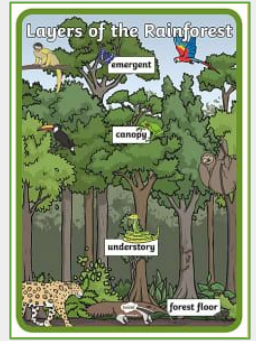


Headteachers Comments

Friday 12th April 2024

It has been great to see all of the pupils returning to school this week and working so hard on their new learning. At New Lubbesthorpe Ellis, Myles and Albie were enjoying exploring the sensory resources that were all about the rainforest – there were things to smell and feel and the gloop was definitely good fun when it came to practicing up and down. Afnan was really excited to be learning about the rainforest he was working on placing the animals where they lived in the canopy or understory and did a really good job. He had some stretch and challenge questions to work on and was very focused on getting his learning done.



Over at The Hinckley School Charlotte was really enjoying her Science learning linked to magnets – she was able to explain how the magnet was pushing or pulling the compass and recorded her findings independently. Amelia was exploring different objects in the classroom to find out whether or not they were magnetic and Alfie was using the magnets to build a paperclip chain. In English Amber was able to explain why the capital letter was in the wrong place and Thomas won 10 marbles for completing the alphabet challenge. Amber H talked about how she is feeling as she heads towards her exams and explained that she feels having four to do is manageable. She is looking forward to moving on to college and working towards completing childcare qualifications.

I had my lunch at the Vocational 6th Form. The brunch was delicious and James and Josh spent time talking about how they are enjoying their experiences of work. James said that he has settled into Caterpillar and Josh explained that he had enjoyed serving customers in the charity shop. Have a good weekend

Kelly

Date	Event	Info
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday	School Closed to Pupils
Thursday 9th May	Parent Makaton Event	Details below
Thursday 23rd May	Parent Makaton Event	Details below
Mon 27th - Fri 31st May	Half Term	School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 18th June	Parents Evening 'new teacher'	Details to follow
Wed 26th - Fri 28th June	Leavers Residential	Details to follow
Saturday 29th June	Summer Fayre	Details below
Friday 5th July	Goodstock Festival	Details to follow
Thursday 11th June	Secondary School Prom	Details to follow
Friday 12th July	Leavers Assembly & Last day	Details to follow

NOTICES

[NHS - Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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)

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.

**Fri 3rd May
HPV**



Parent Makaton Sessions

We will be once again holding two parent Makaton sessions, the first is on 9th May for Primary parents and the second on 23rd May for Secondary parents. The sessions will be held at St Francis Centre, Tudor Road, LE10 0EQ from 9.30 – until 2.30. There will be the opportunity to learn some basic Makaton (stages 1 – 4).

Please click here
to register your
interest

**Let's talk
Makaton**

Works near Dorothy Goodman Secondary School

Severn Trent have informed us that they are undertaking general maintenance in the area around the Secondary school over the next couple of months, please bear this in mind if you transport your child to school.

**SEVERN
TRENT**

Street	Dates	Traffic management
Kirkfield Drive	8 April – 28 April 2024	Signs and barriers
Saville Close	22 April – 12 May 2024	Signs and barriers
Bedale Avenue	6 May – 19 May 2024	Signs and barriers
Ribblesdale Avenue	13 May – 2 June 2024	Signs and barriers
Stoneygate Drive	27 May – 16 June 2024	Multi-way traffic lights

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

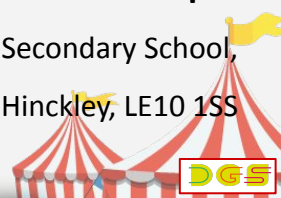
Summer Fayre, Saturday 29th June,

11am - 2pm

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

WANTED

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



LUNCHES w/c 15th April 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.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

An exciting science lesson with lots of glow in the dark fun!

New Lubbesthorpe



WRITE UP

Tigers and Turtles have had a really settled first week back after Easter. We have started a new topic all about the rainforest using the story of the Kapok tree. In science, we began to explore our sense of sight and how our eyes use light waves to see. We enjoyed using UV paint and pens to write and draw secret messages. In geography, we learnt about the rainforest and what the weather is like there- we even had a go at making our own rainclouds!



Key Stage 1 Primary School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Starting learning about the rainforest in our new story this term.



WRITE UP

This week in key stage one we have started our story of the Great Kapok tree. We have enjoyed beginning to decorate our classrooms as rainforests by creating trees this week. Some of us have enjoyed leaf rubbing in our art activities and seeing what we have created at the end. Our PSHE activities have been focused around being role play zoo vets. The children have been practising bandaging up soft toys and giving them medicine. Have a great weekend!



