondary School and New Lubbesthorpe** to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

Date	Event	Info
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Feb	Half Term break	School closed to students
Mon 4th - Fri 8th Mar	Redridge residential Trip	For Year 9 students
Tues 12th Mar	Parents Evening & Moving on Fair	Details to follow
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Mar	PGL residential trip	For Richmond Base Year 6 students
Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th Apr	Easter Break	School closed to students

REMINDER

Please can you return any completed, outstanding medical forms for the **Redridge** **Mon 4th - Fri 8th Mar** **Year 9 students** upcoming residential trips ASAP!



Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Mar
Richmond Base Year 6



Summer Fayre, Saturday 29th June

Dorothy Goodman Secondary School, Barwell Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1SS



WANTED
unwanted gifts

We cannot accept alcohol for the tombola but would be grateful of any donations of wine for our 'Water or Wine' stall.

The Tombola is always one of our most popular stalls. Do you have any NEW unwanted gifts you can donate to our Summer Fayre tombola?

- *toiletries *toys *books *games
- *sweets and chocolates (NUT FREE)
- *gift sets



Young people have been discussing how they would like to raise money for additional resources for their sites this half-term. Following from their class debates their student council representative feed their views back at the School Council Meeting. Please see the events listed below and dates/times for you to attend. If you would like to join us please click on the link so we know to expect you.

Secondary at Barwell Lane
13th March
10am - 12noon

Barwell Lane students want to raise money for sensory room
Hinckley School Base students - Football Goal/dartboard and darts
Cleveland House students - Football Goal in Eleos playground
Easter bingo family event-win easter eggs. Sell cakes, tea, coffee and bingo tickets

- Coffee morning in hall-sell tea and coffee
- CYP want to make cakes to sell
- CYP wanted to make silly hats-easter bonnets

Primary-all sites together
19th March KS2: 14:00-15:00
22nd March KS1: 14:00-15:00

Trampoline, ipads, (Kenzie wants a freezer for his sausage rolls). New pens and pencils, squash mallows for whole class, rubik's cube, water slime, new boccia, footballs and football posts. CYP would like to hand out items to classes

Breakfast morning at Sixth Form
20th March
10.30am - 12.30pm

(Bacon and sausage cobs) and cake sales.
(next term busking, sponsored walk and bag packing)

Raise money for common room items:
* table football, * paint, * speakers, * photos, * paintings, * sofas, * beanbags
Big ideas: * playstation, * xbox, * wheelchair swing.

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

Primary School Meals: £2.30 per day

Secondary School Meals: £2.55 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.



There is soon to be a new SEN football team starting at Saffron Dynamo Football Club in Cosby. The club is looking for 11 to 13 year olds to train on either a Friday evening or a Saturday morning. If you are interested, please contact Steve Martin on:

stevemartin1988@yahoo.co.uk

DOROTHY GOODMAN SCHOOL PARENTS EVENING - TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 3.30 TO 6:30PM

Booking for parents evening will go live after half term. We will send more information nearer the time.

This is also our Moving on event at Barwell Lane, this is an important event for pupils, parents and carers. You can meet many of our local providers face to face, under one roof. SEND colleges, mainstream colleges, life choice organisations, alternative training providers, apprenticeship providers, the DWP, The Princes Trust, Menphys, Driving School Come along for a chat about the services they offer.



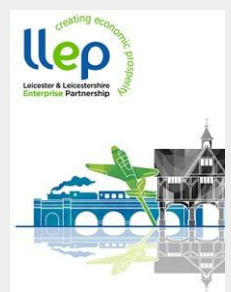
Anyone is welcome to join us at the Moving on Event, it is never too early to see what is out there.

School Transport Applications 2024/25 - It is important that parents apply for transport assistance as early as possible. LCC will endeavour to arrange transport for the start of the new academic year for all applications received by the respective closing dates: Ages 16-18, 31st Mar / New School Age, 31st May

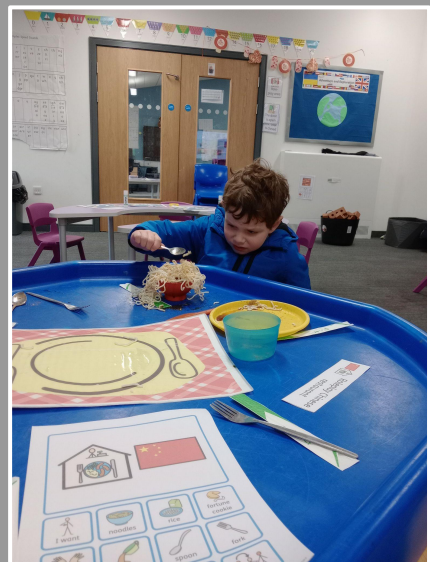
[LCC School Transport Policies](#)

'The Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership Careers Hub is working with schools and colleges in Leicester and Leicestershire to understand your experience of their careers education programme. This survey asks some questions about you, your careers knowledge, and experiences. This survey is voluntary. Where data is used for the purpose of reporting this will be anonymous and there will be no identifiable data available to third parties. There are no right or wrong answers.

