



## JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you all had a really fantastic Christmas break. Last term was filled with many special moments and it was a pleasure to see the children perform in their Christmas shows. I am sure you would agree on a job well done by all those that took part. We have been busy planning the term ahead and again are looking forward to another great term.

I always feel very proud of all the children of Little Hill when I have the pleasure of being in our achievement assemblies and last term's was no different. Well done to all our winners of the attendance, book, mathematical skills and Turner prizes.

The children have settled back into school well and are already working hard in their classes. This term is as usual, very busy. Already we have had 27 children performing in the choir, at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham as well as children representing the school in different sporting events.

We will be welcoming Mrs Pankhania back this academic year but until then if you have any queries, questions or are able to offer support in any way, please do get in touch.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Cartledge-Splitt - Acting Headteacher

### Rights Respecting Schools Award

"Rights" are things every child should have or be able to do. All children have the same rights. These rights are listed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Almost every country has agreed to these rights. All the rights are connected to each other, and all are equally important. Sometimes, we have to think about rights in terms of what is the best for children in a situation, and what is critical to life and protection from harm. As you grow, you have more responsibility to make choices and exercise your rights.

As a school we believe that these are extremely important and we want to ensure our pupils are aware of the 42 different articles (rules). We are now working on achieving our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award.

The different articles can be found at <https://www.unicef.org/rightsite/files/uncrcchildfriendlylanguage.pdf>

### Drop off and Pick ups!

I would like to remind all parents to park with consideration for the safety of our students and neighbours.

We have been made aware that on some occasions during the school drop off and pick up times vehicles are double parked and also overhanging driveways.

Please support us in keeping the zig zag lines outside the school gates clear at all times as well as our neighbours driveways.

You may have read in the Leicester Mercury that we are now a part of the Camera scheme where instant £70.00 fines can be issued. It has been a long campaign to improve the safety for our children at the front of school and I wish to thank all of those parents that have spoken to me and have written to the council to voice your concerns.



There should be no parking or dropping off outside our school as it is not permitted on the 'School Keep Clear' zigzag yellow lines at any time between 8:00 - 4:00.



Please note that this applies to blue badge holders. Please **do not** park outside the barrier of school as it needs to be safe and accessible for all.

Advice on where you can and can't park can be found from

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/638526/blue-badge-rights-responsibilities.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/638526/blue-badge-rights-responsibilities.pdf)

The school car park is solely for the use of staff, official visitors and disabled visitors entering before the gates close at 8:30am or 3:00pm. Gates open again at 9:00am and 3:30pm



## Foundation



Gosh!

What a busy start to 2019 we have had!



Our topic, 'All Creatures Great and Small' has seen us planning and carrying out a bear hunt around our school grounds (using our hand-made binoculars).



We also had a visit from Groom - A - Dog to talk about how to look after dogs and performing animal yoga positions in PE - to name but a few!



We have had so much fun learning in our indoor and outdoor classrooms where we have been finding out how animals change, looking at the sizes of wild animals and making maps for our own hunts.

We can't wait to see what the next few weeks have in store!

## Year 3



This half term we are learning all about communicating ideas.

We have communicated in many ways so far already. In art, we have been communicating moods through pop art and learning about famous artists.

In RE, we have been learning about the Bible and how Christians use this as a form of communication. In DT, we have been designers and are in the midst of communicating our own styles through a t-shirt design. In our English lessons we have been enjoying learning about lots of different authors. We have just begun to write our letters to them and will be posting these on the 7th February at our local post office.

The children have been widening their mathematics skills this half term and have been learning about money and statistics!

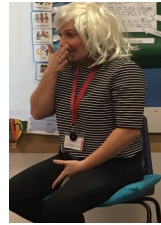


## Year 1 News

Over the last half term we have been looking at 'Houses and Homes'.

We have compared our houses to houses from the past and have drawn and discussed our own! In science, we have been looking at different materials and how and why they are used in everyday objects. We had a big discussion about how plastics impact our planet and how we can all help! The children had some fantastic ideas and opinions.

