



Malcolm Sargent Newsletter

March 2023



Principal's message

We are always looking at how we can make our school even better, and so we want to pilot sending out a newsletter. We are hoping that this will be a regular event to celebrate the achievements of our brilliant children (and hard-working staff) whilst communicating with you about what's going on in our community.

Please let us know what you think!

Tristan Revell, Principal



Charity events keep our 'love for reading' shining bright

March was certainly busy for the 'costume makers' amongst us! It saw both World Book Day and Comic Relief celebrate books with World Book Day exciting and inspiring our pupils through the characters they had chosen to represent and Comic Relief celebrating the Mr Men and Little Miss book series. We raised £318.52 for the school's PTFA book fund from World Book Day and £585 for Comic Relief through the dress down and accessorise with a Mr Men or Little Miss character prop.



Foundation Stage pupils try their hand at carpentry and bricklaying

As part of their topic 'On the Doorstep', our Foundation Stage pupils enjoyed visits from local tradespeople to show them how buildings are constructed using carpentry and bricklaying techniques. As is integral to EYFS learning, they explored hands-on activities and were delighted to be able to see how bricks interlocked, how the position of a bubble in a spirit level can tell you if something is straight and how a house and the internal walls can be constructed using timber. Of course, the power tool demonstrations went down a storm!

We are always looking for community volunteers to bring real-life experience to our curriculum, so if you think you have a skill or career that could inspire the next generation, get in touch with your child's class teacher.





Year 5 experience a French Café!

To round off their French topic 'Au Café', our Y5 pupils enjoyed having their very own French café where they practised their newly-learnt vocabulary by ordering and tasting French breakfast items. What better way to hone your French speaking skills than ordering a delicious 'chocolat chaud'!



Year 2 enjoy a visit from Edith Cavell

As part of their history topic, our Y2 pupils were visited by 'Edith Cavell' as part of their investigation into a significant local hero. She taught them all about nursing in Victorian times and brought with her examples of medical equipment from that time period. The children enjoyed pretending to operate on each other, and applying bandages and slings!



Year 6 pupils 'travel back in time' to experience the Maya Civilisation!

'Lucy the Archaeologist' took our Year 6 children on a full day's adventure of exploration into the ancient Maya culture. Pupils were immersed in practical archaeology tasks, discovering Maya artefacts which included an insight into their Gods, pottery from this time period, dance as well as Maya maths and symbols. Although they are the oldest year group in the school, our year 6s were delighted and enthused by Lucy's historical expertise and were truly inspired to delve further into their study of this ancient time period. Thank you to the PTFA for funding such an incredible experience!



Snow didn't get in the way of the Foundation Stage local fieldtrip!

Although the snowfall was certainly unusual for March, the frosty weather didn't dampen the spirits of the Foundation Stage children (the same can't be said for the mittens however!) Staff and pupils all pulled on their boots, drew down their woolly hats and embraced the cold snap to see the rather unique sight of our school and locality under a thick blanket of snow. What a great opportunity for lots of child-led learning for their 'On the Doorstep' topic.



More books will be arriving for our library, thanks to you!

Our March Book Fair was a roaring success. Thanks to your generous purchases, the school has received £980.48 from Scholastic to spend on new books for our library which can be enjoyed by hundreds of children for many years to come.

Don't forget we have an 'Adopt a Book' box by the school office door. If you can give a good home to a well-loved book, have a rummage and take your pick!

Our library is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm - 3.30pm for parents and carers to peruse our fantastic range of library books with their children. Our resident librarian, Mrs Morpeth, will be on hand to answer your questions and guide you on the types of books you can read with your child and how to support them.

Sports/Club updates by Marc McLeod



For those who don't know me, I'm Mr McLeod and I am the PE Curriculum leader as well as a Year 6 Class Teacher.



I am delighted to share the most recent results from our school's sports programme but also let you know about upcoming events for the final term of this academic year.

Lunchtimes

Firstly, I wanted to highlight some of the success we have had in our competitive programme. We have adapted our lunchtime provision to offer sports which are coming up in the competition schedule. This gives all children a chance to try out a new sport, but also allows us to spot any child we feel could represent the school in a league or one-off event. We also regularly offer a 'new' sport so children can try their hand at something different: lacrosse, boccia, handball have all been successful over lunchtime, whilst disc golf next term will, I'm sure, be a hit with the KS2 children.

Netball

I was delighted with the popularity of our netball club, which undoubtedly helped feed through to two strong school netball teams; the A team coming joint second (in the Autumn league) and our B team fourth.