[Parent Survey](#) - Please note the survey closes on 29th February 2024



Easter Holiday Club will take place at our Primary Site on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March. Please complete the following form if you would like to book a place: [Easter Holiday Club 2024](#). Further information can be found on the form. Please contact Alex via the school office if you have any questions or queries regarding Easter Club.



New Lubbesthorpe



NOTICES
Thank you to all of the families who sent in food this week- greatly appreciated

WRITE UP
Tigers and turtles have had a super busy week. We started the week with lots of food tasting from pupils and their families to celebrate their cultures. We then celebrated pancake day by making our own pancakes and joining New Lubbesthorpe for a pancake celebration assembly. On Wednesday we had the best morning visiting 6th form, meeting the pupils, exploring the site and enjoying their cafe. We finished the week celebrating Chinese New Year by making dragons and eating noodles!

MEMORABLE MOMENT
Visiting 6th form for a mini-cafe event



Key Stage 1 Primary School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

In RSE we have enjoyed playing and sharing space with peers.



WRITE UP

This week we have travelled to Italy, the children really enjoyed tasting, feeling and exploring the traditional Italian foods. We played Strega Ghiaccio taking turns to chase and freeze each other and staff. In Maths we built the Leaning Tower of Pisa using cups, the children showed great perseverance and teamwork. We also visited an Italian market and exchanged money for snacks.



Key Stage 2 Primary School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

There has been some really positive moments of pupils working together and social interaction. The pupils are loving the slightly warmer weather and have enjoyed lots of time outside on the bikes in their free time.

NOTICES

Pupils from Earth, Mars and Pluto will be swimming at the leisure centre next half term so please provide swimming kits for this. Also as our pupils do love to remove shoes, coats, jumpers etc please can all school clothing be labelled clearly with their name. Thank you

WRITE UP

This week we have been making ice lollies as we learn about freezing in science, we explored the Jewish creation story in RE and we have had some fun exploring colourful semantics through both English and PE.



WRITE UP

Some classes have taken trips to local cafes this week to support their learning in PSHE. The children were given a budget and spent their money on a snack at the café. They all did so well when paying for their treats at the till and sharing the environment with the public. Well done!

In history, we have been hosting Roman banquets in the classrooms. The pupils have been trying new foods and some dressed up for the occasion.

The Richmond team hopes everyone has a lovely half term!

Richmond Base

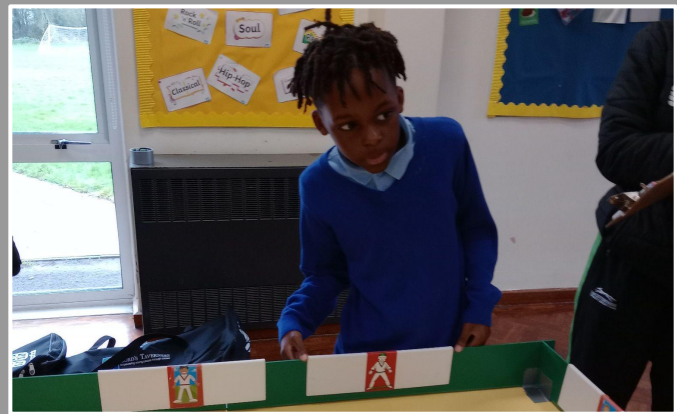
MEMORABLE MOMENT

Class trips to the cafe for our PSHE lesson.



NOTICES

PE kits will be sent home for a wash- please return the first week back. Swimming kits for Pluto on Mondays. PGL medical forms to be returned as soon as possible. Please could we ask any recycled boxes, toilet and kitchen rolls be brought into school for upcoming project.



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.

