



RAND FARM TRIP

The Reception children had a fantastic time at White Post Farm last Friday. There was so much to see and do and the children were delighted to have the opportunity to feed and hold some of the animals. They were all brilliantly behaved, showing lots of **respect** to the animals and everyone on the trip, and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to all the helpers who accompanied us on our trip.



LITTLE EXPLORERS

The Year 1 children have had a fabulous time this week, exploring our town, looking at the human geography and the historical features. They did a lot of walking but also had a very exciting ride on the bus! The teachers and staff took two groups each day for the week to ensure that all of the children got a chance to explore!

LEARNING TODAY FOR LIVING TOMORROW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Spirituality & Courageous
Advocacy Parent Meeting 5pm:
Main Hall

Friday 8th March

Spirituality & Courageous
Advocacy Parent Meeting
9.15am & 2.15pm: Main Hall

Monday 11th & Wednesday

13th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March

Netball Team vs Caythorpe (Away)

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day (non-school uniform £1
donation)

Wednesday 20th March

Children of Courage Awards

Thursday 21st March

Netball Team vs Navenby (Away)

Thursday 28th March

Bake sale for Asthma & Lung UK
after school

Thursday 28th March

Term 4 Ends

Monday 15th April

Term 5 Begins

Monday 22nd-25th April

Year 5 Bikeability

Monday 23rd April

Year 3 trip to The Collection

LOTS OF STARS



Charlie and Mollie



I heard about a heart-warming act of kindness recently. Charlie's mum rang the school to tell us about a lovely thing Mollie did. Mollie and Charlie normally walk home together. Charlie had been ill and left his scooter at school. Mollie walked home with Charlie's scooter and dropped it off for him, as well as asking how he was.

Charlie's mum was touched enough to ring school and tell us about it. As I said, I found Mollie's act of kindness heart-warming too. Please remember – even the smallest act of kindness can make someone's day.

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Try and be that person instead of the one who spoils someone's day with an unnecessary grumble. Please look at the article, on the next page, about our amazing 'Courageous Advocates'. Let's follow their lead by radiating light and working to make a positive difference.



Nate

As well as hearing about the impressive children mentioned across, I have had the pleasure of learning about these stars too:

- Nate has recently been awarded his purple belt for kick boxing. This has taken a lot of time and commitment. Hearing about Nate's bravery, determination and skill has been very inspiring for me.
- Maija and Perry have produced a book entitled 'Two Friends.' Maija is the artistic genius behind the project, whilst Perry has offered the literary flare.
- Isabelle has written a beautiful book in memory of her grandad. Reading her book, and looking at the photos, was very moving.
- A different Isabelle has painted a variety of stones, which all have different designs and messages. She has given me one of the stones, for which I am very grateful.

I have found writing this article an inspiring experience. Let's keep hold of the positive lessons our children have given us, via the actions mentioned above, and try to emulate them in the way we act towards one another.

Best wishes,
Mr Farrington



Maija and Perry



Isabelle



Rory



Isabelle

OUR AMAZING ADVOCATES

After launching 'Courageous Advocacy' recently, it does not surprise us that we already have children and staff in the school speaking up and supporting what they believe in. Here are just a few incredible advocates from this week...

Marching on for Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance

You are never too young to be a Courageous Advocate and Rory from Year 1 has proved just that. Rory asked if he could take part in the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance's virtual By Your Side Challenge, which covered 10,000 steps a day throughout February. Rory wore his step counting watch at school during the month so he could track his steps. We are so pleased to hear he has covered well over 10,000 steps each day, usually finishing around the 15,000 mark!

Not only has Rory completed the physical side of his challenge, he has fundraised an amazing **£220** to date across his Just Giving and Facebook fundraising pages! His fundraising page closes on 14th March:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rory-by-your-side-challenge>

Rory's mum Georgia said: "I'm incredibly proud of Rory's efforts this month and the dedication he's shown to achieving his target for the challenge, something that will ultimately benefit the community he lives in."



Litter picking

Isla from Mrs Mason's class chose to spend some of her weekend litter-picking in her local area. Many of the pupils have expressed that they would like to improve how clean our local area is, but Isla has put her words into action. Well done! Mrs Mason said: "She is a real courageous advocate for doing so and as a result, she has been rewarded in class."



Fantastic Fundraising

Mrs Weston has decided to take an incredibly brave step (or several thousand) as she will be attempting the **London Marathon** this year on Sunday 21st April. She has been inspired to take on this challenge as a result of the work that the charity **Asthma + Lung UK** do.

Mrs Weston said: "Asthma + Lung UK have offered me so much support over the past few years, both practically and emotionally, that I wanted to give something back to say thank you and to help them continue such valuable work for others."

At the time of writing, she has raised **£831** so far, with a target of **£2000**! Visit: [justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search 'Emma Weston Marathon' to help Mrs Weston reach her fundraising target.

In true advocate style, Mrs Weston has inspired others to also help with fundraising for the charity. This week, Ella in Year 6 has baked cakes with her grandma to sell to the staff in school. In an incredibly kind gesture, this will help to boost Mrs Weston's total (thank you so much Ella).

Mrs Fuller has also got the school council on board and they are helping to run a cake sale on **Thursday 28th March**. If any parents/carers could also donate some cakes on the 28th March, that would be really appreciated, otherwise, please bring plenty of pennies to buy some delicious cakes near the school gates!



