

THE WASP

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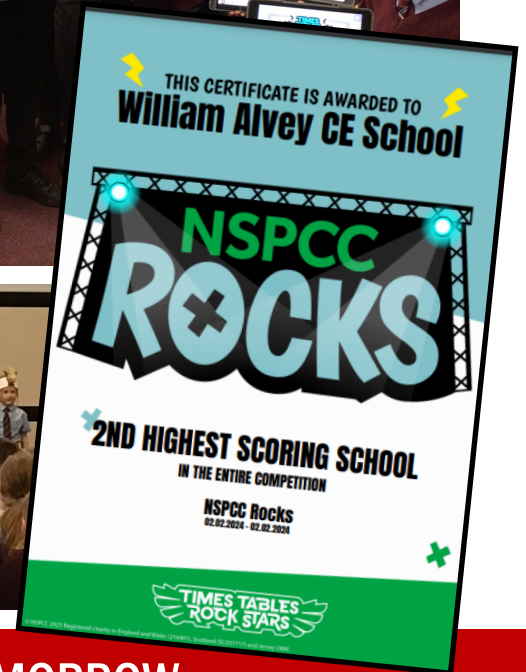
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TOP OF THE TABLES

There is a big 'WOW' moment: we came **SECOND** in the Times Table Rockstars competition last week out of **3,793** schools. Not only that, Mrs Francis' Year 5 maths group came 8th out of 22,268 classes! That is really something to be proud of. Plus, Pavi in Year 6 came 29th out of 277,522 students! Our top three maths classes in the school were Mrs Francis' in Year 5, Mrs Irwin's in Year 6 and Mrs Westerman's class in Year 4.

We are proud of all of the children who took part: their dedication, **resilience** and **aspiration** to achieve the best for our school really was inspiring.

Mrs Browning's assembly was all about maths and the children were challenged to answer some problems (they certainly rose to the occasion). For example, Reception solved a tricky problem which involved sharing camels.



LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9th February
Year 6 WW2 Workshop

Friday 9th February
Term 3 ends

Monday 19th February
Term 4 begins & Young Voices

Tuesday 20th/21st February
Year 6 trip to Cranwell Aviation

Friday 23rd February
Reception to White Post Farm

Monday 26th February
Growth Mindset Parent Meeting 5pm:
Main Hall

Monday 26th February
Reception and KS1 Bluey Club Event

Thursday 29th February
Netball Team vs Chestnut Street

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Monday 11th March
Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th March
Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March
Netball Team vs Caythorpe

Wednesday 20th March
Children of Courage Awards

Resilience

Tolerance

Aspiration

Respect



HAPPY HALF TERM

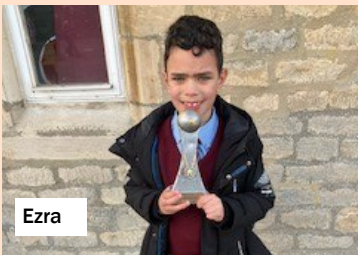
WRITTEN BY OUR HEADTEACHER



Lily-May



Isla



Ezra

Well, it's the last day of the half term. It doesn't feel two minutes ago that we were finishing for Christmas. Whilst time is flying by, I am not disappointed to be seeing the end of the long nights and early mornings.

We will be introducing all the children to the concept of 'Courageous Advocacy' in the first assembly of next half term. Mrs Purchase delivered staff training recently and some staff have started talking to their classes about this subject. In simple terms, 'Courageous Advocacy' is standing up for things that are right, even when this is difficult. Lily-May and Isla were introduced to this concept and completed some extra homework in response. Lily-May carried out some research, and wrote up her findings, about Emmeline Pankhurst, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Greta Thunberg. Isla did the same for Marie Curie and went a step further by making a model of her too. As with Growth Mindset, it would be great if you could talk to your children about 'Courageous Advocacy' at home, so they extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Ezra was awarded the 'Man of the

Match' trophy at weekend. He was asked to play in defence because his team were short of players in that area. Despite this not being Ezra's favourite position, he did it for his team, which is a quality to greatly admire.

Thomas was also awarded the 'Man of the Match' trophy by his football team at weekend. He was awarded the trophy for his great, goalkeeping, display. His skills ensured his team won the game. Well done Thomas!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and week off, and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school.

Best wishes,
Mr Farrington



Thomas

EXPERIENCE OF INDIA

As part of their topic on India, last Monday and Tuesday, Year 2 had a visit from Sunita who shared her experiences of growing-up in India. She taught the children about her Hindu gods and the festival of Holi that is coming-up in March. Their activities included dancing (which they got to wear stunning costumes for), meditation, eating Indian food and several different art techniques such as sewing, rangoli and henna. There were lots of 'now' and 'wow' moments, particularly when they got to lick off their icing 'henna'!



PEOPLE WHO HELP

Reception have been learning about all of the people that help us in the community. This week, PC Lockton came in to tell the children how the police can help us and let them try on items of his uniform. They have also had a visit from the fire brigade, a vet and a nurse. Thank you to everyone that has come in to help our children learn about all of the amazing people in our community.



