



Malcolm Sargent Newsletter

October 2023



Principal's message

Busy times at school as Autumn sets in, but still time for a surprising amount of sports events taking place in addition to all the usual Curriculum content. Particular thanks go to Mr McLeod leading the Sports staff and for his work with children from across the school promoting the benefits of being active- especially in the cooler & darker months!

Preparations are in full swing for our upcoming Open Evening event on Thursday 9th November 4pm- 7pm. Aimed at both existing & prospective parents, we do hope that you are able to come along and join us.



Netballers Great Start to the Season

Our two netball teams are down to their final few games of the season, having played really well in their local school league matches. The pupils have been growing in confidence throughout the early part of the season, and turned in some excellent performances.

The scores for matches played in October are as follows:



Netball B Team:

11-1 vs St Augustine's
5-3 vs Uffington
27-0 vs Bluecoat
13-1 vs St George's

Netball A Team:

8-1 vs St Gilbert's
28-0 vs St George's
30-0 vs Bluecoat
17-3 vs Uffington
15-2 vs St Augustine's

As both A and B teams are currently unbeaten, they could potentially have a "winner takes all" match on the 14th November to decide the winners of the 2023/24 league. This game will be played at Malcolm Sargent, (for anyone who would like to come and watch). In the meantime, they are training hard, & working on their skills, technique and knowledge of the game. A big thank you to Miss Raistrick, Miss Storer, Miss Tomlinson and Mr McLeod for helping throughout the season and to all the parent/ guardian support along the way.

Sports Star!

We have plenty of children at our school who really love getting involved in their sporting activities- and we love to hear about what they've been getting up to outside of school.

This month we are celebrating the achievements of Grace, but we are keen to hear from others too. So if your child has been particularly successful in something outside of school do let us know for a future edition- you never know their story might help inspire the rest of us too!

Grace has won the Players' Player of the Year award for the Stamford Town Cricket Club under 9 team, despite usually being the the only girl playing on the team! As well as being a mean bowler, this year Grace amassed the most runs of anyone in the team, with a top score of 46 against Burghley Park. Leicestershire CC have been carefully tracking Grace's achievements, and have just selected her for their under 11s girls cricket squad for 2024, despite being only 9!

Grace also plays golf for Burghley Park Golf Club, is a level 8 swimmer and a Taekwondo blue belt. She is also playing for the year 5 and 6 girls football team in the upcoming Grantham schools tournament. Well done Grace- a very talented young sports star!



Y3-6 Cross Country Run – 7 October 2023



On Saturday 7 October, we took a team of 18 children to the annual 'Fun Run' at Barnack Primary School. We entered three events, and won two of the three! Our boys won overall with the top four places being 1st (Jake), 2nd (Joey), 4th (Toby) & 5th (Oliver), but we also won the team event meaning every child, girls & boys, contributed by finishing in a strong position. We also had some super-strong performances by the younger members of our team, which bodes well for the future too.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support and well done to all those children involved.

Inspiring Athletes

Mr McLeod organised for two visits by inspirational people; the athletes Sam Ruddock & Jonathan Broom-Edwards.

It was a brilliant two days in which they entertained the children with stories of their sporting achievements, ran class training sessions & inspired everyone with their messages of resilience, effort, overcoming barriers & never giving up!

Sam Ruddock



Samuel Ruddock is a Paralympic track cycling athlete who represented Great Britain in the F35 classification in the 100 metres and shot put events, for athletes with cerebral palsy. He is the British Record holder for the F35 Shot Put and the C1 Kilometre Time Trial, specialising in the track sprint events.



Sam showing off his medals!



Lots of questions about track racing!



Jonathan Broom-Edwards

Jonathan Broom-Edwards is a Paralympian Gold Medallist in the High Jump and the current defending World Champion.

He was born with Talipes Equinovarus (more commonly known as clubbed foot) and competes in the Men's T44 classification.



Leading a warm up & stretch before the Y6 workout begins...



Jonathan explaining just how high he can jump!

Spotlight on... Reading!



Learning to reading is the most important subject we teach! The skill of reading fluently opens doors to a child learning in every other area of the curriculum- and sets them up for life.

We start teaching our younger learners by using a carefully sequenced phonic approach delivered daily in short sharp sessions by well trained adults. We check on progress each day & formally assess each learner at least every 1/2 term to ensure that they are making good progress- adjusting their groups accordingly.

