



Malcolm Sargent Newsletter

May 2023



Principal's message

Finally, it feels like summer is here! Thankfully the sun came out just in time to make most of our sports days very pleasant indeed! We have been really impressed by the display of sporting endeavour during these events, as well as many memorable acts of kindness, teamwork and support for each other in every class.

Assessment season is well underway, with year groups all at various stages of showing their teachers what they've learnt so far. Again, the children are doing really well, putting in their best efforts. Special mention of course must be made of the Year 6 team who have ticked off another important milestone as the pupils completed their SATs with focus and determination and are eagerly anticipating their PGL residential trip after the half-term break.

I hope that you enjoy reading about some of the lovely activities which have been going on in May. My best wishes for the half term break & remainder of the summer term.

Tristan Revell, Principal

Year 1 pupils see endangered species on zoo trip

The excitement was palpable in the lead up to the trip to our local zoo, Hamerton Zoo Park and it certainly didn't disappoint. Pupils were fizzing with excitement to see the incredibly rare sight of a white tiger. There are only about 200 white tigers in the world so it's understandable why children and staff lingered at the tiger enclosure to catch a glimpse!

Other impressive animals spotted that day were cheetahs, camels, flamingos and lemurs. A huge thank you to the PTFA who subsidised this inspirational trip!



There have been some extra colourful days in Year 3...

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the process and history of tie-dye as their topic for art this term. Firstly, the children created mood boards using colour, wording, and fabric to reflect their personalities. They then produced their own tie-dye shirt using their mood boards as inspiration and used different tie-dying techniques such as coiling or folding. The children evaluated their t-shirts identifying what they liked about them and what they would improve next time. They then went on to learn and practise paper weaving before applying these skills to applique a shape or letter onto their t-shirts. The finished product as I'm sure you'll agree is... 'rad'!





A gift from King Charles III

Thank you to the King who has sent us packets of special Coronation Commemoration wildflower seeds! We are going to plant ours in the school grounds with the help of Green Team as well as selected children from each year group.

We can't wait to watch them bloom and remember this historic year!

Coronation celebrations fit for royalty!

Our last newsletter was a Coronation news special, showcasing the amazing art projects our children have been involved in. Thank you to those who came to see the masterpieces on show in the studio. If you didn't get a chance however, they will be on show at the Arts Exhibition which is running Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 June 2023 after school. The Friday before the Coronation, children were invited to come to school in Coronation colours and we were delighted by the creativity of the clothing and the variety of accessories we saw! Children were delighted to take part in activities such as royal scavenger hunts, designing a crown (including some maths when measuring the circumference of their heads), rock painting to provide a lasting memento and Royal biscuit decoration!



That's a wrap on SATs for another year!

Our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils and staff have been working hard this month to reach the end of Key Stage Assessments. We are so proud of how our children have approached these statutory assessments and how well the staff have prepared them for these mandatory tests so they took them within their stride and at a pace appropriate to their ages and needs. Thank you to Mrs Mastrocristino who provided fresh fruit and Mr Revell who bought ice lollies for all Year 6 pupils after their SATS. The treats went down a storm!

June sees the final statutory assessments being the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and the Year 4 Multiplication Table Check. All results of tests and assessment conducted at the end of this year will be shared with you as soon as possible.



Local engineers inspire our Year 5 Pupils

Cummins, local engineering company, are supporting our ever popular 'Go Kart' DT topic for our Year 5 pupils. Approximately 5 engineers visit weekly to offer their advice in the crucial building stage of the project as well as talking to the children about what engineering is, what jobs engineers do and how they were inspired to be engineers!

We are waiting with baited breath to see which class will win the highly-anticipated race at the end of term!

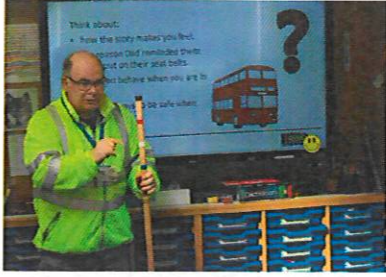
Iconic West End show comes to Malcolm Sargent!

Our Year 6 drama club have been working hard on the production of the ever-popular musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat supported by our dedicated staff which includes musicians and a Toletorpe actor!