CLASS NOTICES

Jupiter and Mercury class will be starting their swimming at the leisure centre, on 22nd April. If you have received an email, please remember kits for these date. Also, for each following Monday, until the half-term break. Please label your child's clothes. This will really help us to be able to quickly find and locate each child's misplaced item.

Key Stage 2 Primary School

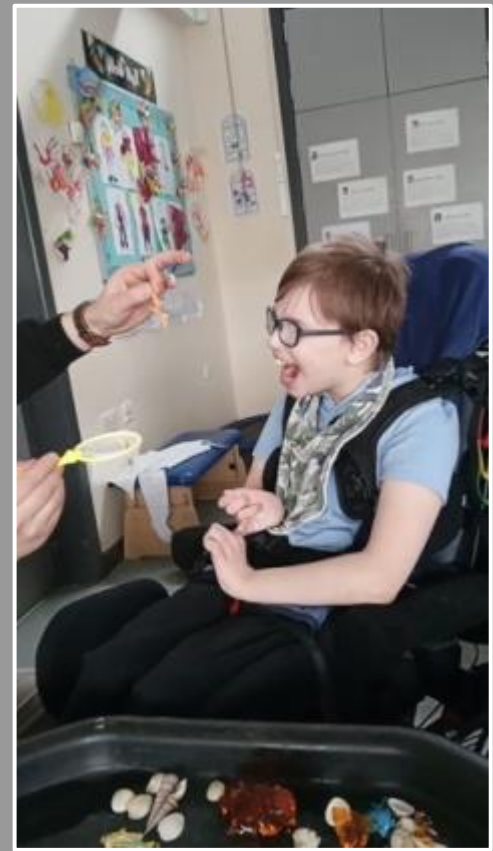
MEMORABLE MOMENT

The children across KS2 have wowed us with their super transition back to their learning. All the children have settled really well. The children are showing their amazing growth throughout the year :)



WRITE UP

This week we have enjoyed exploring our new topics. In English, we have been exploring the depths of the Pacific Ocean, with our class story, 'Finding Nemo'. Through our exploration through the ocean, we have found shells, jellyfish, fish and many other wonders. In Maths, we have been learning about number, grouping, by size, shape and colour. Our topic subjects have ranged from light and sound in Science, washing rituals in Islam/RE and visiting the dentist in RSE. We have enjoyed our introduction to learning in KS2 with summer term .



Richmond Base

NOTICES

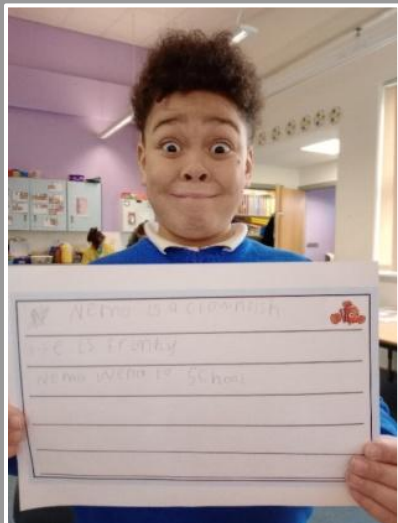
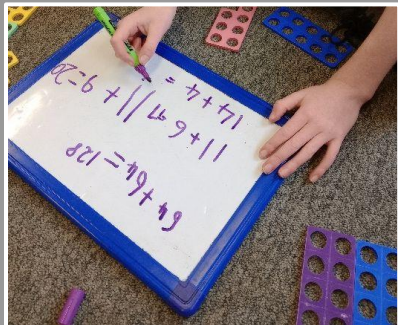
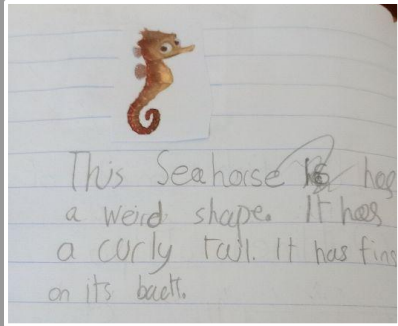
Please remember to label uniform. Pluto remember your swimming kit for your final swimming session next Monday 15th April.

WRITE UP

It has been a great start back to school and the pupils are ready for the Summer term. At Richmond, the pupils have enjoyed the start of our new story "Finding Nemo" and have been exploring the characters from the film. In maths, we have been working on addition and the children are becoming good at using the part-part-whole model and manipulatives to support them with their calculations. In science, we have been exploring how to make waves using skipping ropes, ribbons and bottles with baby oil and coloured water as well as learning new vocabulary for the topic.

