



It's that time of year once again! We have to say a very fond 'farewell' to our lovely year 6 pupils. They have been a joy to teach since we met them in Pre-School 9 years ago! I would like to take this opportunity to say once again how proud I am of each and every one of them and to wish them all well for secondary school.

It's also time for me to say a brief goodbye to you all as I start my maternity leave next week. I have promised the children that I will bring my little boy to visit in September so I'm sure I will see some of you on the playground. I am planning to return in January 2023.

All that is left to be said is a huge thank you to all of my staff team. They go above and beyond each day for our pupils and I could not ask more of them. I hope they have a restful summer holiday. I hope all of our families enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes, Kate Steward—Principal

#### Lake District

What a brilliant comeback to the Lake District trip after 2 years! The children spent their week hiking and climbing up mountains whilst showing huge enthusiasm and resilience. They were able to admire fantastic views and spot some of the local wildlife on their walks. The children enjoyed the experience of catching 2 ferries across the lakes on their trip. Every day, the children enjoyed a refreshing ice-cream to end their hike and even got to paddle in a shallow river to cool down on the Thursday. They were very lucky to have had great, sunny weather all week. In the evenings, the children were delighted to take part in other fun activities such as going to the park or eating roasted marshmallows and hotdogs by the bonfire. The children have made special memories with their friends that will last them a lifetime. A huge thankyou to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children, especially to Miss Bacon for all her efforts in organising and facilitating such a successful trip!



#### Art workshop at Grimsby Minster

Year 5 enjoyed an Art exhibition and workshop at Grimsby Minster where they explored art in relation to our local area. They learnt about the history of The Humber and how the area has changed over time, as well as using their Geography skills to locate our area on the map. They then created a variety of different art pieces using paints, pens and pencils which were then put together to make a collective

piece. There will be a similar free session over the summer on Tuesday  $2^{nd}$  August at Grimsby Minster from 11am-3pm, which is open to all families.



## Art workshop

Year 2 took part in an art workshop with Sarah Palmer, a local artist from 'The House with the Blue Door'. This linked to our current history focus 'Cleethorpes' as Sarah has painted lots of pictures of landmarks around our local area.

We all had the opportunity to look at Sarah's sketch books. There were pictures of lots of familiar places! We were really interested to look at Sarah's work because she uses watercolours, which is our art focus this half-term. After we looked at the books, every-

one had a go at some drawing exercises. Finally, everyone had to draw around their hand and then, put pictures inside our hands of things linked to the seaside. Sarah even let us use her



# <u>Graffiti</u>

The Year 6 pupils have been enjoying their graffiti art workshop with Lynsey Powles to jazz up our playground container. They have designed and created their own emojis and then sprayed their designs on to the container. We can't wait to see the finished product!



#### Mr Egypt



On July 6th, Hungary, Italy and Japan classes were treated to a fantastic visit from Mr Egypt who came to do an Ancient Egyptian Workshop with them. They had the opportunity to learn more about the Pharaohs, the pyramids, how people lived during that time and what happened when they died. This included a chance to wrap each other up and become mummies! Mr Egypt also brought with him a selection of Egyptian artefacts that the

children were able to investigate and observe. It was an amazing and fun day that brought Ancient Egypt alive for us all!

#### **Beach trip**

Year 1 went to the beach for a trip as part of their history topic. We have looked at how the beach has changed over time. The children enjoyed a walk



through the marshes, a play in the sandpit and also a visit to the



beach. We enjoyed a delicious ice cream!

# Heart dissection

As part of our science topic 'Animals including Humans', year 5/6 have been learning all about the circulatory system and in particular the heart. Therefore, the pupils became surgeons for the afternoon and had the opportunity to dissect an ox heart! The pupils were able to identify the different chambers and it gave a real insight into our own internal structure. They even pulled at the heart strings!



#### Y5 Ormiston Maritime Trip

The Y5 pupils attended exciting trip to an Ormiston Maritime Academy on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. It was jampacked with enjoyable activities based around different subjects. In the science labs, the pupils completed forensic activities that included fingerprint analysis, examining microscopic slides and using chro-



matography. Moving onto maths, they created beautiful Rangoli artwork and then tackled the strongest tower challenge in Technology. Finishing off with creating their own animations in ICT and making a delicious pasta salad in food tech. A fantastic day was had by all! A big thank you to their lovely staff!

# Sports days are back

This term saw the return of our children's Sports Days. Unlike last year, we were fortunate enough to have all parents and families attend. We had a wonderful turn out at every single event, thank you so much for your support. The children loved every minute of them and were able to demonstrate their athletic abilities both in a competitive and a more relaxed manner throughout. 'Field Events' took place around our scheduled events that allowed children to show a variety of skills aside from the traditional sprinting races. Well done children of OSPA, once again you showed amazing enthusiasm and team spirit. Thank you!

#### **Bonkers Monsters Stories:**

Well done to the Year 5 pupils in Kenya and Latvia who have just had their Bonkers Monsters stories published in an anthology. The children worked hard on their 100 word mini sagas all about awesome beasts and were super excited to become real authors! If you haven't already ordered a copy to keep, you child has been sent home with a letter with details on how to do this. Fantastic writing Year 5!



## Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 6 had a great day out at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. We got to see a range of the different animals there such as the polar bears, the giraffes and the lions. As the weather was a little cooler, majority of the animals were out and we enjoyed reading the different facts about them as we walked around the park. Who knew that half of a giraffe's tongue is purple!



Upcoming events

## Peaks trip

What a fun-filled walking weekend the 45 children of Year 4 had in the Peak District. Our trip began with a quick walk around Irby, the bright blue skies quickly turned to grey clouds and a sudden shower soon descended! Every one took it in their stride and we quickly took shelter in a nearby forest! Ms Bacon didn't take long to lift our spirits with a chorus of 'Sweet Caroline'. We escaped the rain and some more gentle walking re-



sumed. Before we knew it, we were Peak District bound. We arrived at our hostel, a castle overlooking the village of Eyam. Over the following two days we did some tough walking up and over some steep hills scrambling into deep valleys. Plenty of wows from the children at the incredible views we came across. The walking was a challenge but the children didn't give up and were very supportive of each other and kept cheering their classmates on. It was wonderful to see such lovely teamwork from every child. The weather was perfect for our walking. The evenings meant a trip to the local park. Not a single worn out child could be stopped from having fun in the park! Before we headed home on Sunday, we had a walk around Eyam and learnt about the history and how it isolated itself from the Black Plague! A refreshing ice-cream rounded off a truly memorable experience for all children with invaluable skills and memories to last a long time. With special thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made the trip possible and left the children eagerly anticipating their next adventure!

## 2022-2023 term dates

01.09.22 Children return to school after the Summer break

21.10.22 Break up for half term 07.11.22 Children return following half term 25.11.22 School closed for a Trust wide inset day 16.12.22 Children finish at 2.30pm for Christmas 04.01.23 Children return after the Christmas break 10.02.23 Children finish for half term 20.02.23 Children return after half term 31.03.23 Children finish at 2.30pm for Easter 17.04.23 Children return after the Easter break 01.05.23 May day bank holiday 26.05.23 Children finish for half term 05.06.23 Children return after half term 25.07.23 Children finish for Summer break