A golden 'wow' moment

Written by Harriet R and Alex R in Year 5

Last Friday, 23rd February, a majestic Golden Eagle joined us on the playground because of our Talk for Writing text, which was all about these amazing birds.

His owner, Mr Betts, had been so kind to bring Oscar in for Year 5 to see. Oscar's large wings almost blocked all the sun's rays, his razor-sharp claws clung on to Mr Betts glove. His golden and hazel feathers glistened in the light as his dark orange eyes followed us wherever we went. Oscar's leather hood doesn't hurt him, but he tries to avoid it. Its purpose is prevent him seeing what is around him to keep him calm. Oscar is 12 years-old, and he actually slapped our classmate on the head with his wing. Miss Lawson got a birthday treat and got to hold him: "He weighed a ton!" she exclaimed.



William was so inspired by the visit, he drew this picture



Zebra crossing

We have received several reports about children on the crossing outside the school. There are two main areas of concern: the first is that children are running across the road without looking to see if the traffic has stopped; the second relates to children walking ahead of their parents/carers and waiting at the crossing when they are not ready to cross with their adult. This is resulting in cars stopping and often causes confusion as the people waiting at the crossing are then not making their way across the road. If your child walks to school by themselves could you please repeat the messages about safely crossing the road. If you walk to school with children, could you please make sure they do not run ahead and wait at the crossing. We will continue to repeat these messages at school.

Football Match Report

On Monday afternoon, the Alvey football team played against Horbling. It was a hard-fought game, played end-to-end, on a very difficult pitch. The Alvey were narrow winners, 3-2. A massive well done to all the players for their efforts and sporting attitude to the opposition. Also, a big thank you to Mr Westerman for giving up his spare time to referee the match. Our next game is on the 7th March versus Brant Broughton.

St David's Day

Written by Mrs Risdell

As the daffodils begin to nod their yellow heads our thoughts increasingly turn towards the spring and hopes of warmer weather to come.

On Friday, 1st March we remember St David, the Patron Saint of Wales, whose symbol is the daffodil. He was a monk and bishop who lived in the 6th century in Pembrokeshire and there is a city and cathedral named after him. He is reputed to have said "*Be joyous, keep the faith and do the little things*" which could encourage us in our life journey.



Lost Property

As the weather is unpredictable, we cannot always put lost property outside. We are going to start taking photos of any lost property and printing them on the page after the WASP. We hope it makes it slightly easier for parents to see if their child's belongings are at the front office.

Red Nose Day

We are celebrating Red Nose Day again this year in school with a non-school uniform day on Friday 15th March. Please send a £1 donation in with your child.



Please remember to label all of your child's possessions.



Please contact the school office if you recognise any of the items above.

Thank you.

Mindful March 2024

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY



4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today daysofhappiness.net

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

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TESCO EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Please find three different Easter designs, for the children to choose from and colour in, or alternatively they can be collected from within store. All finished pictures need to be handed in at the Tesco Customer Service Desk by the 25th March, have their name, age, school and contact number. So, we can contact them if they win. The prizes consist of Easter Hampers and there is 1st / 2nd / 3rd prize.



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HAPPY EASTER



Sleaford Town Council



Sleaford Poet Laureate Competition

Sleaford Town Council is looking to appoint a Sleaford Poet Laureate. This will be for one year in the first instance with expenses paid up to £250 during the year.

The Poet Laureate will be expected to write and perform at least two new original poems at two of our events, including the Sleaford Christmas Market.

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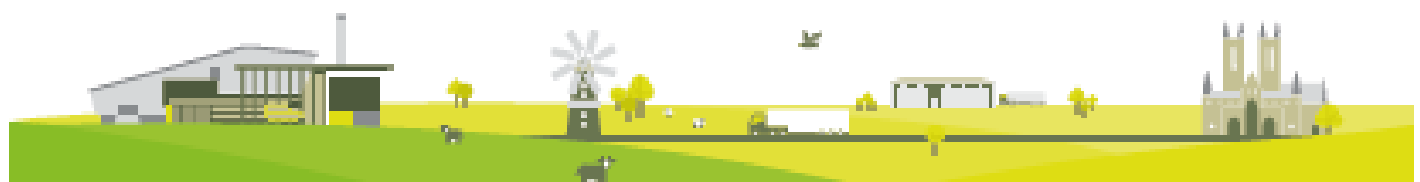
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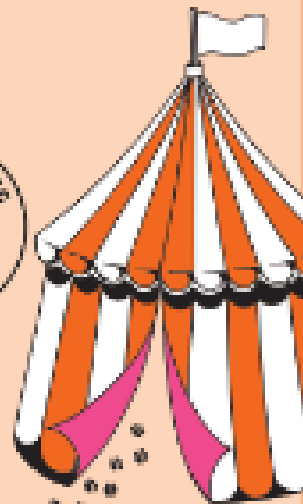
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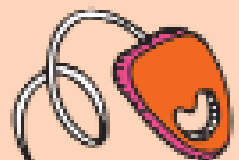
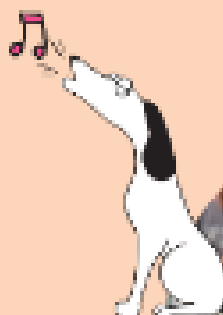
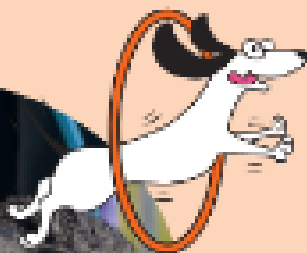
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