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Newsletter 10

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Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 10. I hope you have all had a wonderful couple of weeks since the previous newsletter was published. As we approach the end of this term and the midway point through the academic year, it is amazing to witness the progress the children have made over the last 5 months. Each class is settled, the high expectations we expect for all pupils are being met and the children are so happy; learning lots and making fantastic progress from their starting points. As a school, we are so proud of our parent partnerships and to know we have your support in ensuring we work together to provide the best possible start in life for our young people is helping drive forward the focus of the school. You can be assured that every member of school staff is committed to ensuring quality outcomes, in every session of every day, and this passion for learning is shining through in our children and the work that we are undertaking together in our excellent school. It is always lovely to see so many parents each morning on the playground-as always, if you would like to catch me, I am available for a quick chat on the school gate or by booking an appointment with Mrs Beard in the school office. I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you soon. **Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)**

Be the Best You Can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children in our special Friday assembly-well done all;

Class France-All of Class France and Isla Vangasse

Class India-Conall Roberts, Izzabella McGauley, Alfie Dutfield and Imogen Taylor.

Class Madagascar-Eliana Shelbourne, All of Madagascar, Jack Green and Lottie Hendry

Class Australia-Tyler Rosling, Fraser Coates, Emily Herrick and Matthew Holmes

Class USA-Niamh Roberts, Jack Marsh, Harry Hutsby, Rosie Lawson and Lucy Cullum

Class Iceland-Jack Stonestreet, Jacob West, Olivia Clark-Monk and Jack Wright

Wow Writers and Riproaring Readers

The following children have all been recognised for their excellent achievement in these areas this term. Well done everyone.

Riproaring Readers- Lexi Davies, Oscar Kerry-Dutton, Maisie Whatton, Romeo Gibson, Sam Bailey and Ruby Coates.

Wow Writers-Fynnlay Burrows, Smilte Jacunskyte, Liam Walsh, Jasmin Gheniou, Keeley Creasey and Jessica Annan.

Well done to all children, across the school, for being the best you can be!

Good Luck to our Swim Marathon Team!

On Saturday 6th February, Mrs Hiorns has gathered a team of our fastest swimmers to take part in the Grantham Mere's Rotary Swim Marathon. We will be sending huge amounts of positivity to these children and look forward to hearing all about their endeavours next week! Thank you to Mrs Hiorns for organising!

Ancaster joins Kyra Teaching School Alliance!



We are delighted to announce that Ancaster has joined the Kyra Teaching School Alliance.

Teaching schools are part of the government's drive to give schools more freedom and to enable schools to take increasing responsibility for managing the education system. The vision for teaching schools is to have established a network of outstanding teaching school alliances that will drive significant improvement in the quality of professional practice and therefore improve the attainment of every child.

Our school will work within a teaching school alliance – a group of over 40 schools and other partners (including universities) that are supported by the leadership of a teaching school. Through being part of this there will be even more opportunities for collaboration, including children being able to visit other schools, staff working together and development opportunities that come from schools sharing best practice. One of Kyra's main aims is to be 'ambitious for all children', which fits in with Ancaster's vision for all children to have access to an outstanding education and we are very much looking forward to getting involved in this exciting opportunity.

Find out more information about Kyra by visiting their website,

<http://kyrateachingschool.com/about-kyra/>

Governor Update

With the full board of Governors having met recently to discuss the current developments of the school and our strategic next steps, please find below the list of Governors and their roles and responsibilities as well as the sub-committee they are part of.

Name	Governor Type	Role	Committee
Sally McDowall	Chair of Govs	Safeguarding SEND	Finance & Resources
Stuart Freshney	Vice Chair of Govs	Church School Health and Safety	Finance & Resources
Simon Lunn	Parent Gov	Pupil Premium	Finance & Resources
Juliette Kerry	Co-Opted	Link Governor	Finance & Resources
Julia Dorling	Co-Opted	Safeguarding	Standards & Curriculum
Margaret Kirby	Co-Opted	English	Standards & Curriculum
Rev. June Freshney	Foundation	Church School	Standards & Curriculum
Chris Lawson	Co-Opted	Maths	Standards & Curriculum
Sam Eden	Ex-Officio	-	F&R and S&C
Clare Talbot	Staff Gov	-	Standards & Curriculum
Debra Moore	Associate Gov	-	Finance & Resources

We currently have vacancies for a Local Authority Governor (appointed by the Local Authority) and a Foundation Governor (appointed by the Diocese of Lincoln). We are delighted to have such an excellent board of Governors who are very keen to support and challenge the school to be the best we can possibly be. We will be publishing our Governor Focus section of the newsletter in the next edition to allow you to find out more about the Governors.

Homework Task for Half Term

We will be setting a very special piece of homework to be completed during half term to link with our whole school topic of Journeys, we would like children to write about the different journeys undertaken (however big or small). Look out for the information provided by Class Teachers-we look forward to hearing about the children's half term adventures.

Share and Shine Time!



We are very much looking forward to seeing parents and carers at our next round of sharing opportunities. These are a fantastic time to engage with your child in the classroom and take part in pieces of interactive learning!

The dates for these sharing opportunities are as follows;

Class France -Tuesday 9th Feb at 9.15am

Class Iceland-Tuesday 9th at 3pm

Class USA-Wednesday 10th at 3pm

Class Australia-Thursday 11th at 3pm

Class Madagascar-Friday 12th at 9.15am

Class India-Friday 12th at 3pm

Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that admission to our Breakfast Club must be pre-booked at least the day before. The staffing levels needed to ensure our ratios meet current guidelines can only be determined if we know the numbers in advance. Please do not turn up to Breakfast Club on the day as we may be in a position where we cannot accept any additional pupils. Please also note that the staff will not permit children prior to 7.45am as they will still be setting up the provision-Please arrive only after this time.

We have our own British Cycling Coach!



Miss Crosby, one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, has recently qualified as a Level 2 British Cycling Coach. We are extremely proud of her and these achievements as this means that she is now able to coach our children in cycling skills. Miss Crosby is currently working alongside Dr Bike to deliver coaching to Year 3/4 children which will focus on developing their knowledge, skills and understanding of cycling further.

Class Australia and France Trips

This week, Class Australia and Class France went on two excellent trips and had a wonderful time enriching the curriculum with these experiences. Class France (Reception) visited the Transport Museum in Hull and Australia (Y3/4) visited PGL Caythorpe with Inspire+. Well done to all the children for representing the school so well!