


Headteachers Comments

Friday 16th March 2024

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parent's evening. I enjoyed hearing about how well pupils are engaging with their learning and Mike's mum was so proud of how he is doing it that it made a fantastic end to the evening. Amelia's mum had a chat with me about prom and we have some plans underway to think about some pre prom events. The Moving On event was really positive and provided lots of opportunities for pupils and families within the secondary phase to think about what they would like to do in the future and it was great to see that there is a new vocational college linked to supported internships opening in the new academic year. Nathan shared how he is looking forward to going to college next year and he is excited for his interview that is going to be happening soon. As part of the feedback from parent's evening I would like to ask as many parents as possible to complete the Google Form about Earwig that can be found [here](#).

A massive well done to Rishi at Richmond who accesses Maths within the mainstream school and scored 19/19 on his end of unit assessment which he accessed independently. Hugh at Cleveland House has completed his practical GCSE Food Technology exam with a really tasty menu of Salmon, followed by beef stroganoff and finished off with apple turnovers. Ethan B did really well at talking to me about wanting to develop his relationships with other pupils and we discussed making a plan to support with this. Key Stage 1 were enjoying their time in the playground when I took a visitor around. Ramsey and Macey both wanted to engage with the visitor and we had a quick hello. Oscar D continues to be curious and asked what we were doing and the bikes in the Key Stage 2 playground were very popular. Have a good weekend

Kelly

Date	Event	Info
Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Mar	PGL residential trip	For Richmond Base Year 6 students 
Tue 19th March	KS2 Coffee Afternoon at The Primary School	2-3pm, Student Council Event. Please complete this form to confirm your attendance
Wed 20th March	Breakfast Morning at The Vocational 6th Form	10:30am - 12:30pm, Student Council Event. Please complete this form to confirm your attendance
Fri 22nd March	KS1 Coffee Afternoon at The Primary School	2-3pm, Student Council Event. Please complete this form to confirm your attendance
Fri 22nd March	Easter Event at New Lubbesthorpe	1:30-2:30pm Please complete this form to confirm your attendance
Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th Apr	Easter Break	School closed to students

NOTICES

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](#)

HPV VACCINATIONS (YEAR 8 AND ABOVE)

**Fri 3rd May
HPV**



How to give your consent decision for the vaccinations. Make a note of the code for your school. For Dorothy Goodman School Hinckley the school code is **LE138156**

Visit www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk or scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to go straight to the website. Select HPV Vaccination and enter the school code.



LLEP send out survey forms each year to employers, parents and staff. The information we receive is very valuable and helps us decide what next steps are required to ensure our pupils are well informed and prepared for their futures. We would be extremely grateful if you could find a few minutes to support us.

The deadline for completion of the form is Friday 22 March 2024.

The link to the form is: [LLEP Parent Survey](#)



Please book your FREE tickets via https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local_Offer_SEND_Roadshows_2024
Free parking available



Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow

Wednesday 20th March 2024
10.00am - 1.00pm
Gorse Covert Community Centre,
Loughborough, LE11 4RZ

Leicestershire SEND Hub

SEND Hub COFFEE AND CONNECTIONS


For parents run by parents
A group for parents and carers of SEND children in Leicestershire.

**10:30- 12:00pm drop in
second and fourth Friday of the month**

March,
12th April, 26th April,
10th May, 24th May,
14th June, 28th June


SCAN ME

@ The Hub, Tay Road, New Lubbesthorpe LE19 4BF

 **INCLUSIVE CLUB** 

Come and have fun, try some activities; tennis, gym, curling, dance £2/morning.
Meet friends, have a drink & biscuits

AT SPORT in DESFORD

10.30-12.30; 2nd Monday and Last Tuesday every month

MINI BUS LEAVES Salvation Army/ Library Hinckley at 10.00 and Library at Earl Shilton at 10.15 and will bring you back at 12.30. Bus is free.