More details will be provided to Year 6 parents shortly. All pupils will have a chance to see the show in the lead up to the evening performances!



Local Road Safety Officer visits Year 4



Year 4 enjoyed a visit from our local Road Safety Officer Andy Hall who talked to each class about car safety. This included the importance of using safety car seats and booster seats and at what height you can legally start using adult seat belts (135cm). The children enjoyed being measured to see if they were tall enough yet.

Other messages included not distracting the driver, using "Stop, Look, Listen, Think" when crossing the road, "Be Bright Be Seen" when walking in the dark and wearing helmets to ride cycles or scooters.



Arts Exhibition returns in June!

Our impressive celebration of the Arts is back! This popular event sees art work created by pupils across the school exhibited in our main hall, accompanied by drama and music performances. This showcase of work demonstrates the rich and varied art created within our art and music curriculums as well as our after-school drama club.

Following our grand opening on Monday 19 June (by invitation only) the Arts Exhibition will be open to parents and children to view from Tuesday 20 June to Friday 23 June, after school. Expect to see high-quality artwork in a variety of media, inspired by artists from many cultures and time periods. We can't wait to show you the incredible work your children have created.



A bumper crop for the Green Team!

If you have been past our allotments (between the Year 4 classrooms and Year 5/6 block) you will see the crops are looking amazing. The Green Team were delighted with their harvest of rhubarb and radishes after nurturing them from seeds!

The green-fingered team have also been raising funds and doing their bit for the environment by organising a Bags2Schools collection which weighed a huge 370kg and raised £190! Thank you to everyone who took part and donated their unwanted clothes for this - and a big thank you to the dedicated Mrs D Mills & Mrs Fairchild, our Green Team staff, for again organising!

Transition arrangements for your child

Our Year 6 pupils are readying themselves for their transition days (and in one case, a whole week!) to familiarise themselves with their secondary schools. At the opposite end of the school, we are excited to welcome our new starters into Foundation stage for September. There will be home visits on 6, 7 and 8 September and drop in sessions into their new classrooms on 11 September. Foundation stage children start full time on 12 September. A letter with details will follow next term including who the class teachers are and where to find the story times with the teachers on our website.

It's not only the oldest and youngest pupils who have transition arrangements. We know how important it is for all children to feel prepared and ready for the next stage of their schooling and understand some children may find it harder than others. We have at least two transition meetings between the existing and new teachers to pass over relevant information such as academic performance, emotional and physical health needs and friendship groups. The pupils will meet their new teacher on class changeover day on Thursday 6 July and will receive a Seesaw presentation introducing their teacher and key information, such as drop off and collection arrangements, routines and the curriculum they will be first learning in September.

Some children may need enhanced transition arrangements due to SEND needs which are individual for each child, but may include additional visits to their new teacher and Pastoral Team support to ensure a smooth transition. Your current teacher will speak to you after the May half-term if they feel additional arrangements are necessary for your child.



George Brown



Catherine Marshall



Meet our new trustees

A warm welcome to our new community trustees who have recently joined our Board of Trustees (previously called Governors). George currently works in the Civil Service where he's spent time in the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Health. Catherine currently works as a Teaching Assistant at Edith Weston Primary School and has previous experience on the Board of Trustees at another school.

We thank them for volunteering their time to promote the highest standards of education and welfare for the children of our school.

Sports news



Our Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team were absolutely delighted to win the local schools tournament at Empingham Playing Fields this half-term.

The team didn't lose a match on their way to claim victory for the first time in this event since it began approximately a decade ago!

We had another success story with our Year 3/4 football team which won its recent tournament at St Augustine's and didn't concede any goals at all!

As you can see from this picture of the bedraggled children opposite, there was heavy downpour during this event but they didn't let it deter them!



Last but not least, our Year 5/6 girls' football team won their local schools tournament kindly hosted by the Bluecoat School. Our team won their matches 3-0 then 2-0 and finally drew 0-0 to claim the top spot.

Well done to all of our teams for taking part in these tournaments, with great support from parents & staff! Mr Keenan, Miss Fovargue, Mr Baranowski, Mrs Fedasch and Mr Mcleod were delighted.

Sports days round up

We hoped that you enjoyed our Sports Days if you were able to attend! We all had a blast and many lasting memories were made! Well done to everyone who won a medal but also to those who didn't; so many children took part in the races and tried their absolute best. The teamwork and kindness we saw between the children brought a tear to many eyes and we are so proud of all of our children!