Football

Following on from this, our ever-popular Year 5/6 football teams entered the regional football tournament. Despite extremely strong competition from other local schools, both the boys' and the girls' teams qualified for the Lincolnshire finals (boys winning and girls coming second). The tense and highly-anticipated Lincolnshire finals arrived and the girls came second and the boys came in third. Our Malcolm Sargent A team then went on to win the mixed 5/6 local football league in the Spring term with our B team coming in fourth; another incredible achievement!

Running

A team of runners set off to Barnack Primary School on a sunny day in October when our boys' team came first overall and our girls' team came in fourth against a very strong field. Unfortunately, the ever-popular cross-country event at SWA this year was cancelled but we hope to have it back in our programme for next year.

Indoor Athletics

Another first place was awarded in indoor athletics where a team of Year 5/6 children not only won the local event (against Stamford schools) but then went on to win against the Grantham schools too! Events such as standing high jump, relays, chest pass and speed bounce meant we needed to have children who could compete in a range of disciplines.

Tag Rugby

Our Year 5/6 tag rugby team were delighted to be placed second and third in a local tournament, despite missing out on the victory of first place by one try!

Swimming

30 of our pupils took to the pool in individual and team events against Stamford and Grantham schools in the local schools' swimming gala. Once again, our pupils did an amazing job and came second overall as well as second in the relay. A great achievement!



New Opportunities:

Finally, we have taken part in various new and inclusive sporting events this term such as boccia, goalball & new age kurling. Some fantastic opportunities were enjoyed by many, whilst developing teamwork and physical skills. A big well done to all involved.

Thanks to all the children, staff and parents who help make these events happen and cheer us on along the way!

As for our upcoming events, now that the major inter-school competitions are over, we have more sports aimed at our Lower Key Stage 2 children throughout the summer term. See below for the proposed dates; these tend to get confirmed in the first few weeks after the Easter break so watch this space!



Event	Date	Time	Location
<u>Term 5: Summer 1</u>			
Y3/4 Tag Rugby tournament	Thursday 27 April	1pm-3pm	Stamford Welland Academy
Y3/4 football tournament	Thursday 11 May	3:30pm-5pm	St Augustine's
Y5/6 girl's football	Thursday 18 May	3.30pm-5pm	Bluecoat
<u>Term 6: Summer 2</u>			
Y2 Multi Skills	Wednesday 21 June	1pm-3pm	SWA
Y5/6 Kwik Cricket	Thursday 8 June	12pm-4pm	Uffington Cricket Club
Y5/6 rounders	Thursday 22 June	3:30pm-5pm	Malcolm Sargent
Field athletics	Wednesday 5 July	1.30pm-3pm	Stamford Welland Academy (tbc)
Track athletics	Friday 7 July	3.30pm-5pm	Stamford Welland Academy (tbc)

If you are able to support a sports club or event at school, then please don't hesitate to let me know via the school office (enquiries@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk). A reminder of what's currently on offer:

Football

Y3 with Miss Stewart on Tuesdays 1200-1245 on the field
Y4 with Mr Baranowski on Tuesdays 1245-1330 on the field
Y5 with Miss Storer on Mondays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 with Mr Keenan on Mondays 1245-1330 on the field

Handball

Y3 with Miss Stewart on Thursdays 1220-1245 in the Studio
Y4 with Mr Baranowski on Thursdays 1245-1330 in the Studio
Y5 with Miss Storer on Thursdays 1200-1245 in the Studio
Y6 with Mr Keenan on Thursdays 1245-1330 in the Studio

Cross Country

Y3 with Miss Stewart on Wednesdays 1200-1245 on the field
Y4 with Mr Baranowski on Wednesdays 1245-1330 on the field
Y5 with Miss Storer on Wednesdays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 with Mr Keenan on Wednesdays 1245-1330 on the field

Girls' Football

Y5 with Miss Storer on Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 with Mr Keenan on Fridays 1245-1330 on the field

Tag Rugby

Y3 with Miss Stewart on Fridays 12:00-12:45 on the field
Y4 with Mr Baranowski on Fridays 12:45-1:30 on the field

Netball

Y5 with Miss Storer on Tuesdays 1200-1245 on the playground
Y6 with Mr Keenan on Tuesdays 1245-1330 on the playground

Inspiration from a Team GB Athlete

Our pupils have been extremely lucky to meet a number of Team GB athletes this academic year who have taken part in the Paralympics, the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games and World Championships among many more. The Year 6 pupils were delighted to recently meet Dai Green, a British 400m hurdler. The excitement and inspiration when there is a world-class athlete in the room is palpable and we know how these core memories can provide the drive for our future international athletes!