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

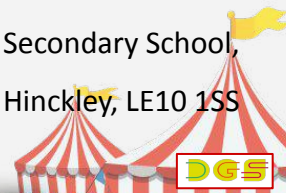
We cannot accept alcohol for the tombola but would be grateful of any donations of wine for our 'Water or Wine' stall.

Summer Fayre, Saturday 29th June,

11am - 2pm

Dorothy Goodman Secondary School,

Barwell Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1SS



LUNCHES w/c 11th March Week 2 Menu

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.

Why use Makaton?

Research has shown that signs and gestures are easier to learn than spoken words. Helping your child to learn some signs can stop them getting frustrated before they are able to talk.

- Signing can help promote verbal stimulation. The hand movement part of the brain is very close to the vocalisation part and can help develop verbal communication.
- Signs can help children with unclear speech communicate their message successfully.
- Using signs and gestures with your child can help your child understand what you are saying because you are giving them extra visual clues alongside the words.

Will Makaton stop my child from talking?

No. Research has shown that using signs and symbols actively encourages the development of speech and language skills. When using Makaton we always speak while we sign or use symbols to make the link between the sign/symbol and the spoken word.

How can I support my child by using Makaton at home?

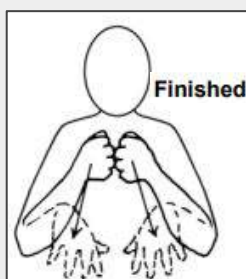
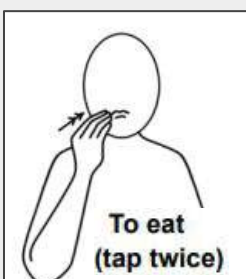
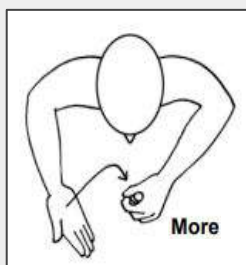
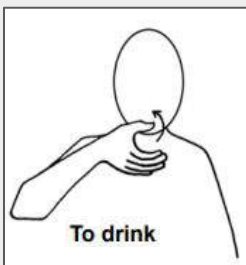
You don't have to go on a course to start signing with your child at home.

you are interested please visit the [Makaton website](https://www.makaton.org/).

- Introduce a few functional signs at a time.
- Sign alongside speech.
- Choose signs that will be most beneficial to your child.
- Offer lots of encouragement.
- Don't give up!

The link below shows some Makaton users and their communication journey:- [Makaton Stories](https://www.makaton.org/stories/)

Below are some initial signs to try:-



Let's talk Makaton

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Something Special

Mr Tumble is a character on the popular T.V show Something Special, he is played by Justin Fletcher. Mr Tumble uses Makaton to support speech throughout each episode, It is a fun and interactive way for your child to learn Makaton. Please see the link for details:-

[Something Special](https://www.something-special.com/)

Singing Hands

Suzanne and Tracy are both parents of children with special needs, they introduce Makaton in a fun and engaging way through song, music, games and activities. [Singing Hands](https://www.singinghands.co.uk/)





MEMORABLE MOMENT
 Our lovely visit to Burbage common cafe and park

New Lubbesthorpe

WRITE UP
 Tigers and Turtles continued their learning about pollution in the ocean and tried their hand at cleaning dirty water with filters and funnels! In maths, we started to learn about heavy and light- we used scales and compared items around the classroom.

On Wednesday afternoon, we had the best time going out in the school bus to Burbage common where we applied our learning of money. We all took spending money, chose a snack and exchanged the money with the shopkeeper.

There was lots of climbing, swinging and jumping in muddy puddles too!



Key Stage 1 Primary School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Exploring different foods (and reactions) and enjoying our time outside together



WRITE UP

This week we have continued to explore the story of The Gingerbread Man using our senses. In Maths we looked at big and small, the children also decorated gingerbread men while sharing the decorations with peers. Everyone has loved decorating their biscuits and making them individual. In Science we had a great time experimenting with changes in food and in Physical the children have their gross motor skills on the equipment outside.





CLASS NOTICES

Don't forget KS2 Stay and play Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

It was lovely to see Mercury class working with each other during Sherborne.



