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BLUEY CLUB VISIT

Last Thursday, Cranwell Aviation came to visit our Bluey club to talk about local history relating to the World Wars. The children learnt about evacuees (and got to dress up!) and about certain injuries received during the war. The children got to wear a bandage on their hand to see how much harder it was to write without the use of all their fingers. They also designed their own medal and learnt about some of the modern day soldiers who have been incredibly heroic! The children behaved beautifully and we had a great time spending the morning together. Thank you Cranwell Aviation!

LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

STAYING ON TRACK

This week, Key Stage 2 were visited by Network Rail to learn about rail safety. The children were taught about how fast trains travel (up to 125 mph) and that one train can weigh the same as 80 elephants!

They were also taught to stay off the tracks and how to use crossings correctly and safely. The children all showed a great understanding of how to keep themselves safe and they agreed to **respect** the trains and their passengers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7th November

Flu Vaccination

Tuesday 14th November

Trunk Theatre Y2 Great Fire of London

Thursday 16th November

Reception Nocturnal Animal Workshop

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Monday 20th November

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22nd November

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Football vs Horbling Browns

Sunday 3rd December

Santa Fun Run

Wednesday 6th December

KS2 Choir at Dementia Group

Friday 15th December

Christmas Disco

Resilience

Tolerance

Aspiration

Respect

WELCOME BACK!

WRITTEN BY OUR HEADTEACHER



I hope you all had a lovely half term break. I did. I went to Norfolk with my family, which we do every year at this time, and had a wonderful time. We made the most of it as my wife will have a different October half term to me next year. Whilst that is a shame, the positive thing is the different half term holiday allowed my wife to visit school on Wednesday. Your children were wonderful with her, in the way they spoke to her and the way they treated her. I am slightly worried, though, that she may have fallen in love with Abraham. Abraham spoke to her and then gave her his last lollipop from trick or treating. I've got competition from William Alvey's sweet talking Casanova! It has been lovely being back in school and seeing the great things your children have been up to. I really enjoyed seeing the Year 6 children making the lanterns and really enjoyed seeing photos of them at the light festival.

I loved reading Isla's book – 'The Five Pumpkins' – that she wrote and illustrated by herself. We not only have a budding Casanova in school but the new, female, Roald Dahl perhaps. Arya was beyond herself with excitement when she told me about being awarded a Blue Peter badge, and so she should be. She was awarded the badge for sending in drawings from 'Spinderella'. We may also have the new Quentin Blake to pair up with Isla.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Mr Farrington



Look at how incredible the lanterns looked at the Riverlight Festival. Well done Year 6, this is certainly showing some **aspirational** work.



Abraham



Isla



Arya



BBC Children in Need

In order to support Children in Need, we have decided to ask the children to help us raise money for the charity by coming into school on **Friday 17th November** in non-school uniform. This year the theme is The Great Spotacular. Children can come into school as spotty as they like but this is entirely optional. Donations can be brought to their class teacher. The amazing projects that BBC Children in Need support help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people all over the country.

REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance is next week and it gives us an opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community. In school, all children will be making part of their class' wreath which will be featured in our remembrance service on Friday 10th November. From next week, our School Council will be bringing poppy pins and other merchandise around classrooms. Please send your child in with a donation if you wish.



ALL SAINTS

Written by Mrs Risdell

I hope you all enjoyed your Half Term break and are pleased to be back in school!

We are in a time of remembrance this week and next. This week we celebrated All Saints Day on 1st November when we remember all the saints – well known ones like St Swithin, St Denys and St George and also lesser known ones like St Stephen and St Mathias. This day is also known as All Hallows where we get the word for Halloween –



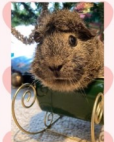
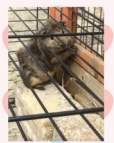
carved pumpkins, trick and treat and all that!

Also we have All Souls Day when we remember all the faithful who have died especially those from our own family and friends. In Mexico, where my grand-daughter lives, the celebrations are called the "Day of the Dead" and it is a holiday for everyone.

We thank you Lord for all the saints who went before us.

Sad news

One of our Guinea Pigs, Martha, sadly passed away this week. Martha has been one of our William Alvey piggies for the last four years. RIP sweet, shy Martha. Our beautiful, little hedgehog piggy. You will be missed by all at the Alvey.



Martha
2019-2023



PIC-COLLAGE

Parents Evening

Our parents' evenings are on Monday 20th November and Wednesday 22nd November. We will be sending out a letter with details of how to book a time with your child's class teacher soon.

Barvember Maths

This month, some of our maths classes will be taking part in bar model challenges as part of 'Barvember'. These daily challenges help children to solve word problems. Examples can be found on the White Rose Maths website (whiteroseeducation.com)

Welcome to Barvember 23!

It's that time again. The trees are bare, the nights are long, and the maths is fun. Welcome to Barvember, our annual celebration of all things bar modelling.

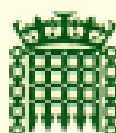
Year 2 Theatre Day

On 14th November Year 2 are having a theatre day. They are encouraged to come into school in fire colours: red, yellow and orange.

Naming clothing

Please can we take this opportunity to thank all of those parents and carers who have taken the time to name items of their children's clothing. This really does ensure that lost items are quickly returned to their rightful owner.