We are continuing to keep fit in our P.E lessons and learn about how our bodies work with exercise. We have had great fun reading traditional stories and comparing them with each other. We are getting much better at writing our sentences and some of us are using conjunctions (and, but, so and because) in them. We have also asked and written questions to Goldilocks, by putting people in the 'Hot Seat'!



Our reading is getting much better thanks to our parents helping at home so thank you and please keep reading everyday!

## Year 4

This term, we have been immersing ourselves in imaginary worlds. Throughout English lessons, we have unleashed our creative sides to create our own scumdiddlyumptious sweets and have been writing descriptive paragraphs about our own imaginary worlds using amazing vocabulary choices. As young artists, we have used water colours to paint our imaginary worlds and are in the process of developing our very own pop up books! In Geography and French, we have had lots of fun learning about the world's continents and countries within them. The children in year 4 have decided that in England we have a very good quality of life compared to those in Rio De Janeiro. We are all extremely excited about our outing to the big city of London to watch Aladdin!



## Year 2 Achievements



At the end of the Autumn term we thoroughly enjoyed putting on a Christmas themed Afternoon Tea ... thank you to all of those who came and helped. It was a great success!

Our topic titled "Our Planet" is well under way. In geography, we have identified the 7 continents and main climate zones. We can tell you facts and figures about this. We have then focussed on hot and cold climates in science and the animals that can be found there. We have written our own animal poems in our English lessons and we are now writing our own stories about animals on a train! Please do come in and read them if you have a chance.

We are well on our way to becoming accomplished basketball players! We have braved the cold weather and have learnt many balls skills.

Phew! What a busy start to the year! Thank you to all parents for your support through homework activities and reading with your child at home and we look forward to sharing more of our learning at the Parents' Evenings in February.

## Year 5



This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about water! Our lessons in Geography have taken us round the water cycle and inside the journey of a river.

In Science we have been looking at states of matter and 'Changing States'. We have been measuring temperatures, observing how rust forms and using equipment to separate materials. Throughout this, we have been writing up our experiments like true scientists!

In P.E. we have been creating our own dance routines to a well-known piece of music about Vlatava (the longest river in the Czech Republic).

We have also been 'reading buddies' with Year 1, where we have enjoyed sharing our books and listening to their stories. We are now looking forward to using watercolours in art and, of course, the French café. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

## Year 6 News!

Our topic 'What the Dickens' was a real success! Everyone enjoyed the trip to The Black Country Living Museum and the homework projects that followed were a triumph.



We have now begun our new topic - Healthy Body, Healthy Mind. Already, the children have created a practical model of a blood vessel (in case you wondered what they brought home a few weeks ago), have a good understanding of how the heart and lungs function as well as know the impact that sugar can have on our health.

Thank you to those parents who supported us by attending the SATs meeting; we hope you found it useful.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress at Parents' Evening.



## Everyone's Welcome

We are delighted to say that our school will be taking part in a new whole school initiative.

'Everyone's Welcome' uses the 'No outsiders' resources and framework developed by **Andrew Moffat MBE**. It is a whole school approach that teaches children about equality and diversity, in line with British Values, Ofsted guidelines and the Equality Act (2010). Everyone's Welcome uses story-books, lesson plans and assemblies to create and support the development of a whole school community that embraces and celebrates all forms of difference.

We are very excited about starting this project in school.



## A Baby Girl!

Congratulations to Mrs Banks our woodwind teacher who had a beautiful little girl Regan. She has started back this term and her lessons have once again begun.

## Young Voices

Wow! What an experience, singing with 6,538 children at the choir concert in Birmingham. Well done to everyone who took part and a huge thank you to all the adults who went but especially to our choir master Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Preston who run choir each week.

Look out for the next opportunity...



## Fundraising

The school council children last term went around the school selling poppy items

Thank you to everyone who purchased something, we raised an incredible total of



## Article 24

## The Wigston Magna

# COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Open: Monday to Friday 11.30am - 3.00pm



Pop in to take some food or to make a donation.