Key Stage 2

Primary School

WRITE UP

We have enjoyed making smoothies this week, choosing different flavours. The children have loved pretending to be builders and have built a variety of different buildings. Earth class have enjoyed being bus drivers, seeing the sights of Leicester.



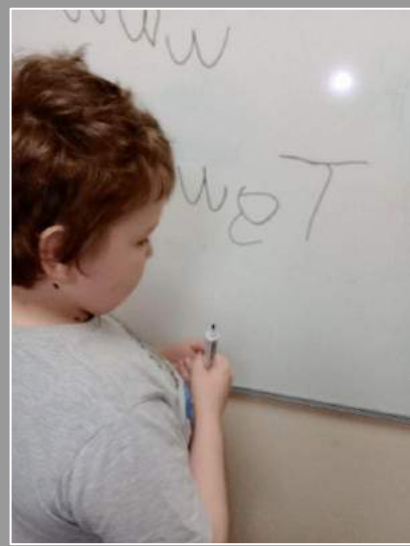
TABLE CRICKET



Two teams of students went to a table cricket competition. The students behaved really well and were a credit to the school. One of the teams won the competition and are now through to regional finals in Derby.

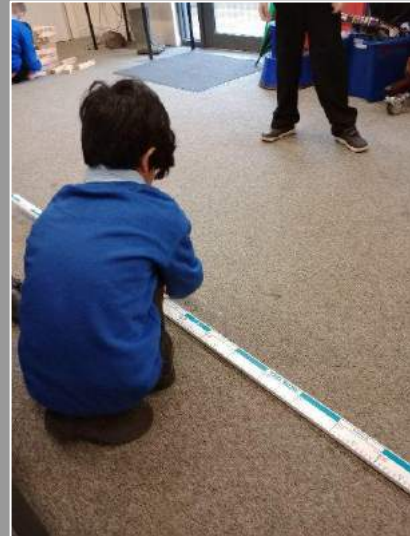


Richmond Base



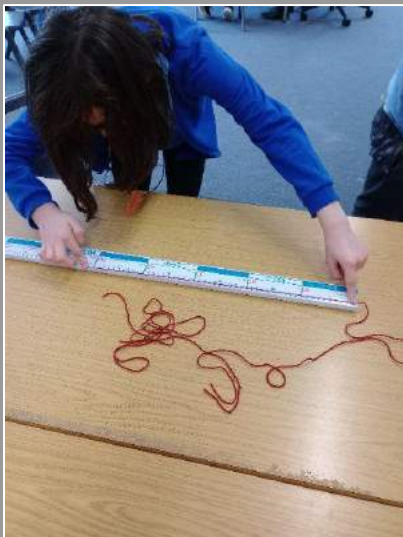
NOTICES

Saturn class are going to Hollycroft park next Friday. Please can children wear sensible shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.



WRITE UP

In maths, the classes have been exploring measurement in a variety of forms. They have been measuring various objects with both ruler and metre sticks. The cricket tournament was a huge success. All the children really enjoyed the competition and experience outside of class. In history, the children followed a procedure to create a mini catapult out of lollipop sticks and elastic bands. They loved seeing how far the pom pom balls would go.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

A group of children attended a table cricket tournament. They were fantastic.

Key Stage 3 Secondary School



CLASS 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.



WEEKLY WRITE UP

On Wednesday we all enjoyed our Easter Bingo events in streaming groups some of us completed sensory activities and ticked them off our bingo mats, some of us enjoyed easter crafts and easter inspired games.

In Art we enjoyed designing creatures inspired by Guadi's dragon that we will make out of clay next week. In RE we have been learning about different special religious place around the world and why they are important to different cultures.