DR CAROLINE JOHNSON MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Our Reference: Christmas2023

Dear Headteacher,

Christmas Card Design Competition

I am delighted to announce the return of my annual Christmas Card Competition, which received over 170 entries last year!

As per previous years, the winner will have their design used on the front of my Christmas card, which will be sent to local organisations, and MPs, including the Prime Minister!

The competition is open to any student attending a primary school in my constituency. Designs can be submitted on my template, but do not have to be. They must be no larger than A4, with no glitter or 3D materials used. Entries must be received by me no later than **Monday 6th November** to allow time for judging and printing.

Please send original artwork (with the pupil's name, age, year group and school on) to me at Units 5 & 6 White Hart Mews, Sleaford, NG34 7RY, or you can scan and email your entries to caroline.johnson.mp@parliament.uk (and retain the original version). If you have any questions, do get in touch on 01529 306721.

As ever, I hope this will be a fun activity for your pupils, should they wish to participate, and I am looking forward to seeing the creative and colourful designs.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Johnson

Dr Caroline Johnson MP

Member of Parliament for Sleaford and North Hykeham

caroline.johnson.mp@parliament.uk

020 7219 5381

Dr Caroline Johnson MP's Christmas Card Competition



Name:	Age:
School:	Year:





Tuesday 14th November 2023 to Thursday 16th November 2023 for Years 3,4,5 and 6.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 16th November 2023. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Leader for the Day

A writing competition for Key Stage 2

All key stage 2 students within North Kesteven are invited to answer the following question.....
How would you make your communities an even better place to live – what would you do if you were Leader of North Kesteven District Council for the day?



Prizes:

- Winners of each year group - £15 book token
- Runner up for each year group - £10 book token
- Overall winner - £25 book token

All winners will be invited to attend North Kesteven District Council offices located in Sleaford at 5pm on Thursday 14th December 2023, to be presented with their prize by the Chairman of Council at a meeting of the full Council.

Word limit:

There is a word limit of 300 words.

Deadline:

Please ensure all submissions are received by 12noon on Friday 24th November 2023.

All entries should clearly state the following:

- Student's name
- Student's age
- School
- Year group

All entries should be emailed to: Local_Democracy@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Or posted to:

Local Democracy events, Corporate and Civic Support Team,
North Kesteven, District Council, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, NG34 7EF

If you have any questions or feedback – please contact us on:
Local_Democracy@n-kesteven.gov.uk



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

BASKETBALL COACHING

A black silhouette of a basketball player in mid-air, jumping towards the right. The player is wearing a jersey and shorts. The background is a gradient from orange at the top to red at the bottom, with large, thick black curved lines that resemble the lines on a basketball.

STARTS FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

5:00-5:55PM - 9-11 YEAR OLDS

6:00-6:55PM - 12-14 YEAR OLDS

COST PER PLAYER

£5

ST GEORGE'S ACADEMY
SLEAFORD

VISIT: WWW.ATHLETEEVOLUTION.UK

TO BOOK A PLACE, CONTACT
ATHLETEEVOLUTION24@GMAIL.COM

DETAILS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SLEAFORD THEMED PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



FREE ENTRY!

THERE ARE THREE AGE CATEGORIES FOR THE COMPETITION.
AGE 7 TO 11, AGE 12 TO 15 AND AGE 16 TO 18.

All entrants are asked to send in a maximum of two photos for the competition in landscape and in high resolution (above 300ppi), either in JPEG or PNG format. Please submit your photos to Sleaford Town Council at enquiries@sleaford.gov.uk

All photos must be current and obvious photos of Sleaford. Participants are asked to include their contact details/parent/guardian details with their entries.

The closing date for entries is Monday 6th November 2023.

Prizes and certificates will be awarded from first to fourth place in each age group.

First Place - £20 WHSmith voucher, Second Place - £15 WHSmith voucher,
Third Place - £10 WHSmith voucher and Fourth Place - £5 WHSmith voucher.

Winners will be announced at the Sleaford Christmas Market and presented with their prizes by the Mayor of Sleaford.

The winning twelve photographs will be made into a calendar for 2024 and each winner will receive one as part of their prize. Calendars will also be available to purchase.



What is **start**_{for}**life** ?

If you are pregnant, or have a child under the age of two, Start for Life aims to bring together all the information, advice and support you and your family needs into one place

This can be accessed online at
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/startforlife

Start for Life services can also be accessed at Children's Centres and various other locations across Lincolnshire, as part of the Family Hubs programme



Lincolnshire Children's Centres

Supporting families
'earlier, better, together'

We already have some great services for families in Lincolnshire, particularly in our children's centres, where, for example, you can access things like baby massage, play and learning activities or have your child's health review.

Excitingly, Lincolnshire is now part of the national Start for Life and Family Hubs programmes, which will help us develop new-and-improved services. This will help families get the right support at the right time.

It means we will be able to support you:

- ✓ **Earlier** – investing further in baby's first 1,001 critical days of life
- ✓ **Better** – improving outcomes by focusing on what we know works
- ✓ **Together** – working in partnership with families and communities

Look out for opportunities to participate in these exciting new developments. To get involved, talk to a member of staff in your local children's centre.

To find out more, please visit
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/familyhubs

Support is available to all Lincolnshire families which includes children from 0-19 (or up to 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities).



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COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for a better future