MEMORABLE MOMENT

In music the children have been listening to the Carnival of animals and acted out how each of the animals move. They pretended to be elephants, lions and horses.



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 visited Kenilworth Castle and even though it tipped it down in the afternoon, their behaviour was fantastic throughout and students made sure they stayed safe on the ruins and loved exploring the different towers. We enjoyed learning about the different parts of a castle and exploring a different environment.

We have had a fantastic few days back at school and have enjoyed seeing our friends after the Easter Break.



MEMORABLE MOMENT

A massive well done to all of Key Stage 3 that attended Kenilworth Castle on Wednesday.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Visiting Kenilworth Castle



WRITE UP

We started the week doing Life Skills. Some of us went swimming or the library or made homemade hashbrowns. Lilia was fantastic at Kenilworth castle and led everyone around the ruins. We all enjoyed exploring and discovering loads about the castle and trying on old fashion clothes. No one was deterred by the rain! We practised using capital letters in English and did different activities such as bubble popping and balancing in RSE when thinking about our own bodies. We have started to listen to the story The Lost Bear, which was so hungry it had tried to eat the book itself!!! We have started to discuss the music composer Hans Zimmer, and the amazing scores he has produced for different films and we have started to investigate why water is so important to us all, including animals, in Re.

The Hinckley School Key Stage 3 (inc Eleos)



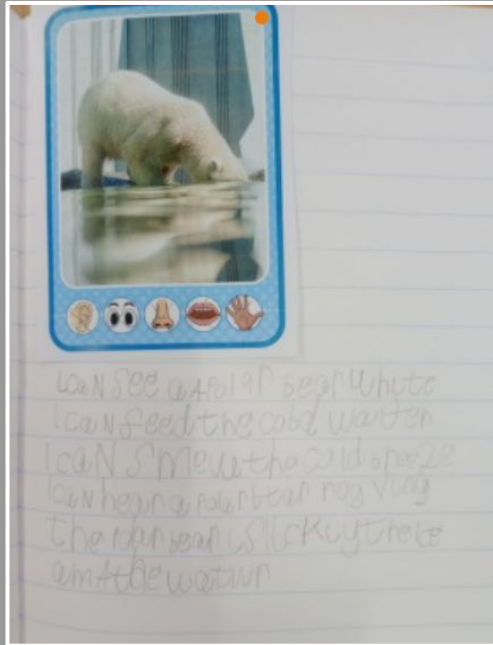
WEEKLY WRITE UP

It is a new term and we have had great fun beginning to explore our topics. Everyone has been fascinated by our science topic on forces and waves where we have been exploring push and pulls-this is especially fun with magnets. We have also begun practicing for another choir performance and are also continuing to practice for a dance performance at the curve. It should be a very exciting half-term.

Key Stage 4 Secondary School

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Making pictures using frottage (rubbing techniques)



The Hinckley School Key Stage 4



WRITE UP

Students have had a really good week back they started some cooking working really well together. In English and Maths they have started the new topics which students have worked really hard on. In art they have started a new topic with looking at the different textures.

CLASS NOTICES

Students need to bring in plastic containers for cooking on Monday.



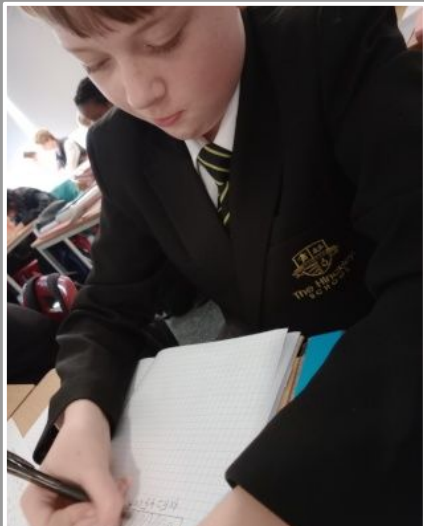
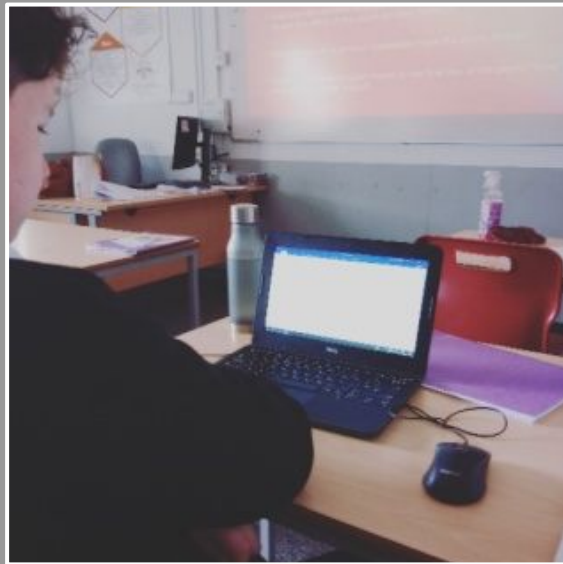
MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Students worked really well together in RSE discussing the different times they have used emergency services, the discussion was respectful with students all able to give different stories with everyone contributing really well.