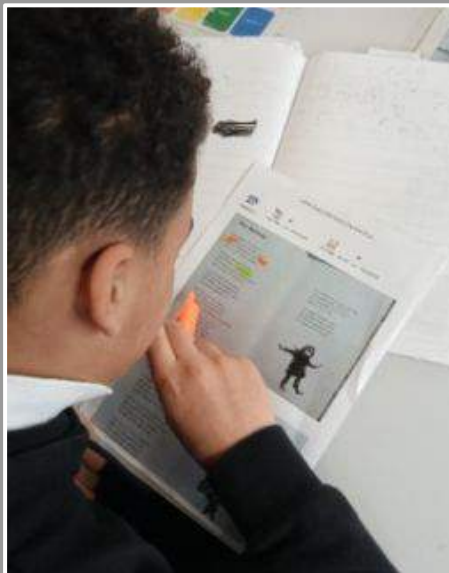
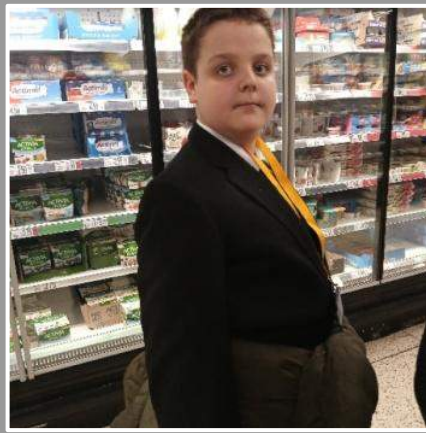
MEMORABLE MOMENT

Easter Bingo Event especially the school wide scavenger hunt.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Working on our Art skills



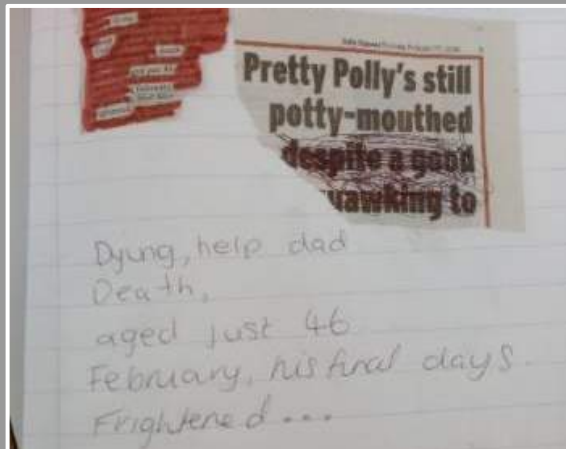
WRITE UP

We started our clay building project in art. Everyone practised different skills. In PSHE, we went to Asda with a shopping list to look at different prices of food. Lily was very good at comparing prices. In English, there were some fantastic blackout poems made and great silly recipe poems. Ethan really impressed me with his backstroke at swimming. Lilia really enjoyed going to the Moving on Fair with Cleveland house. It was great to see so many happy parents at Parents' Evening.

Students did very well in Life Skills. They completed activities in swimming, wellbeing, cooking and visiting the community.

Students learnt how to make bangers and mash, pasta and tomato sauce, and spaghetti Bolognese. In Maths, students continued to learnt about lengths, perimeters and meters. In ICT students learnt how to code games in scratch and created an engaging ping pong game. In RSE students prepared for the Kenilworth Castle trip after the Easter holidays.

The Hinckley School Key Stage 3



Cleveland House (KS3)



CLASS NOTICES

Any spare gardening equipment to help set up the sensory garden in Cleveland House

WRITE UP

It's been a fabulous week in Eleos. We have worked hard following instructions to make Rocky Roads. We worked hard at Barwell Lane to make teas and coffees and serve cakes to everyone who attended the Easter event. We created a fabulous rhyming poem about Rocky roads, and we have started our Tour Guide script which we will be able to show our Eleos friend's next week.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