Once children have progressed through this scheme, the children will be confident, independent readers- ready to choose their books from the library & read freely! We use Accelerated Reader (AR) to help them choose suitable books and then check their comprehension by way of a short quiz.

The QR code to our website will let you access lots of recently updated information on how we teach reading including a multitude of resources to assist you in supporting your child's reading journey such as videos, explanations, recommended reading lists etc. Alternatively talk to Miss Fovargue, Literacy Leader, or Mrs Perry, Phonics Leader, at our open evening.

Of course, our very own super-Librarian, Mrs Morpeth, is also our go-to person when we need to choose a book. She has made it her personal mission to try and read every single book in our library and so is really well placed to help your child choose the right book, not only in terms of difficulty but of genre too. If your child likes space or history or fiction, then Mrs Morpeth will be able to point them in exactly the right direction!

Each class has library sessions during the school day but additionally the library is open every day after school between 1530 and 1600. Children, and parents, are welcome to pop in and choose a new book. The children are all shown how to use the AR system to take out or return a book so please encourage them to do so. Mrs Morpeth is on hand every Tuesday to Thursday during these times so if you need her help, please avoid Mondays and Fridays.

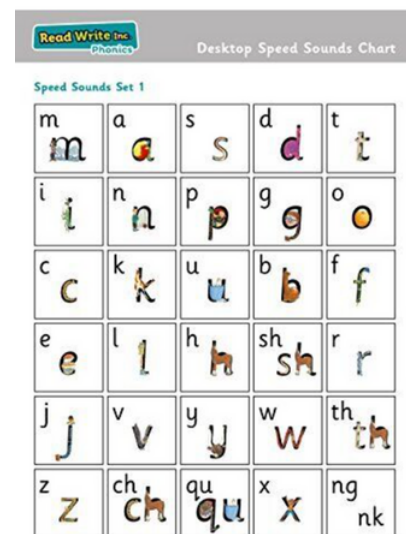
Mrs Morpeth also runs reading sessions with some of the younger classes every week when the children can listen to her reading a story. The older children have reading time in class each week to do this with their class teacher, as well as being given time to read their own book.

The library has a huge range of fiction books covering just about every genre a child could want! We also are proud that we have a really good range of books covering diversity and we continue to add to these as and when we buy new books.

Our recent Book Fair raised £691.08 on commission and Mrs Morpeth will be delighted to spend that money on even more library books; to the extent that we have needed to extend the library shelving- for at least the third time!

Please don't forget that we are delighted to accept donations of good quality suitable children's books for our library; once your children have grown out of their favourite books, please just drop them off at the office and Mrs Morpeth will incorporate them into our libraries. Mrs Morpeth also runs an 'Adopt a Book' scheme whereby our used and well-loved books are popped into the box at the front of school for you to adopt at home.

Finally, don't forget about the BBC's '500 Words' competition which is now running and which was shared with the children in their assemblies before we broke up. You can find out more information on the QR code opposite, but the competition closes soon, at 2000 on Friday 10 November so you need to get writing if you want to be included!



Curriculum highlights in October...



Mark-Making in FS – 29 September 2023

This is where it all begins! All that lovely writing by our talented children starts with the joy of “mark-making” in EYFS. Here they have been learning about painting and having expressed a curiosity with painted nails, they decided to set up their very own Reception Nail Salon! Maybe a little bit messier than the high street variety, but the children enjoyed painting independently and practising their fine motor skills.

Y5 Geography Fieldwork Trip – 9 October 2023

Our Y5 children took part in geography fieldwork around Stamford. As part of their topic this term ‘How is the UK changing?’. They walked into the town centre looking for clues along the way as to how Stamford has changed and how it may change to be more sustainable in the future.

This was an excellent opportunity for practical application of their classroom geography skills in their own local environment. The children were great ambassadors for the school, and knew a lot more about the development of their town by the end of the day!



FS – Fire Engine & Firefighters Visit – 16 October 2023

The excitement of a Fire Engine visiting! Further to our topic 'People Who Help Us', our FS children enjoyed a visit from local fire fighters. The children learnt all about becoming a fire fighter, had a tour of the fire truck and its equipment, as well as using the hose!



FS Talent Show – 19 October 2023

The children in Foundation Stage have been exploring talents. They received many visits throughout the week from our own staff, showcasing their talents. The children were well and truly inspired and took part in their own Talent Show before we broke up... although they found it hard to get the ball back off Mr Kavanagh once he'd started on showing them his “keepy-up” football skills!!