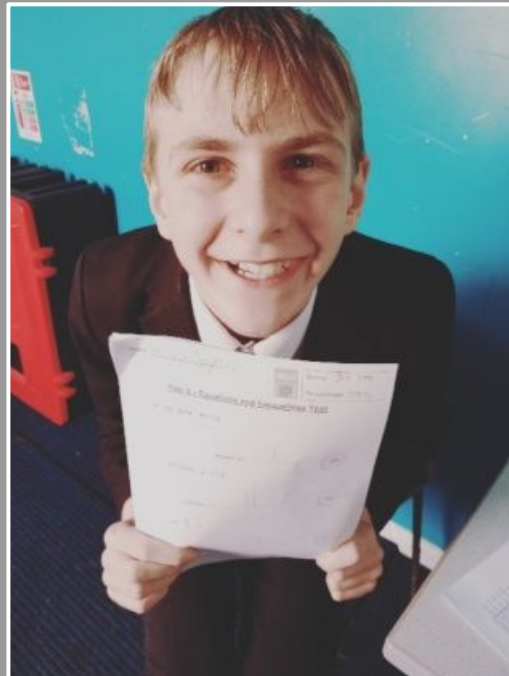
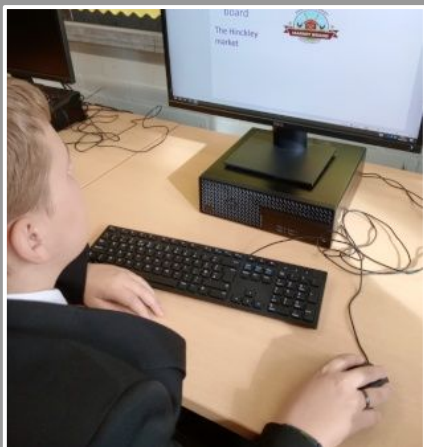


WRITE UP

Students have come back into school with a fantastic work ethic and have been working really hard. Danni has achieved amazing results in her recent psychology and criminology exams gaining A* in both. Amelia B has enjoyed her first textiles lesson and spoke to the teacher about hoping to use her sewing machine at home to make clothes. Hugh made a lovely sweet and sour chicken in food technology while George and Carter made a delicious cottage pie.



Cleveland House



MEMORABLE MOMENT

Danni attending Coventry University with her 6th form peers and experiencing a criminology lecture.

THE WORLD OF WORK

COMPUTER GAMES TESTER JOB ROLE: games tester, quality assurance tester, video games tester

Computer games testers play computer games to check they work and find problems or 'bugs'

Activities: test different levels and versions of a game, enter 'bugs' on a computer system, find the cause of faults and recommend improvements, compare the game against other games on the market, report copyright issues and check for spelling mistakes in the game, manuals and packaging, check a game's accessibility options, work under pressure and to deadlines

Organisations: Codemasters, Creative Assembly, Electronic Art (EA), Jagex, Rockstar Games, Rocksteady, Sony Studios (Playstation), Sports Interactive (SI), Team 17, Traveller's Tales (TT Games), Ubisoft

Qualifications: 1 or 2 A Levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma; 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent for a degree - 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, including English, maths and a creative subject for a college course; 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, including English and maths for a T level; 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

Salary: £24,000 to £50,000 pa

Hours: typically 37-39 per week - may include evenings, weekends, bank holidays as customers demand

How To Become a Computer Games Tester: university course in computing, games design, programming; college course in A level computing, Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media, T level in digital production, design and development; apprenticeship - you could complete a software tester level 4 higher apprenticeship; applying directly - you will need good technical skills and an in-depth understanding of different game platforms and quality assurance processes

Skills & Knowledge: maths knowledge for understanding programming, thorough and pay attention to detail fo finding faults and bugs, analytical thinking skills for software testing, the ability to use your initiative, the ability to come up with new ways of doing things, excellent verbal communication skills, a good member, complex problem solving skills for fixing bugs, ability to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

Career Tip: some game companies release test versions of games for the public to try; go to gaming events to hear about opportunities, make contacts in the industry, find work