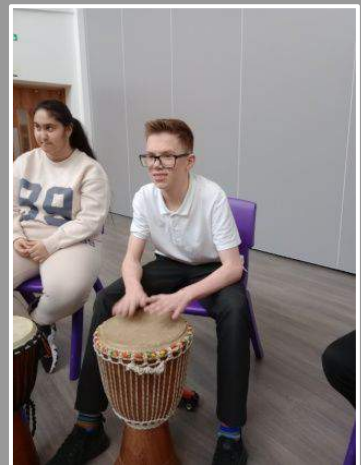
Making Teas and Coffees at Barwell Lane



WEEKLY WRITE UP

Another busy week in Key Stage 4. It's hard to believe we only have one more week before we break up for Easter. Students have been enjoying our topic, 'procedures' and writing/following instructions in a variety of subjects including 'coding'; in Computing and using directional language in English. Demeter and Hercules really enjoyed a drumming workshop this week. Both classes were so engaged and showed great rhythm and teamwork. Hercules and Hera have their turn next week.

Key Stage 4 Secondary School



MEMORABLE MOMENT

It was lovely to see students joining in with the Easter Bingo activities. Thank you to all the parents and families who attended.



The Hinckley School Key Stage 4

WRITE UP

KS4 have had a busy week, they've had three sessions from the PCSO where they learnt about the knowing the dangers that are around them in the community and things to be aware of, the young people were very engaged and asked lots of questions. This week KS4 also attended moving on fair at Barwell Lane, they found this very informative. In English they have been doing an assessment and in maths they continued their look at measurement, in science Iris went to the lab.

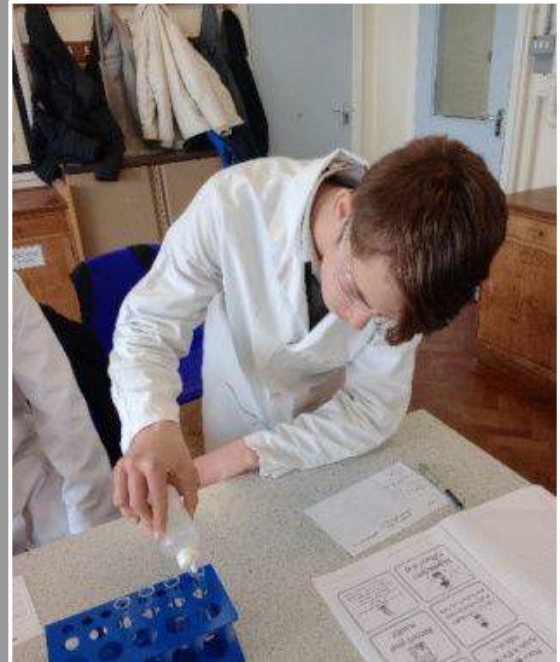


CLASS NOTICES

Please can students bring container for monday.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

PCSO Visit that students were incredibly well behaved and engaged in.



WRITE UP

Cleveland House students had a great time at the moving on event this week discovering what opportunities are available to them in the future, Ellie was very pleased with herself that she had managed to independently talk to each company in a formal way. Year 8 students have enjoyed a trip to Twycross Zoo with The Hinckley School and year 11 are working hard on their science mock exams.

Cleveland House (KS4 & 5)



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Year 8 students had a session with our SALT doing sensory experiments on their hands.



CARE ESCORT: Community Transport Passenger Assistant

Care escorts travel with elderly people or people with disabilities to help them get to their appointments.

Activities: take people to and from appointments, make sure passengers, wheelchairs and bags are secure, deal with emergencies, supervise passengers at all times, keep the vehicle clean and tidy, fill in paperwork

Organisations: public, private and voluntary organisations - many transport organisations are run by the local authority

Qualifications: not essential but a Level 1 Certificate in Health and Social Care can give you an introduction to working in the care sector - no set entry requirement

Average salary: £11,000 pa to £20,909 pa

Hours: 38 hours per week - part time work is available - may be split shifts

How To Become a Community Transport Passenger Assistant: look at jobs advertised on your local council or community transport association website; take a college course

Skills & Knowledge: sensitivity and understanding, a desire to help people, the ability to work well with others, patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations, excellent verbal communication skills, active listening skills, be thorough and pay attention to detail, ability to understand people's reactions, able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand held device

Career Tip: gain experience in social care or customer service, volunteer