We have set up a community fridge project to redistribute good quality food that would be thrown away!

Local companies are also supporting us by donating surplus food.



Food waste is a big issue in the UK. It's estimated that a third of all food gets wasted.

The Wigston Magna Community Fridge opened in December, and they have been contacting all of the local schools and asking if you would like to support the project.

The aim of the fridge is to fight food waste and support local people. It does this by businesses donating leftover food, and local people doing the same, it is then available to local residents and community groups.

This includes individuals with limited access to affordable fresh and nutritious food, but anyone can use it.

The Community Fridge is housed in Wigston Magna Sure Start Children's Centre, Long Street, Wigston and is accessible from the gate at the front of the Children's Centre. It will be monitored by members of staff at the Children's Centre and will be open to those who need it between 11.30am - 3:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Strict monitoring guidelines based on advice from the Food Standards Agency and the Council's Environmental Health team ensure the fridge operates to the highest quality standards.

### Benefits for your school / families

- A place where you can donate food that would otherwise be thrown away, perhaps before staff members go on holiday, school trips etc.
- An opportunity to contribute positive social impact; supporting the local community.
- Parents can access the community fridge and either donate any unwanted food or collect food.

If you would like to use the community fridge or have food you would like to donate please visit:

Wigston Magna Children's Centre, 30 Long Street,  
Wigston LE18 2AH or call 0116 305 5282 or email  
wigstonmagnacc@leics.gov.uk



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## Communication and Technology



Please can I again ask for your support around not using any social media to express negative opinions or concerns about school matters, children and individuals. It is important that your concerns are addressed and we can help if these are brought to the school's attention through the school's policy and procedures. Your thoughts are very important to us as they help us to keep improving our school. I also wish to say thank you to parents for not posting pictures of school events on Facebook. You are welcome to put your own child's photo up but some pupils do not have permission!

We will continue to update you using texting, emailing, our website and through our Twitter updates.



Please download our Twitter so you can keep up with last news and see our Young Voices choir performing at the concert in Birmingham. @littlehillsch

## E-Safety

We are gearing up to celebrate 'Safer Internet Day' on the 5th February. This year the theme is 'Together for a better internet'. We are going to be thinking about consent online and being responsible when using the internet. Keep an eye on our twitter feed to see what your child has been up to.



Parents, if you need advice on any of the apps and sites your child wishes to use please search 'Platform Guides' or go to

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

Mrs Robson - IT and Computing Coordinator

## 50th Birthday Art Competition Winners

Looking forward to seeing this beautiful art from our art competition winners up and around school. Well done to everyone who entered, some amazing talent across the school.



## January

Friday 25th - 4EJ Assembly

Wed/Thurs 30th/31st - FINS Fundraising event

## February

Friday 1st - 2KC Assembly

Monday 4th - Year 1 Beaumanor Trip and PTA Meeting

Friday 8th - 15Y/CT Class Assembly

Tue/Wed 12th/13th - Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th - Year 5 French Café

Monday 18th - HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 25th - Welcome back to school

Thursday 28th - Year 4 London Trip to see Aladdin

## March

Monday 4th - PTA Meeting

Thursday 7th - World Book Day Discos

Friday 8th - 2BP Class Assembly



## ONE NEWS

## Sporting News

### Article 31

Boys football league is well under way and our girls football team has started training with our new coach 'Mr Spencer' who we are so grateful to as he has volunteered to coach and prepare them for their up coming league games. It's not too late to sign up, if there are any more KS2 girls that would like to take part on a Tuesday after school please let me know.

The netball team started this week and we would love to see more girls and boys signing up for our team to prepare us for fixtures in the next few months.

Mr Lucas from Metcalf sports continues to offer a wide range of breakfast and after school clubs for all ages and the children are loving it and him!

Finally a huge well done to our Year 6 Basketball team who played incredibly well this week in their Wigston schools tournament, winning three out of the four games! They displayed some great team work and school values.

Mrs Gray - Sports Coordinator

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