# NEASDEN NEWS



Dear Families,

I can't believe that we have already completed half at term back at school. It has flown by and been jam-packed with wonderful activities. The children have embodied our house values of resilience, ambition, creativity and respect in their lessons and have been really successful in their work.

We have had some wonderful trips this term, Year 5 had a fantastic time in London and a couple of our year groups have unleashed their wild side at Murton Park bringing history to life. Year 5 are also completing a series of sessions in Flemmingate in Beverley and having a great time.

Our Great Neasden Bake off and Macmillan coffee afternoon was a huge success and we raised a phenomenal amount of £233.55 for Macmillan Cancer Support. I cannot thank you enough for utilising your baking skills and supporting this charity event.

I am delighted that we have an enhanced club offer this year so keep a look out for the new clubs that will be available each half term.

I would like to remind you that the church car park will be unavailable after half term as they are having essential repair work to their roof. The Robin Pub on Bellfield Avenue have kindly agreed to let our families use their car park for the half term. This coincides with the launch of our new walking to school initiative so any families choosing to 'park and stride' from the pub car park will be eligible for the walking to school badges alongside those who come to school on foot.

### Mrs Drinkall







School closes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July School opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

# EYFS and KS1

### Nursery

Nursery have been retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs, enjoying lots of opportunities for role play and small world toys. In Maths, we have been focussing on numbers and counting to 5. We have used natural materials and autumn treasures to help us with our counting and when representing numbers.



# Reception

In Reception we have been learning to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have enjoyed tasting porridge, and also combining and mixing ingredients to make overnight oats.



### **1W**

1W have made a fantastic start to the term! We have enjoyed writing dictated sentences based on a range of exciting literature. We have drawn our own self-portraits in Art lessons, and have learnt some interesting facts about Leonardo Da Vinci. In History, we have been looking at toys through time and have had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Thickett, who told us all about when he was at school!

## 2L

2L have been very creative this half term! We have enjoyed drawing our own self-portraits in the style of Leonardo Da Vinci. They look fantastic! We have looked at classical music, focusing on Mozart and have compared two of his famous pieces: Eine Kleine Nacht and Ronda All Tura.

In science, we looked after our own class caterpillars and watched their life cycle as they made their own chrysalis and turned into butterflies.



### 2LP

This half term, the children in 2LP have all wrote a fantastic set of instructions on how to make some soup to keep you warm this Autumn. In the afternoons, the children have taken part in computing lessons. They have been able to log onto the laptops and complete work on google classrooms! In geography, the children have had lots of fun learning about continents and oceans using an atlas. They then had to give directions to the travelling fair to get to other parts of the world from Hull in Europe.



Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about the Stone Age. They have explored different stone age artefacts and discovered what life was like many years ago. In our Science work, the children have explored the topic of rocks. We have learnt about the properties of rocks and taken part in experiments to see which rocks have a high density or are permeable. Throughout our work in Geography the children have investigated the features of Hull and Scarborough. They have considered the human and physical features of these places.

### 4D

In 4D, we have been learning verbs in Spanish. We formed and spoke in sentences explaining what we can and cannot do in Spanish.

We finished off our term with a fantastic, immersive trip to Murton Park! After learning all about the Romans invasion of Britain in our lessons, we became a Roman soldier for the day. Here, we completed weapon training, wrote in Roman cursive and made clay lanterns!

### 6C

6C once again have shown a real flair for creative writing, this time through 'rags to riches' tales and newspaper reports based on 'Pig Heart Boy'. Not only this, but we have also delved deep into Britain's history and how Vikings played an important role in shaping this. The cherry on top for this subject was our fantastic trip to Murton Park, where we not only extended our knowledge on Vikings, but lived like them!.

### 4H

This term, 4H have been delving into the fascinating world of the Romans in history, learning about the empire they built, the leaders they had and the lasting impact they left on Britain. We finished off with an exciting trip to Murton Park were the children stepped into the shoes of a Roman soldier and emersed themselves in Roman lives for the day. Alongside this, we've been honing our writing skills by crafting captivating stories based on our book Charlotte's web, allowing the children to explore their creativity and imagination. It's been a term full of discovery and fun!



### 5G

5G have had a fantastic start to the new term, the term started with a trip to London, where they visited the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace. They are really enjoying going to Flemingate each Thursday, taking part in a range of different activities. Whilst in school, they have been reading Beowulf and writing their own Conquering the Monster tale. In maths, they have been building on their knowledge from Y4 of place value, addition and subtraction.

### 6R

6R have continued to show creativity and resilience when writing outstanding Rags to Riches Tales and Newspaper Reports based on 'Pig Heart Boy'. We have also been historians and explored all about the Vikings and the impact that they had on Britain. The children further cemented their knowledge with an action-packed day at Murton Park.

# NOTICE BOARD

### PE T-Shirts

The children look fantastic in their coloured PE t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a spare one or require a replacement, these can be ordered through the School Money website at £5 each.

### **Absence Reporting**

If your child is poorly and cannot attend school, please give us a ring and leave a message on the answering machine. If you are unsure whether your child can attend, please call for advice.

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Nursery: 8:45 - 11:45, 12:15 - 3:15

Reception: 8:45 - 11:45, 12:30 - 3:15

School times

Key Stage 1: 8:45 – 12:30, 1:15 – 3:15

Key Stage 2: 8:45 – 12:00, 12:45 – 3:15

### 2024-2025 Term Dates

#### **Autumn Term**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

# **Attendance**

School attendance for this year is:

95.5%

# Our target is 96%

The top class is 5G with 96.9% - Well done!

### **Dates for Diaries**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Back to school
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Disco
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Wear what you like day
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need, wear spots
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 4:00 – Christmas Bingo
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Pantomime in school
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 trip to Museum
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30 KS1 Nativity, 2:30 EYFS Nativity
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30 EYFS Nativity, 2:15 KS1 Nativity
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for the Christmas Holiday