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# October



Welcome back to school after the half term. We hope you all had a restful break and are looking forward to this term.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half term break. I am writing to introduce myself again as the school's Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCo) and Inclusion Manager. I have been in post at Bridge Junior School since January 2023, where I have already had the pleasure of meeting some of you. If you have any concerns about your child's educational needs, then please make an appointment at the office or email me at [office@bridge.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:office@bridge.leicester.sch.uk) and I will be more than happy to discuss how I can help you. Best regards,

Cinzia Moreland



## Year 3:



Year 3 went to Highfields Adventure playground to explore the woods and equipment. We met Kevin, who runs the site, he explained all about the trees and the work he does for the community. We all had an exciting time climbing. Qaasim from 3EP said "I liked the firefighter's pole that I could swing on." "It was so much fun, it had lots of obstacles!" said Saarah in 3CJ. Aisha from 3AU said "Going on the big trim trail was very high, but I liked it."



## Year 4:

In Year 4 we celebrated an India and China Day to mark the end of our topic by dressing up in special clothes and flags. Everyone looked fantastic, especially the teachers. We all had a great day! We learnt an energetic Bhangra dance and Tai Chi. They were both so different - one was really fast with crazy music and the other was calm, soft and slow. We felt tired after the Bhangra and really relaxed after the Tai Chi. The children said they would like to do more of this.

We had a lot of fun making delicious peppermint creams. We had to weigh and measure the ingredients which was hard, but the end result was fantastic. Thank you to the kitchen staff for making us a delicious Indian and Chinese lunch. The food was so yummy, especially the chicken curry. In the afternoon we had some fun with a quiz, word searches and a special comprehension about the Taj Mahal and The Great Wall of China. We are looking forward to our next topic, the Romans.

## Welcome Back to School Games Event

Children from Years 4,5 and 6 took part in a sporting event at 'GOALS'. They had the opportunity to try out lots of different sports and participate with other schools. Vishnu said 'it was great fun!'.



## Year 5:

On Monday 9th October, the Year 5 children attended the Shree Hindu Temple and Community Centre as part of their learning of the RE topic: 'What does it mean to be a Hindu?'

We had a very meaningful and spiritual experience. All the staff who attended the trip, the staff at the Mandir and the members of public were in awe of the calmness and respect shown by our children. The Hindu children took part in the collective worship which involved singing, playing instruments and Aarti.

A huge thank you to Priyam's mum, Aditi's mum and Honey's parents for volunteering to come along!

These trips are very important to maintain good, inter-faith relations within the community and to improve children's understanding of other religions. We look forward to more faith trips in the future.



## Year 6:



On September 11th, 10 Year 6 children took part in a fencing event, held at Crown Hills CC. The children were given five tasks to complete in a carousel of activities, all designed to teach the correct fencing techniques.

The leaders at Crown Hills, took the time to show and guide our children in the correct ways to protect themselves with the clothing & helmets & how to hold the sabre. They also learnt how to advance to score points & duel with a partner. The morning was a great success & much fun was had by all who took part, including the adults.



## Year 6:

Earlier this term, Year 6 looked at the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy who was known for his work in sculpture and photography. Taking inspiration from his sculptures using natural materials, our children had the wonderful opportunity of taking their Art lesson outdoors to create their own 3D sculptures. It was fantastic to see their teamwork skills and we were blown away by their creativity! Take a look at some of their masterpieces below – well done Year 6!

“It was hard work but we persevered and the end result was amazing.” (Umar, 6NN)

“It was fun picking our various materials from the Tio garden and putting everyone’s ideas together to create our sculpture. I loved how ours and everyone else’s turned out.” (Inaaya, 6SK)

Try it out for yourself!



# TUTORING WITH THE LIGHTNING SQUAD

Learning new vocabulary is an important part of Lightning Squad. We have been taking photographs of ourselves to help us remember new words.

Draw a line to match the photo to the word. One has been done for you.



grief



startled



dozing



frowned



grins



scold





The boxes for the poppy items will be available to purchase on **MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2023.**

Stationery is **£1**. Please remember **NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.**

Poppies also can be purchased as a voluntary contribution.

### **Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Over the coming weeks, we will be selling stationery for £1.00 and poppies for a donation. This is to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Children can bring their money into school with them from next week.

We will also be having our own assembly for the children in school to show our respect and remember those who have lost their lives due to conflict.



### **IMPORTANT NOTES AND DATES—PLEASE READ.**

Parents, please can we make sure your children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat and sensible shoes. As the weather gets colder, please encourage your children to wrap up with hats, scarves and gloves.

Please ensure your children do not wear smart watches to school. Smart watches and mobile phones are not allowed in school and will be taken to the office to be collected by parents if brought in. Only religious jewellery and small stud earrings are allowed to be worn in school.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

- 8/11/23 - National School Meal Lunch
- 10/11/23 – Year 3 visit to Attenborough Arts Centre
- 13/11/23 – Year 3 visit to Sacred Heart Church
- 15/11/23 – Diwali Lunch
- 15/11/23 - Year 6 Suffragettes Workshop in school
- 24/11/23 – Year 4 Wonder Dome Visit to school (space topic)
- 29/11/23 – Year 3 Stone Age Day
- 12/12/23 – Year 6 Beaumanor Hall Trip
- 19/12/23 - Festive Lunch and Jumper Day

