



# Newsletter 2 Autumn 2019

## Mission to Make Every Child a Reader

As a school we are never complacent and always keen to improve. So, despite beating the national and local percentage for getting children to the expected standard yet again this year, by our own high standards we were disappointed by our reading outcomes in the summer. The Reading tests were some of the hardest tests ever and we were proud of the way our pupils dealt with them, but we are keen to challenge ourselves to see what can be done to make our provision even better to support the development of reading.

We are trying to find ways to excite and raise the profile of reading. Year 4 brought their reading to life recently by recreating the wardrobe to Narnia. There was a wardrobe in our studio and the children role-played stepping through the wardrobe, past the fur coats and into the magical country of Narnia. In the place 'where it is Winter but never Christmas' they spotted the parcels and umbrella dropped by Mr Tumnus amongst the snow. Transported into the inspiring setting of the class novel, their drama has encouraged thoughtful descriptions and enriched their understanding of the characters.

We are also in the process of reviewing all of the books available in school and a great deal of money is being allocated to refreshing this resource.



## Inspirational Learning and Experiences



In October, Year 6 attended the 'Construction Week' at the Lincolnshire Showground. They were able to participate in a range of activities that were designed to give them an insight into the construction industry. This included the opportunity to drive fork-lift truck, try landscaping, use scaffolding, find out about removing asbestos, construct bridges and learn about navigation. It proved to be a fantastic and fun experiences for the children.

Y5/6 were also lucky enough to receive a visit from a Street Padre. He talked with the children about his voluntary work and explained the impact that he has in supporting our local community. We are always very grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to share their work with us and enjoy understanding the inspirational things that people do with their time and skills.



This year we are involved in a programme of experience and sports days that are being coordinated by L.E.A.D Multi Academy Trust. This is to provide a series of opportunities for the children from all of their schools to work together.

Year 2 attended a Performing Arts Day recently and are about to attend a sports event too. The performance day was based upon 'The Lion King'. The children watched a performance by a team of actors and dancers after which they created their own dances and drama to share with one another.

### The L.E.A.D Experience Days

- Y2 – Performing Arts – 15 Nov 19
- Y3 – Science Day in Nottingham – 26 Nov 19
- Y4 – Cultural Arts and Music in Nottingham – Mar 20
- Y5 – STEM Day in Nottingham – Jan 20
- Y6 – Athletics Day in Leicester – June 20, .



Y5/6, have also been creating 3D hills using plasticine to show and develop understanding of the elevation that contour lines represent. These models were then used to create own maps and to explore the impact of hills and land heights upon the course of rivers.

This evidenced how much their geography skills have developed this term.

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## Bikeability

Year 5 have worked with 'Outspoken Training' to complete the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability course this term. The progress made by the children was fantastic. They started out the training on the school playground before venturing out onto the local roads to apply their new skills and knowledge under instruction. We are very grateful to the RAF base for allowing us onto camp, to hone and refine our learning in relative safety.



## Remembrance Service

We were among the schools invited to visit the International Bomber Command Centre to participate in their Remembrance Service this term. Our older pupils wrote poems and made poppies in preparation for their involvement in this event. These were shared at the service and they also laid the wreath that they had created during the readings. We were exceptionally proud to be involved and of the conduct and high level of respect shown by our pupils.



## Heart Foundation



This term the School Council have chosen to support the British Heart Foundation as their charity.

On Friday 22nd Nov, the children will take part in heart based activities in their classes to promote understanding of how the heart works and how to keep it healthy.

We also hope that the children **will bring in some coins to donate to the charity**. Our plan for the afternoon is that they will put their coins onto the hall floor in the shape of a heart. We are hoping to create a time-lapse film showing the coin heart growing as the children place more and more coins around the outline of the heart. We are wondering how big we as a school can make this heart of coins!

Although the children will be in normal school uniform on the day, we are happy for them to also wear something additional with a heart theme – this can be a badge, headband, hat, face paint etc. We leave this up to you.

We hope you will join us in supporting this cause and feel able to send a donation in with your child.

## Bullying

The statistics suggest that over half of people will experience bullying at some point in their lives and the growth of on-line communication has coincided with a surge in cyber bullying experiences.

Even though allegations of bullying are very rare at our school, we are always alert to the fact that it can happen and keen to support pupils to be able to identify the signs, stay safe and know what to do.

Through assemblies and lessons, we teach children that bullying is defined as deliberate 'behaviour by an individual or group, usually repeated over a period of time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally, where it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves'. All forms of bullying are taken seriously and dealt with appropriately. If you are ever concerned, please ensure that we know, so that we are able to take action as outlined in our policy.

## Christmas is coming....

Our community Christmas events include the PTA **Christmas Fair** on Friday 29th November straight after school. We hope that you will come along to support it. We are also involved in the Community Choir in Waddington on 10th Dec at 6pm. On 17th December, our own choir will also once again visit the residential homes in Waddington to sing carols for them.

There will be 3 opportunities to see our Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Christmas performance. These will take place at 3:30pm on 10th and 12th Dec and at 2pm on 11th Dec. Children in FS and KS1 will need to be collected at 4:30pm on 10th and 12th December to enable them to take part in these performances.

Our Christmas Service will be at 9am on 16th Dec and Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 18th.

Thursday 19th Dec is the last day of term and as usual we **break up for Christmas from 2:30pm**. Children are invited to come to school in a **Christmas Jumper** on this day if they choose. There will be no charge to take part in this.

**A little bit of rain never stopped...**

**... Foundation Stage from learning!**