Key Stage 3

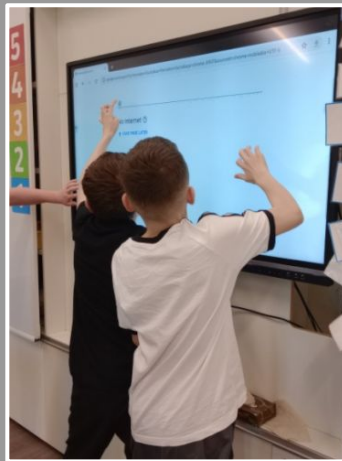
Secondary School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Having a Valentine's Day disco and making lots of Pancakes!

WEEKLY WRITE UP

We all enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day this week, making and decorating pancakes in Cooking. In History, some of us had a Roman feast, trying and describing different foods while others learnt about different Roman emperors and types of societies. We have really enjoyed our Science experiments about solids, liquids and gases - some of us made jelly, others melted chocolates and melted ice. In Art we have been painting our Modroc creations and finishing off our topic on Karen Stamper. In RE some of us have been looking at the story of Adam and Eve through non verbal drama and creating a real tree of knowledge from sticks and branches. In Sensory phonics some of us have been exploring the sound 'h' through creating hot chocolate including making some hot chocolate oobleck and exploring mark making.



WEEKLY WRITE UP

This week we have enjoyed completed our science topic by looking at reversible and irreversible changes in food. Most of us enjoyed learning about the different Roman Gods and acting out their key qualities. We have also worked really hard towards our enterprise topic getting ready to sell our pancakes today. So the pupils have definitely earned a rest next week.

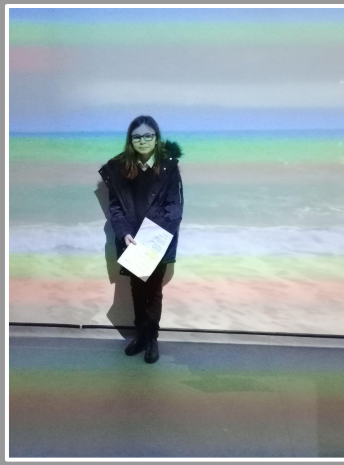
MEMORABLE MOMENT

Developing our social skills by spending time in the community.



Key Stage 4 Secondary School





MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Going to the park to eat our

Picnic

Eleos - Performing our poems in
the Immersive room

The Hinckley School Key Stage 3 (inc. Eleos)



WRITE UP - Key Stage 3

Artemis, Eleos and Hermes were very engaged in cooking this week. Students had to select one item to cook independently. Students selected from the following: bacon, sausages, eggs, toast and hot chocolate. Students were enjoyed drama this week and learnt how to stay safe online in ICT. Artemis students also prepared a banquet for students in humanities, in which they learnt about the roman empire. Students did really in science in which they replicated the Coca Cola and Mentos experiment to learn how liquid turns to solid. Students enjoyed PE at the end of the week. Hermes started the week painting on different materials, Lilia made a lovely pattern on a piece of wood. In drama everyone did some improv and became very excited, it turned into a fake beetroot fight. In PSHE, all students bought their well earned pocket money in and contributed towards picnic food. Oliver was fantastic when comparing prices of food. I have noticed how fantastic Cameron and Lilia's writing have become this academic year! We ended the week by performing our poetry which Amber bravely read in front of three classes! Finally the class very much enjoyed walking to the park and eating their picnic! Well done and have a fab half term.

Eleos - We have had a fabulous week this week. We performed our poems in the Immersion room, with Hermes and Artemis, and we performed the Island man too. Everyone had practiced their poems throughout the week, to ensure they were perfect and then performed them. There was a few nerves, however all poems were recited fabulously!!!

WRITE UP - Key Stage 4

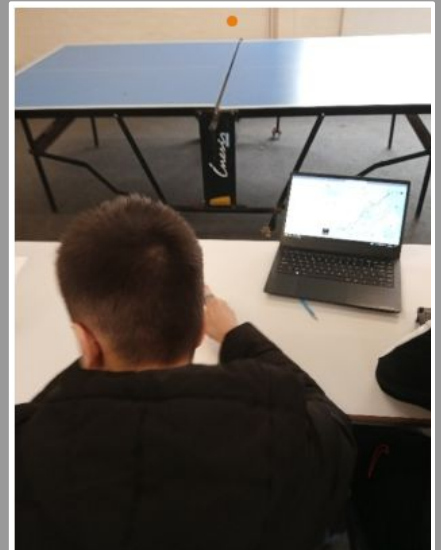
Key Stage 4 have been hard at work on Monday they all pulled together, to make everything, they then on Tuesday worked together to sell it all to the other students at the base. In English they have been looking into onomatopoeia, in RE they found out about the history of shrove Tuesday.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Key Stage made and then led in bake sale to the other students raising over 100.00 for their classes.