Y2 Forest School Club – 16 October 2023

Our Y2 Forest School Club has been exploring the school's Sanctuary and Forest School area by going on colour shade hunts (using paint swatches to match shades), looking at work by Andy Goldsworthy to create our own pieces of transient art, making mini-shelters for imaginary tiny animals, developing our skills with knots by creating nature mobiles and, of course, bug hunting. The children enjoyed identifying the different mini-beasts and especially liked using the worm ID flowchart. One of the six principles of forest schools is that they are a learner-centred process, so children are offered a range of activities and are given the freedom to follow their own ideas and direction of learning.



OPEN EVENING



Don't forget that our Open Evening is on 9 November 2023 between 1600 and 1900. We will have displays in classrooms hosted by teachers & subject leaders- sharing information on our curriculum, timetables and children's work. Together with food tasting with Dolce, uniform displays from Shotbowl, wraparound care with Acorn, stands manned by the trustees, the school office team, our House Council and our PTFA, it promises to be a really good evening to get to know our school community a little better.

Mr Revell will also be hosting talks for prospective parents at 1700 and 1800. Everyone is welcome; current, new and prospective parents with no appointment required.

The QR code to the right links to a short video from last year's event to whet your appetite!



Apply for your Foundation Stage place NOW for September 2024



The local authority admission teams are ready and waiting for your application if your child is due to start school for the first time in September 2024.

This will be the case if your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020.

The application process opened on 1 September 2023 and closes on 15 January 2024.

The national offer day is 16 April 2024, when parents will find out the results of their application.

Attendance

The Government has set targets for school attendance which include all children attending school full time during term times. If you take your child out of school for a holiday during term time, then we may have no option but to send you a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) letter. This is the pre-cursor to the local authority issuing a fine.

Our Attendance Procedure & Cycle for Pupils, available on our website, has more information for you (or click the QR code below).

Alternatively and if you need help with your child's attendance, please speak to one of friendly Pastoral Leads who are available daily on the playground or by emailing on enquiries@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk.



George's Food Hub



George's Food Hub has been a great success since it started here last month. It will continue to run right through the holidays, in its usual place at the front of school and at its usual times (Wednesdays 1445-1615).

Run by the wonderful Godfrey, Pauline who volunteer their time to man the hub, whatever the weather!

PS Access during school holidays will only be via the front of school, as the side and back gates onto the playgrounds and field will not be open.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Fiona Paling to our school. Mrs Paling joins Y2 at the start of November and is a qualified TA. In fact, Mrs Paling was an apprentice at our school some years ago, then called Miss Whittington, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her back to our school.

We are also pleased to confirm that Miss Tee, who joined us as a temporary class teacher last year, has been offered a permanent contract after doing a great job & really impressing us. Mrs Tee is currently teaching in Y3.



**Miss Tee Teacher Y3
Class 10**



**Mrs Paling TA Y2
Class 9**

Trustee Update

We have two new parent trustees who will be joining us in autumn term 2. Mrs Joanne Torrance and Mr Ryan Amies, both of whom have children at the school. You can read more about them, and the work of our dedicated band of volunteer trustees who support our school, via the QR code below.

We have no other current spaces for trustees on our board but if you would like to be considered in the future, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees on clerk@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk.

Alternatively, some of our current trustees will be at our Open Evening so pop along to have a chat and find out what it means to be a trustee at our school.



Mrs Torrance



Mr Amies



Car parking

We know that this is a constant refrain but please, please, please park considerately and legally when dropping off or collecting your children. For example, recently poor parking across the entrance to the car park, then caused huge problems for other parents, culminating with cars backing up dangerously along Empingham Road.

On that note, the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has shared its latest newsletter with us- accessible via this QR link:



FS Visitor – 11 October 2023

On the theme of road safety & safer journeys to school Mrs Hutchinson visited our Foundation stage and explained about her job helping everyone to cross the road. The children have been learning about people who help us, such as the emergency services, people at school and at home.

LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL

SPORTS CLUBS

Autumn 2 2023

Football

Y3 on Mondays and Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y4 on Mondays and Fridays 1245-1330 on the field
Y5 on Mondays and Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 on Mondays and Fridays 1245-1330 on the field

Orienteering

Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:00-12:45 on the field/
playground

Lacrosse

Y3 on Tuesdays 12:00-12:45 on the field
Y4 on Tuesdays 12:45-1:30 on the field
Y5 on Tuesdays 12:00-12:45 on the field
Y6 on Tuesdays 12:45-1:30 on the field

Girls Football

Y3 on Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y4 on Fridays 1245-1330 on the field
Y5 on Fridays 1200-1245 on the field
Y6 on Fridays 1245-1330 on the field

Boccia

Y3 on Thursdays 1200-1245 in the studio
Y4 on Wednesdays 1245-1330 in the studio
Y5 on Thursdays 1200-1245 in the studio
Y6 on Wednesdays 1245-1330 in the studio

Sports Clubs

Mr Keenan and Mrs Fedasch Y5-Y6 Football Club on Thursdays 1500-1600
Mrs Sturgess and Mr Diaz-Munoz Y4 Games Club on Thursdays 1515-1600
Inspire Plus Fitness Club Y3-Y6 on Wednesdays 1500-1600

Last Friday of each term at lunchtimes; a 'mini marathon' encouraging children to run for as far and as long as they can.

Don't forget that children should bring in spare trainers and joggers, together with a bag for their dirty trainers, for any field clubs

If your child would like to join any of the lunchtime clubs, they can simply turn up! They should speak to Miss Blades or Mr Kavanagh if they are unsure where to go. For sessions running after school, children will need a permission letter which will be sent to the appropriate year groups in due course by ParentMail, and which will subsequently be available from the school office.

Engage & Inspire

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Nurture & Growth

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Pride & Joy

LUNCHTIME AND AFTER-SCHOOL NON-SPORTS CLUBS

Autumn 2 2023

For permission letters for after-school clubs, please contact the school office. For lunchtime clubs, the children can simply turn up to the club or they can speak to Miss Blades or Mr Kavanagh.

Instrumental Music Lessons:

Piano & Voice Y3-6 with Mr Jepson on Mon-Fri after school

Guitar Y3-6 with Mr McEwan on Tues at lunchtimes & Fri after school

Violin Y2-6 with Miss Smith on Wed lunchtimes

If you are interested in other instrumental lessons or if you are able to provide music tuition, then please contact the school office.

Pupil Voice (following formation of the 2023-2024 House Council):

Y4-Y6 House Council & Attendance Ambassadors with Mr Cox, Mrs Morpeth and Miss Branson is held on Mondays 1500-1545

Y4-Y6 Junior Road Safety Officers with Mrs Buddle is held on Mondays 1500-1545

Y4-Y6 E-Safety and Equality Committee with Mrs Headland is held on Mondays 1500-1545

Y4-Y6 Green Team with Mrs Mills, Mrs Fairchild and Mrs Stephens is held on Mondays 1500-1545

Sports Ambassadors with Miss Storer is held on Mondays 1500-1545

Country Dancing:

Y3-Y6 Country Dancing Club with Mrs Harrison on Tuesdays 1515-1600

Choirs:

Y3/4 Choir with Miss Stewart and Mrs Seager (supported by Mrs Mills) is held on Wednesdays 1500-1545

Y5/6 Choir with Mrs Mills and Mr Jepson is held on Wednesdays 1500-

Drama:

Y6 with Mrs Mills, Mrs Buck, Mrs Seager and Mrs Reid will be held on Tuesdays 1500-1600 with the first session starting 7m November up through to the performance in Summer Term 2

Example of Daily Playtime & Lunchtime Activities FS-Y6

Cricket, Dodgeball, Nature Hunts, Sensory Circuits, Rounders, Tennis, Parachute Games, Colouring, Putting Golf, Basketball, Giant Snakes & Ladders, Chess, Reading Area, Trim Trail, Bubbles, Badminton, Skipping & French Skipping, as well as traditional playground games

After School & Breakfast Club with Acorn Childcare Centre (0730-1800 Daily Term Times and Holiday (01780 756056))

Painting, Football and Free play on Mondays with Mrs Ernest and Mr Keenan

Cooking, Football and Free Play on Tuesdays with Mrs Ernest and Mr Keenan

Playdough, Football and Free Play on Wednesday with Mrs Ernest and Mr Keenan

Knitting on Thursdays with Mrs Ernest

Football and free play on Fridays with Mr Keenan

A homework table is available daily with resources and assistance from the friendly Acorn staff team.

Mindfulness Club:

Y1 Mindfulness Club on Mondays 1514-1600 with Miss Littlechild

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PTFA Update



PTFA Christmas Fair – Saturday 9 December 2023

We are delighted to announce that the Malcolm Sargent PTFA Christmas Fayre will take place from 1-4pm on Saturday 9th December.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families & children once again for a day of fun- there will be games, competitions, refreshments, the choir & a variety of other entertainment too... plus an appearance by a very special visitor...