We must make a very special mention to our fantastic sports day team which ran a total of 22 sports events! Mr Cox and Mrs Perry were natural comperes and brought so much energy to the events! Mrs Lewis, Mrs Morpeth, Mr Baranowski, Miss Storer and Mr Keenan were there throughout to make sure everything ran (no pun intended) as smoothly as it could and that everything was recorded and organised and children and adults knew what they needed to do and where they needed to be! And finally, thank you to all of our supporters who came to cheer the children on and share in these amazing moments.



New lunchtime activities this term

<u>Rounders</u>	<u>Orienteering</u>
Y3 on Tuesdays 12:00 - 12:45 on the field	Y3 on Wednesdays 12:00 - 12:45 on the field
Y4 on Tuesdays 12:45 - 1:30 on the field	Y4 on Wednesdays 12:45 - 1:30 on the field
Y5 on Tuesdays 12:00 - 12:45 on the field	Y5 on Wednesdays 12:00 - 12:45 on the field
Y6 on Tuesdays 12:45 - 1:30 on the field	Y6 on Wednesdays 12:45 - 1:30 on the field

The full list is available on our website under:
Parents>>Recent letters>>May 2023

Upcoming sports events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Term 6: Summer 2			
Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Festival	Thursday 8 June	9am - 4.30pm	Grantham Cricket Club
Y3/4 Kwik Cricket tournament	Thursday 8 June	12pm-4pm	Uffington Cricket Club
Y6 PGL Residential	Wednesday 14 June to Friday 16 June	Coach leaves at 8am on 14 June and Returns at approx. 2.15pm 16 June	Caythorpe PGL, Grantham
Y4 Mini Olympics	Thursday 15 June	9am-3pm	Grantham Mere's Athletics Track
SEN PE Festival	Tuesday 20 June	1pm-3pm	St Augustine's
Y2 Multi Skills	Wednesday 21 June	1pm-3pm	Malcolm Sargent (tbc)
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)

Spotlight on break times and lunch times

Miss Blades is our Senior Play Leader and is supported by Mr Kavanagh who is the Assistant Play Leader (you may have seen him in his Sports Apprentice role with us last year). Between them, they plan and deliver an ambitious range of team and individual sports and activities during both our break times and lunch times across the school.

Miss Blades



Mr Kavanagh



Each year group has at least one morning break when they will eat their healthy snack and have some fresh air with a variety of activities on offer; skipping, stilts, basketball and football to name a few.

Children are also free to relax on our seated areas and within our plentiful green areas and chat to their friends if they choose.

Lunchtime sees a wider variety of activities for children to choose from and these are led by members of our teaching support staff and specialist sports coaches. The activities vary throughout the year and are dependent on age and the interests of a particular cohort but you can often see football matches and drills taking place, dodgeball, cricket, tennis, hockey, rounders and disc golf games. We also offer activities which are a bit slower-paced such as colouring, chess, bead making, parachute games and giant board games. When we have upcoming tournaments, our sports team will often run a lunchtime club to practise and hone skills to give our pupils as much preparation as possible.



Miss Blades and Mrs Brown also run an art club over lunchtime on a Wednesday. The arts and crafts the children complete in these sessions depends on the theme of that week but some of the activities they have completed in the past are Easter baskets, Christmas decorations and work on the Coronation flat street party.

Even when the weather is too wet to venture out, the children have a fun, activity-filled lunchtime. Each class has their own set of board games kept especially for wet play so they are always eager to pull out their favourite toys, puzzles and games. We always accept donations to the wet play game set in each class to keep it fresh and varied so if you have a donation, please speak to your class teacher. We also utilise our studio space during wet play and put on ball games such as dodgeball and goalball (a blindfolded game where players must listen to a ball with a bell inside to manoeuvre and score goals).



Children are called by class to eat their lunch and there are always plenty of Midday Supervisors in the lunch hall to help them cut up their food, make sure they've eaten enough and support any children when needed.

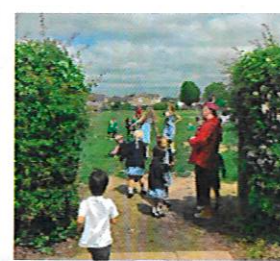
Parents can join their child for a meal at lunchtime; just contact the office a week in advance to book.

