



Happy Half Term to you all! And what a half term it has been! We have had such a fun-filled 8 weeks. The children have settled in to their new classes and have hit the ground running with their learning.

Looking ahead, next term is another busy one! It will be action-packed as always in the lead up to Christmas. Please look at the academy website for further information.

Thank you to those who filled in our recent parent surveys. Thank you for the feedback around parents knowing what their children will learn in school. This is available on our website under 'Curriculum' and then the year group.

Mrs Steward - Principal

Jeans for Genes

The children came to school wearing jeans to support the charity 'Jeans for Genes'. They spent the day learning about children with a range of genetic disorders and how the charity supports them and their families. We raised an amazing £254.20 ! Thank you for your generosity.



Bikeability

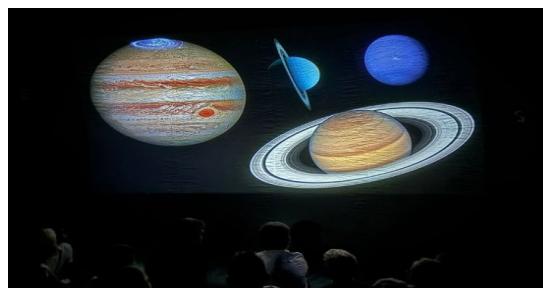
Year 6 have completed their level 1 and 2 of bikeability and learnt how to ride a bike safely on the road. They learnt how to use the correct hand signals when turning in and out of a junction and also the different road positions. Well done!



Star Lincs planetarium



The Y5/6 pupils had a fantastic visit from Star Lincs planetarium. They learnt many amazing new facts such as two tortoises spent 7 days in space in 1968 and that Jupiter's 'red spot' is actually a 400 year old storm! At the end of the session they had the chance to go stargazing to spot some of the most famous constellations. It was amazing!



Clubs

This term we are running 11 clubs to further develop pupils' social skills and further enrich their education. Clubs are a great way for pupils to meet new friends and further enhance their relationships with our OSPA staff. We have a huge 203 pupils taking part in clubs this half term.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Early Years had great fun becoming pirates for the day. They put on their best pirate voices, dressed up and took part in pirate



themed activities like digging for treasure and walking the plank. Lot of fun was had by all!



Sports Ambassadors

Our Year 3–6 Sports Ambassadors are ready to bring even more fun to lunchtimes and break times! They'll be easily spotted on the playground—they'll be wearing their special bibs so everyone can see who they are. The Sports Ambassadors will be running **fun activities** for everyone to join in. They'll have the rules and equipment ready, so all children need to do is take part and enjoy!



Pumpkin Patch

The famous pre-school pumpkin patch is back! The children have been exploring the patch and choosing their favourite pumpkins. They have also been busy practicing their mathematical skills by exploring size, weight and having lots of counting opportunities through play.



PGL

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their trip to PGL. During the day, in groups, they took part in a range of activities with some of their favourites being the trapeze, zipline and canoeing. Then on an evening everyone came together for the evening events. These included ambush (a huge game of hide and seek in the dark) and a disco where the pu-



pils impressed us with their groovy dance moves. We were incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and bravery our pupils demonstrated when attempting new challenges. A big well done to all pupils who attended and a thank you to all of the staff who gave up their weekends to help out!



Roald Dahl Day

As a school we celebrated a much loved children's author, Roald Dahl. Pupils took part in a range of activities from colouring to completing quizzes. Did you know that Roald Dahl wrote his stories in a shed in his garden? He also wrote his stories on yellow paper because it was his favourite colour!



Design a penguin

OSPA have taken part in a competition set by Grimsby Ice Rink to decorate an ice skating support penguin. The winner of the completion will win a free ice skating lesson for an entire class! Years 3-6 have worked together to design and paint the penguin. We have chosen black and white stripes to represent Grimsby Town Football Club and used OSPA's school colours to brighten the penguin with finger prints of our pupils.



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Phonics Workshop

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our year one phonics workshop. The parents were given a quick introduction about how phonics is delivered in year one and information about the phonics screening check which takes place in June.



Parents were then invited into the classroom to



explore our phonics activities which they could complete alongside their child. It was a great opportunity to understand how phonics can be implemented at home.

Hello Yellow

We celebrated World Mental Health day by taking part in 'Hello Yellow'. A day when we wore yellow to promote positivity and all things wellbeing. As a school,



we took part in a range of activities such as meditation, colouring and discussed our feelings and how we can support each other.



Harvest

We celebrated Harvest discussing the values and importance of supporting those in need in our local area. Our Harvest donations will be sent to our local food bank at the West Marsh Community Centre as well as topping up our OSPA food bank. Thank you for your generous donations. Thank you to Tilly (Y3) who kindly used her own pennies to buy items to donate to your Harvest Festival



Upcoming events

- 10.11.25—Odd socks day
- 14.11.25— Children in Need
- 19.11.25—Open evening for children due to start Reception September 26
- 05.12.25— Inset Day
- 10.12.25— Christmas Jumper Day
- 05.01.25— Inset Day
- 21.01.25— Big Talk
- 23.02.25— Inset Day

25/26 term dates

- Monday 10th November**—children return from half term
- Friday 19th December 2pm**— children finish for Christmas break
- Tuesday 6th January**— Children return from Christmas break
- Friday 13th February**— children finish for half term
- Tuesday 24th February**—children return from half term
- Thursday 2nd April**— children finish for Easter