Spotlight on our Trustees

The trustees provide a vital role. They are all volunteers, from a variety of backgrounds, who provide a 'critical friend' role in supporting Mr Revell in strategic leadership to develop the school. In times of a squeeze on public services their role has never been more important. So what does the trustee team do?



The Full Trust Board

Provides confident, strategic leadership and creates robust accountability, oversight and assurance for exceptional educational and financial performance.

Curriculum Committee

Strategically monitors and evaluates the curriculum and support for pupils to ensure they achieve the highest possible standards in line with the school's vision and values.

Finance & Stewardship Committee

Provides our school community with a secure and sustainable financial and legal framework and the best facilities within which to learn. Through our stewardship we care for the financial health of the school and will support and develop both the use and acquisition of resources, to best serve the education of our pupils.

Staffing Committee

Strategically develops an excellent team which inspires all pupils to achieve their full potential.

Getting Involved

Our trustees share a common aim in making our school the very best that it can be for the benefit of our community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our outgoing trustees for their significant contribution and service over the years: Kay Batkin, Chair of Staffing Committee and Alistair Cross, Vice Chair of Trustees and Chair of Audit Committee.

We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Williamson and Adele Donaghie who have recently started as a new parent trustees to the board.

If you know of someone who would like to join our board, then please contact clerk@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk to register an interest, or to set up an informal conversation about the role with Mr Revell or Ken Swanson, (Chair of Trustees). You do not have to be a parent; in fact several spaces are reserved for community trustees, people who have a passion for making a difference to the young people of our community. No specific prior experience of educational employment is necessary, but having business experience would be ideal.



Ken Swanson, Chair



Alistair Cross



Martin Brewin



Steve Gaunt



Liz Town



Julia Shaw



Tim Perkins



Julie Flint



Lisa Steele



Amy Thomas



Adele Donaghie



Jennifer Williamson

PTFA update

Our PTFA does an incredible job in putting on community events for our school and raising money for those “extras” which help enhance our children’s time with us. This month the committee has agreed to funding:

- £100 for Foundation Stage plants.
- £380 agreed for RE resources.
- £200 Inspire Plus – nutrition and cooking workshop.
- £960 Y4 History trip.

The PTFA cannot do it alone; they need your help!



Disco volunteers. The next PTFA disco is on Friday 19 May and the event is reliant on volunteers to be able to run. Please let the PTFA know if you can offer an hour or two of support. Most of our disco volunteers do so during the session their own children are joining!

Summer Fair volunteers. Our hugely popular Summer Fair is on Saturday 1 July so don't forget to put it in your diary! Again, volunteers are critical to the running of the Summer Fair and a lot of the traditional 'fete activities' are still going strong! Would you be great at manning the coconut shy or the tombola? Even just an hour of volunteering will help greatly!

If you are interested in joining the PTFA, or just want to lend a hand at an event then please contact ptfa@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk



Staff changes

We wish the very best of luck to Mrs Bennett (Y5 teacher) who has started her maternity leave and Mrs Rolph-Brown (TA) who will start her maternity leave at Easter.

We therefore warmly welcome Miss Tee to the team who will be teaching in Year 5 while Mrs Bennett is on maternity leave.



Mrs Rolph-Brown



Mrs Bennett



Miss Tee

Site works

We are delighted to have completed work to the infant playground providing much needed shading ready for the summer, benefiting both our youngest children whilst out at play, but also in the 3 adjacent classrooms.



New benches have been installed onto the KS2 playground to allow a comfy place to sit for children on their breaktimes as well as new storage cupboards and bins. Thank you to the PTFA for funding these!

Our willow tunnels have had a “haircut”, ready for the new growing season, providing an imaginative and shaded area for children to play once on the field.



Dates for the diary



april 2023

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*Whole-school staff training on SEND, safeguarding and cyber-security. Please note, the school is closed to children on this day but Acorn will be running their normal holiday club

may 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Bank Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 King's Coronation	9 Y6 SATS	10 Y6 SATS	11 Y6 SATS	12 Y6 SATS	13
14	15 Y1 visit to Hamerton Zoo	16 Sports Days	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Sports Days	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

june 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Half Term	2 Half Term	3
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july 2023

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16	17	18	19 Reports go out	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Summer holidays					

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