We know that some children can struggle with friendships or taking part during some of these more structured activities so there are social coaches on hand to support pupils to make new friends, try activities and learn the social skills to take part in team events. Miss Blades and Mr Kavanagh also work closely with the class teachers and Pastoral Team to make sure relevant members of staff are made aware of any issues.



We are constantly investing in new resources and are proud of the range of activities we offer, often introducing children to a new interest or sport as well as giving all pupils the space to practise existing interests with their peers.

If you have any questions about break or lunch time provision, please speak to your class teacher.



PTFA update



New Trim Trail funding agreed

Our Year 6 House Councillors pitched a very professional funding proposal to the PTFA in their end of April meeting and were absolutely delighted when a £10,000 donation was agreed for a new Trim Trail to be constructed on our field.

The previous adventure playground at the top of the KS2 playground had to be removed a couple of years ago, due to rotten supporting posts (it had been in situ since before Mr Revell worked here so had a good innings - no offense Mr Revell!). Pupils have been keen to replace it as it was very popular so the House Council gathered feedback from it's peers across the year groups, identified the type of design wanted and researched costs. This culminated in their face to face proposal in front of the PTFA Committee (which would be a daunting task for many adults) and absolutely blew the Committee away with their professionalism, preparedness and persuasive language and were delighted to confirm a £10,000 donation.

The new Trim Trail will be situated on the field and will comprise a number of obstacles to hop, jump and balance on - great for gross motor skill development, teamwork and balance. Watch this space for more updates!

Summer Fair volunteers needed

Our hugely popular Summer Fair is almost upon us and the preparations are well underway! It is on Saturday 1 July and we are in need of an army of volunteers to help staff stalls and support the event. As you can see, the money raised by the PTFA has a real and tangible impact on our pupils so even just an hour of volunteering will help enormously. Remember the RAG day is Thursday 29 June. Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the tombola stall for the Summer Fair.

Funding agreed this year

£150	Green Team topsoil
£60	Foundation Stage Pancake Day
£960	Year 4 Roman trip to Peterborough Museum
£200	Inspire+ nutrition and cooking workshop
£400	RE artefacts
£40	Reading competition vouchers
£500	Commemorative Coronation bookmark
£75	Hannah Gold visit and book signing
£10,000	Trim Trail

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

Fundraising for 'Friends of Nyansakia' charity

On 23 June, we are inviting children to take part in a 'dress down' day for a voluntary contribution of £1 which will go directly to this fantastic charity, for which our beloved Mr Peach is a trustee. Mr Peach used to be a class teacher here at Malcolm Sargent but since 'retiring' has rejoined us to support our choir. He has given the school over 22 years of service and we are very grateful for all of the amazing work he does with our pupils. We are pleased to be able to support this locally-run charity which was set up to set up to support and enable self-sufficiency for the children and people local to the village of Nyansakia, near Kisii in Kenya.

The charity has donated many valuable resources, including a cow, so the pupils of the primary school receive nourishing milk within their school day together with a system for the local residents to grow seed and grain to produce meals for the children who attend the school, many of whom have to walk up to 5km to get to and from school. The charity prides itself on being able to support the residents of Nyansakia with the infrastructure to become self-reliant, meaning many future generations can benefit from the investment and donations today. Visit <https://fonkenya.org/> for more information.



Dates for the diary



june 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				Half Term	Half Term	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Year 4 MTC check/ Year 1 phonics check		Y4 Mini Olympics		
			Y6 PGL Residential Trip			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Art Exhibition			Charity Non uniform Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		Year 4 Peterborough Museum trip		RAG Day (non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to the Summer Fair)		

july 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Summer Fair
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Stamford Wells school transition		King's school transition	Class changeover day (FS-Y5)		
	Casterton Transition week					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Bourne Grammar transition			Year 6 performance	Year 6 performance	Year 6 Leaver's Festival
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Reports go out					
	Y2 Burghley Trip					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Summer Holidays					
30	31					
	Summer holidays					

(non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to the Summer Fair)

september 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Staff Training Day*	Staff Training Day*				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

october 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Half Term					
29	30	31				
	Staff Training Day*					

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

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