



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025



SPRING IS COMING...?

The weather has been miserable for the past few weeks! Stood on the gate every morning is not fun – but, spring is on the way! As I drive to work each morning the sun is just trying to come up and as I go home it is starting to get lighter.

School life is always busy, and we have lots going on. In addition to the free clubs that we offer (football, gymnastics, art, etc.), we have now started a child-care provision. Whilst this is not free, it is becoming more popular, and we have around 6 to 8 children per night. The After-school Child-care Club is designed for working parents or those in need of collecting their children later than 3.20pm. It provides supervision, activities and a snack for children waiting for a later pick-up. Charges are £5 up to 5pm and £10 for anytime after that and up to 6pm when we close. Booking is available on our 'My Child At School' app.

ATTENDANCE

December and January are always difficult months for attendance as there are so many bugs going round. Despite this, we have seen an improvement in the overall school attendance. At the moment, our attendance is around 94.3% - which is lower than average, but a big jump up from this time last year. We hope that now that the worst of winter is over, we will see this rise closer to the target of 96% (which is the national average and our target).

If your child is ill, please keep us informed about why they are off and when you think they will be back. Our Education Welfare Officer may make a home visit to check that everything is okay and to see if we can help in any way. It is part of our legal duty under safeguarding rules to ensure that we know where children are if they aren't in school. Part of this is ensuring that we see them and make sure they are okay.

Please work with us to help ensure that your child gets the best out of school and achieves all that they are capable of.

~ Mr. Chamberlain



FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

We are so proud of our Y6 girls' football team who won Grimsby Town Foundation's Premier League Primary Stars tournament at Clee Fields last week and are now eligible to represent Grimsby Town at the next stage of the competition in Hull on Valentine's Day. Goalkeeper Jodie Smith-Higgins (6W) said, "Everyone was so enthusiastic to get on the pitch to play, and also to make sure to have fun and use teamwork. We managed to not lose any games and scored lots of goals."

~ Mr. Clayton

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Our Y3/4 Indoor Athletics teams also represented the school in their heat at Franklin College in January, and again at the Develop Final this week.

Competing across various races and field events, every child performed admirably to finish second in their heat to qualify for the Develop Final. Khalid Mohamed (4YS) said, "We all felt excited and we all participated in some activities. We all worked so hard to secure second place. We are all proud."

A massive well done to our athletes!

~ Mr. Clayton



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INTO UNIVERSITY

As part of our Into University engineering FOCUS week, we launched an 'Astronaut' to see if it would land safely and had to create a parachute to try and make sure the egg wouldn't smash. We then had a tour of space using VR headsets and looked at the International Space Station, discussing how astronauts survive. We visited the moon, Mars (where we went on a journey on the Mars Rover) and lots of other planets.

We also visited Magna, went on a tour of Hull University, and got to graduate after presenting our findings from the week.

~ Miss Lester



TOOTH BRUSHING

This project is now well underway. The children have quickly got into a routine and are brushing their teeth in class each day. They have also had their first check-up in school by the dentists from Rejuvarent. If your child is not yet signed up for this and you would like them to take part, please visit the school office and ask for a consent form. We will try to get them started as soon as we can.

~ Mr. Chamberlain



PARKING



Please can I remind parents that parking at the front of school is very limited – there are double yellow lines and zig-zags that restrict parking. The camera that the Council installed is still operating and the Council is issuing fines. In fact, this camera has caught more people than any other camera – and consequently more fines have been issued as a result!

Please park legally and considerately when you drop off or collect your children. We do not want anyone to get injured.

~ Mr. Chamberlain



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MINI POLICE

Mini Police is fun. We wear a high visibility jacket, a mini police cap and a lanyard. We work with Miss Harrison, our learning

mentor, and our policeman, Chris Arnold. We learnt about Safe Strangers, Anti-bullying and Social Responsibility. Chris brought his police car into school. It was very noisy when he put the lights and siren on! He is very kind; he brought us all some lights for our bikes and reflectors for our arms. Thank you Chris!

~ Arthur Virgo (4YS)

PROJECT LINUS

Haven Quilters in Grimsby make quilts for Project Linus. This charity provides quilts to children who suffer through illnesses or face challenges. Each quilt represents a hug for children when they need one. Mrs Adams has very kindly brought some of these into school for children in the Bloom Room to take home and keep.



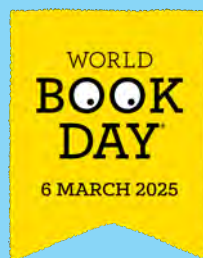
~ Mrs. Welsh



NORMANBY HALL

Y2 visited Normanby hall to take part in a Stone Age workshop as part of our history topic. We did lots of exciting things including building shelters with branches and making a spear with flint, just like cave men did. We had a great day!

~Mrs. Broughton



WORLD BOOK DAY - AN ADJECTIVE

The school is participating in World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March. On this day, we are asking the children to come to school dressed as an adjective. They can dress as 'sparkly', 'sporty', 'sleepy', 'furry'...any adjective they like!

Additionally, we are inviting the children to make a 'Book in a Box', which will also be the family homework for this term. All entries need to be in school for World Book Day and there will be prizes for the most resourceful, creative entries.

We look forward to seeing what they come up with!



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ECO COMMITTEE UPDATE

One of the Eco committee's goals for the year is to work on global citizenship and to support this we took part in some community tree planting. The aim was to take an active role in their community and work with others to make the local area greener.

On January the 22nd, members of the eco team from Years 3-5 worked to help plant cherry trees in a green space on the corner of Victor and Oxford Street with environmental education officers from the local council. Madison Heywood from 3C explained, "I liked when we learnt about the tree and asked questions about it and when we put the cage on it to protect it. We don't want it to be damaged do we?" The local council will also be visiting Welholme Academy to give an assembly about the importance of trees for all children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 which will support their learning about plants in science and about the environment.

~ Mrs. Rabbetts



14 Feb	School closes for half-term
25 Feb	School reopens
6 Mar	World Book Day
12 Mar	KS2 Cross Country Competition
14 Mar	Red Nose Day
27 Mar	World Maths Day
1 Apr	Y1/2 Easter Disco
2 Apr	Y3/4 Easter Disco
3 Apr	Y5/6 Easter Disco
4 Apr	Y6 PGL Residential
4 Apr	School closes for Easter
22 Apr	School opens for Summer Term
5 May	May Day Bank Holiday
12 May	SATs Week begins
23 May	School closes for half-term
3 Jun	School reopens
23 Jun	Sports Days week
22 Jul	School closes for Summer
4 Sep	New school year begins

CHILD SAFETY

If you have any concerns about the safety, care or welfare of any child, then please speak to:

Miss Glasby, Mr Chamberlain or any member of the Pastoral Team.

Alternatively, you can phone Children's Services on 01472 326292.

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