The Hinckley School Key Stage 4



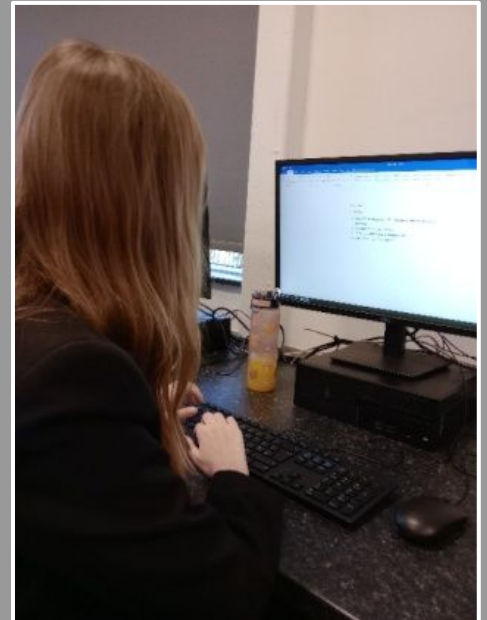
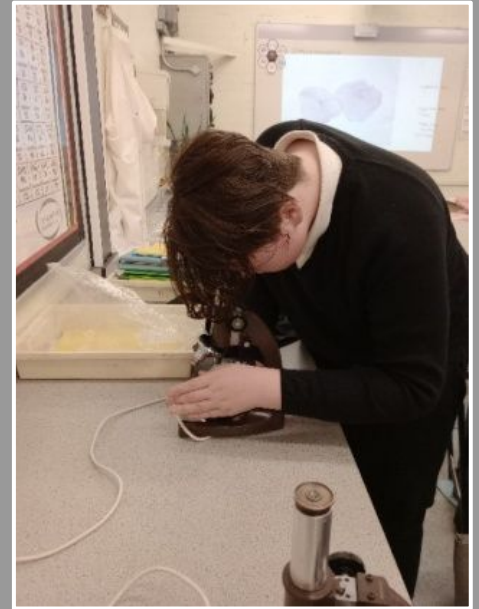
WRITE UP

Legends & Titans - Students continue to work hard for the last week of term. Will and Dan took part in discussions linked to budgeting. Ellie and Euan were using the microscopes to look at their own cheek cells in Biology and George J enjoyed supporting in the community joining the luncheon club at the St Francis Centre chatting to the members and helping to serve lunch.

Cleveland House

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Legends & Titans - A substance abuse presentation delivered by our local PCSO Delia.



MOVING ON - POST 16 OPTIONS

LIFE CHOICE ORGANISATIONS - Leicestershire

Also known as COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE, DAY CARE

College courses typically offer a 3 day per week programme. Some students will access day care provision (also called life choice organisations or community support service) for the other 2 days of the working week.

Provision for these 2 days will need to be funded either directly through social services or with a personalised budget. Students will need to complete an assessment with their Transition Social Worker to identify if funding is appropriate. You will need to talk to your social worker if you would like more information about the funding available to you. The following organisations offer day care provision in Leicestershire.

FOREVER SAVVY - [Forever Savvy Website](#) - contactus@foreversavvy.co.uk - Telephone 07710 092412

Horse Savvy, Creative Savvy, Cafe Savvy, Work Savvy

A social enterprise providing positive risk and vocational training environments to learn practical transferable skills for independent living and the workplace. Experience a broad range of transferable life skills. Aims to improve the skill set, emotional health and physical well-being of the trainees who attend. Vocational training and support for adults with learning disabilities. Aim is to make life more meaningful for people with a learning disability.

Opportunity to experience how to use existing skills in a meaningful and purposeful way; then add to those skills, improving health and fitness and finding independence in life and work. Outdoor education centres and a café setting with the aim of helping people to take their first steps towards employment. Our community projects enable people to work with animals, on the land, or within our very own Tea & Coffee Shop. Work Savvy provides specialist employability mentoring and training to help you into work if you have a learning disability.

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SNACS - [SNACS website](#) - Wycliffe House, Gilmorton Road, Lutterworth, LE17 4DY - 01455 559584/07542 655102

Adults & teens with learning disabilities. Friendly, home from home environment including outdoor space. Enable clients to develop social interaction, life, work and communication skills whilst promoting inclusion in the community. Aim to support clients to achieve a level of independence. Wheelchair accessible vehicle for trips out. Life and social skills e.g. money, shopping, food preparation, cooking, cleaning, interaction, communication, travel training. Regular trips out to local places of interest including the cinema, bowling, leisure centre, restaurants. Activities include: Pool table, PS4 & Wii U, Trips out and excursions, Arts & crafts, Gardening.