YEAR 5 SLEEPOVER

The children in Year 5 came back to school last Friday evening at 7.30pm, for their stargazing sleepover. They set their beds out and Mr Peck brought his telescope for some stargazing. Sadly, it was a cloudy night so no stars were seen. Instead, they played on the Astro then lit the fire and sang camp fire songs. At 9.30pm they changed into their PJs, then staff served hot dogs and hot chocolate. Teeth were brushed and they all got into bed to watch Chicken Run 2. Most children were quiet and asleep by 1.15am but the first woke up at 5am! They enjoyed croissants, pain au chocolats and juice for breakfast. Children were collected by parents at 8.30am and the staff went home for a well-deserved rest!

BEGINNING OF LENT

Written by Mrs Risdell



Half Term already next week! Enjoy the break and look out for signs of spring: the snowdrops and aconites are already out. On Tuesday, it will be Shrove Tuesday when we enjoy our pancakes, maybe you call it Pancake Day! I like sugar and lemon juice on mine. How about you? Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent – 40 days leading up to Good Friday and Easter. If you go to a church service on Ash Wednesday, the Vicar marks a cross of ashes and Holy oil on the forehead of everyone there. Some people give up things during Lent,

maybe sweets or chocolate (until Easter egg time!). Others try hard to do something extra to help others or try to read the Bible more. Perhaps you could check out some Bible stories you have heard or read some new ones. Maybe just smile at someone. Wednesday will also be St Valentine's Day. He was a 3rd century Roman saint remembered for his love and care for others, and as God loves and cares for us so we need to love others too. All special days give us something to look forward to and hope for better times ahead.

Buddy Banquet

At the time of writing the WASP, the buddies in Year 1 and Year 6 were enjoying a medieval banquet as part of Year 1's topic. The Year 1 children performed a dance to their buddies and all of the children enjoyed a taste of medieval food and drink.

Year 3 Magna Trip

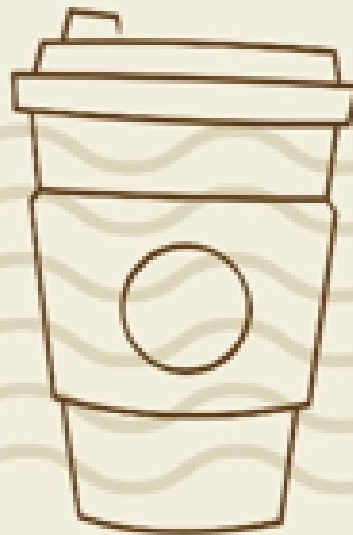
It was busy whilst writing the WASP! Year 3 were on a trip to the Magna Science Adventure Centre. Despite the weather, we are sure that the children and adults would have enjoyed exploring the wonders of technology.

WW2 Day

Today (Friday 9th February) Year 6 are having a WW2 workshop. Re-enactors have volunteered to come in to the William Alvey to teach the children about the role of men and women in the war as well as show children the uniforms and some weapons.

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings next term are on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March. An email to book appointments will be sent nearer the time.



SCOUT COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

10:00-12:00

HECKINGTON METHODIST
HALL

Homemade cakes

Raffle

Tombola

EVERYONE WELCOME

HALF TERM THEATRE DAY

TUESDAY 13TH FEB
9.00AM - 3.30PM

5-11 YEARS

A morning of **BALLET**, **TAP**
and **FREESTYLE** taster
sessions! A fantastic
opportunity for you to
explore some new, different
genres of dance to get you
moving and grooving!

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12/02/2024

Multi-sport Monday

Sports including;
Kabaddi, Volleyball and
Futsal.



Tuesday
13/02/2024

Try It Tuesday

A mixture of alternate
sports: Ultimate
Frisbee, Boccia and
Danish Longball.



Wednesday
14/02/2024

Whack It Wednesday

Striking and fielding
games including: Cricket,
Tri-Golf and Baseball.



Thursday
15/02/2024

Tag Thursday

A variety of tag sports
including: Tag rugby,
Pac Man Tig and
Aztec.



Friday
16/02/2024

Football Friday

Football skills and sessions
in the morning. Followed
by an afternoon of games.



The North Kesteven

Snowdrop Event

Date:

**Sunday 25th
February 2024**

Time:

**between 12
and 3pm**

Where:

**Whisby
Nature Park**

Come along and plant a Snowdrop to remember those loved ones that are no longer with us.

The event is to give people the chance to remember someone who has died and raise funds for bereaved families.

The event is in aid of Child Bereavement UK.

The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

It trains 7,000 people a year to help them better understand the needs of grieving families.

For more information please email
partnershipteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk



A small donation to the charity will give you a snowdrop to plant in a specified area of remembrance.

www.facebook.com/SnowdropWalk



Learn about the journeys of Lincolnshire's waste and see first-hand what happens to the non-recyclable waste here at the facility

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