As always, these events can't happen without the support of volunteers. Even donating a couple of hours will help hugely. There is always a need for willing people to help clear up too, if manning a stall isn't really your thing. Please email PTFA@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk if you can lend a hand- thank you!

Could you or your business sponsor a Christmas Prize...?

Do you or a family member work for a company or organisation which would be willing to donate a prize for our raffle? Vouchers, cash prizes or products of any size or value will be greatly appreciated. Our events are always extremely well supported - and it is an ideal opportunity to support the education of children at our school, give back to the community & promote your business.

Please email PTFA@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk if you can help?

Lottery success...

As part of the fundraising drive, our PTFA have established a dedicated lottery page as part of the SKDC local lottery. Scan the QR code on the following page for details. In addition to giving out oodles of prizes- the PTFS have raised £4000 from the SK Lottery since it started towards PTFA projects for the benefit of children at our school..

Halloween Disco

Thank you for your support at the Halloween Discos. The children had a fabulous time dressing up in truly horrifying outfits & having a boogie! Altogether the discos raised £979.70.

Fundraising Targets

The current PTFA projects are to fund:-

- large scale playground activity stations promoting physical activity & keeping fit, (climbing, jumping, balance)
- establish more of the ever-popular willow tunnels for shade, creative play & for children who simply like having a natural area for hanging out with their friends!

The Parent Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) is an entirely voluntary organisation dedicated to enhancing the experience of the children at our school.

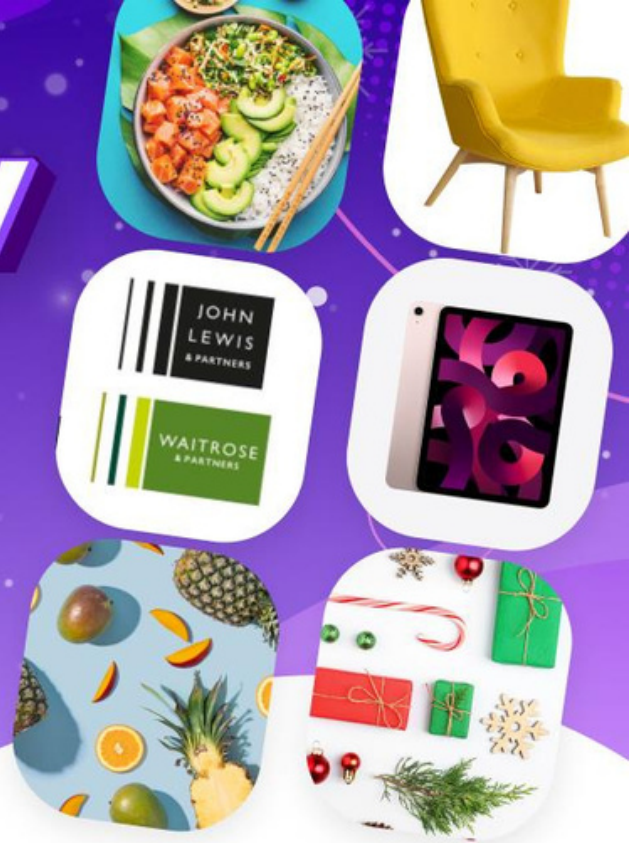
Raising money for special projects which would otherwise be beyond the means of the school & providing a range of events to enhance our community even more.

The PTFA is keen to thank all members of the school community for supporting the many fundraising events on offer! Their door is always open for more people to get involved.

The next PTFA meeting is at The Danish Invader Pub, on Tuesday 7th November from 6.30pm- you are very welcome to attend!

Enter our **Super Draw**

WIN A £1000 JOHN LEWIS GIFT CARD



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Win a John Lewis/Waitrose gift card, or take the cash!

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AND SEARCH FOR **Malcolm Sargent PTFA**



Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Enter by 25/11/2023.

GambleAware



Dates for the diary



november 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Open Evening 4pm-7pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
		Y2/Y3/Y5 parent's evenings		Y2/Y3/Y5 parent's evenings		

december 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Y1/Y4/Y6 parent's evenings		Y1/Y4/Y6 parent's evenings		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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				Xmas Holidays		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Xmas Holidays				
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january 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	Bank Holiday	Staff Training Day*				
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february 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		Half Term Break				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

PS. Our regular News Editor, Mrs Ward, is poorly at the moment- we wish her a speedy recovery, and hope that she enjoys this month's edition!

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