CHOICES4LIFE - [Choices4life website](#) - Unit 1&2 Phoenix Park, Telford Way, Coalville, LE67 3HB - 01530 820006

Programme of meaningful and stimulating activities. Support to increase independence, improve health and wellbeing and make a positive contribution to the community. Although the majority of activities are carried out in the local community our easily accessible bases are spacious and offer modern facilities such as access to the internet, gaming consoles, music, quiet areas to relax, access to a fully functional kitchen with a choice of drinks and more. Care needs supported including medication, personal care, emotional support, multi disciplinary interventions eg speech & language therapy, occupational therapy, psychological therapies, autistic spectrum support strategies

MEADOW BARN VIEW - [Meadow Barn View website](#) - 368 Church Lane, Whitwick, LE67 5DL - 07852 274441

Support adults with disabilities and a wide range of needs eg ASD, learning disabilities, ADHD, mental health conditions, challenging behaviour. Programme tailored to meet the individual's needs. Sustain and promote independence. Support with purposeful daytime activities. Promote individuals to have choice and control over their own life. Develop life and work skills in a supporting environment. Access activities within the local community
Activities include: Animal care, Horticulture, Cooking, Crafts, Yoga

GLEBE HOUSE - [Glebe House website](#) - enquiries@glebehouseproject.org.uk - Woodgate Chambers, 70 Woodgate, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2TZ - 01509 218096

Glebe House offers a range of services for adults with learning disabilities which include community life choices daytime activities, support at home, evening social clubs, overnight short breaks and adult activity days. We also have a specialist autism team and offer tailored support for adults who have profound and multiple learning disabilities. Specially trained staff can support feeding regimes, sensory needs as well as having access to hoist for personal care needs. We provide a prompt and flexible solution. Transitions services: We recognise that this is a challenging time for many young people and their carer's as they face funding changes and begin moving out of full time education. We offer tailor made packages allowing young people to take control of their future after school/college has finished. We provide Personal Assistants, which enables access to further adult learning, community visits, healthy living and exercise and work skills opportunities. We also offer a service which covers all aspects of becoming independent, including cooking, laundry, money management and IT.

Transitions Services: Healthy Living, Swimming, gym, zumba, keep fit, walking, cooking, boccia, yoga. Accessing Community, Library, museum, volunteer placements, dog walking, personal shopping, bowling, golf, support to attend Charnwood Action Group. Independent Living Skills. Money skills, budgeting, menu planning, home skills – laundry, cleaning, making beds. Health & Beauty. Personal hygiene, hair care, therapeutic sensory sessions. Work Skills. Carpentry, maintenance, eBay shop, horticultural. We can offer a package of 1:1 support or shared support.

Adult Services: Community life choices, work skills, social clubs, activity days, personal assistants, weekend and short breaks, adult home & community support.



Pan Disability Job Fair

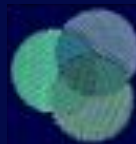
at Sense Hub Loughborough

Monday 19 February, 10am-3pm

Come along to our first pan disability job fair to meet and chat with disability confident employers about local job opportunities.

- BSL interpreters, scribes and sight guides provided
- CV writing and interview workshops
- Quiet hour, 2pm – 3pm
- Disabled parking available

Find out more and register at:
sense.org.uk/loughborough-jobfair



SMB College Group
#One of the family

SMB College Group are offering the following Open Evenings

Stephenson Campus in Coalville.

Thursday 29 February 2024, 5 pm to 7 pm. Tour the facilities, meet lecturers and have a go at taster activities. [Register your attendance here.](#)

BROOKSBY COLLEGE are offering the following Open Days:

Saturday 9 March 2024 - 9.00 am to 1.30 pm. [Register your attendance here.](#)

Land based and Equine courses: Saturday 13 April 2024 - 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. [Register your attendance here.](#)



Leicestershire Police

Protecting our communities

Careers Day

March 2

(Police HQ Enderby)

[Register your attendance here](#)



Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Health and care careers and jobs event

Saturday 9 March 2024

9.30am - 2pm

Mattioli Arena (formerly Morningside)

12 Memory Lane

Leicester

LE1 3UL

[Register your attendance here](#)

