COLEBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"With God all things are possible"

Date: 14 February 2025

Dear Parents/Friends of the school,

This term has flown by and it is hard to believe that we are at the end of another half term although the days are getting longer and we look forwards to the fun that lies ahead in the second half of the school year.

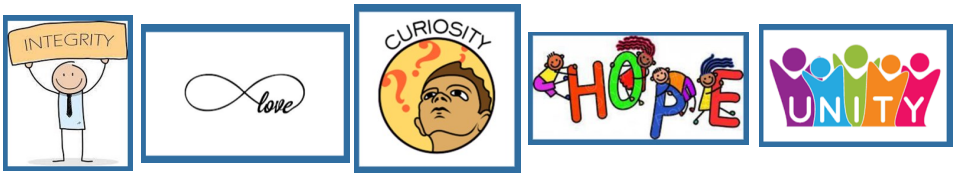
As we look back on this term, the children have blown us away once again with their work across the curriculum. On Monday we were joined in school by both our Locality Lead (from the Local Authority) and an Advisor from the English Hub. They were both blown away by the children's phonics, reading and writing and we are very proud of them all.

It has been fabulous to add more names to our new values board over the past couple of weeks and we know that it will soon be full.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forwards to seeing the children back in school on Monday 24th February.

David Nicholson

Interim Headteacher



Parents' Evening

The form is now live for you to submit your preferred time slot for a parents' evening appointment on Wednesday, 12 March. Please scan the QR code below to access the form. If you have more than one child in the school, you will need to submit a form for each child. Please speak to Mrs Bishop or contact enquiries@coleby.lincs.sch.uk if you have any queries.

** Please make a note of these dates **

FEBRUARY:
14th End of Term 3
24th Start of Term 4

March
6th: World Book Day
12th: Parents Evening
14th: Bag to School Collection
FOCs Fashion Show (Harmston MH) 7pm
21st: KS2 Visit to the National Holocaust Centre
Red Nose Day
27th: EYFS/KS1 Trip to Tattershall Farm Park

April
4th: End of Term 4
22nd: Start of Term 5

May
20th: Y6 Church Schools Festival (Lincoln Cathedral)
27th: Start of Term 6

June
11th: Inspire+ Mini Olympics
27th: Sports Day

July
7th: Y5/6 Residential Trip to

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PRAISING

LAST WEEK

RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1

Ida—for showing great determination when being an astronaut this week.
Rory—for brilliant Maths work this week.
Francesca—for being an excellent role model, showing kindness, manners and brilliant behaviour.

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

James H—for great French work.
Tilda

UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Sam A—for fantastic Geography work.
Ava—for overcoming her self doubt.
Emmerson-Lee—for having a fantastic attitude this week.



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RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1

Harriet—for creating such a thoughtful prayer this week.
Starr—for your improved focus and determination in RWI this week.
Oscar—for your excellent maths work this week.
Oliver P—for a fantastic music lesson this week. You listened and joined in brilliantly!

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Tilda & Pippa—super Maths and great use of equipment for tricky division calculations.
Fern—beautiful handwriting all week and super expressive reading.

UPPER KEY STAGE 2

Tayvian—for a well constructed discussion text.
Harry—for his perseverance when completing his miniature portrait.



In Class 1 this week...

EYFS have been learning all about forces in science and how a blowing force can make an object move We have also been busy exploring space and having astronaut adventures in our spaceship!







On Monday we had a visit from Vicky who works for the Sensory Education Support Team. She came to work with our class and show us what it's like for children working with a vision impairment in our school environment. We all wore glasses which affected what we could see and made some activities a bit tricky.





For our Science learning, we have planted flowers in different places to see where they grow best.





In Class 2 this week...

In Music, Class 2 are having great fun learning to play a Toot (similar to a flute). Children are learning to read music notation and play simple melodies. At the moment, we know 3 notes!





To finish our Science topic of sound, Year 3 and 4 children were set a challenge to make the best 'telephone' they could. They could choose from a range of materials and of course we needed lots of testing (chatting via our telephone) to check how those vibrations were travelling. It is amazing how well these telephones actually work!

In Class 3 this week...

WOW! What a busy couple of weeks we have had in Class 3. We have been very busy in our science lessons this term, this week year 5 & 6 imagined ourselves back on the front line of WW2 and forced to drink dirty water. Using only thing that we might have handy, the children had to build an effective water filter to make their dirty water clean. Some were a bit more successful than others. :) We had varying successes. We also showed how you could get clean water by boiling it and condensing the steam.







In English this term, we have been looking at balanced arguments and how to write a discussion text. We have looked at how important it is to present both sides of the argument.
For our stimulus we read the story of Katherine Johnson the amazing mathematician that help calculate trajectories for NASA and who faced prejudice every day. We put ourselves in the mind-set of a man from the 1960s and tried to create a balanced argument for if 'women should be allowed to work at NASA'
We also had some debates in class. We split into two groups and I posed the question 'Should primary school children be allowed mobile phones?' one group had to argue yes and the other no. We had some fantastic arguments and in the end, the no group won.







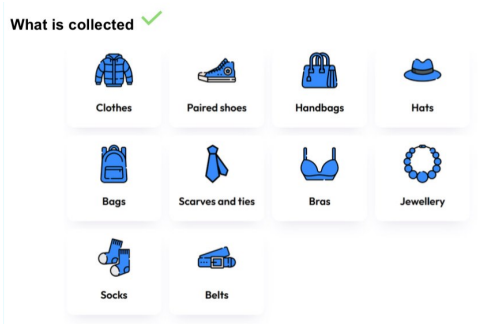
And finally, as always, we have ended the week with music. These past couple of weeks have been a little different though as the children have finally got their hands on the saxophones. Last week, the children have learnt how to hold and clean their instruments and this week, the children have begun to learn how to play them making sure they hit the correct notes and learn how to control their breath.

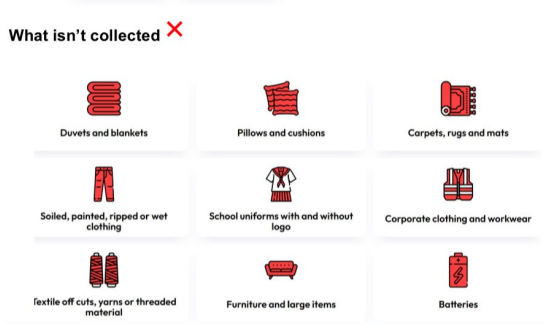




BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION—FRIDAY 13 MARCH

FOCS have kindly organised a Bag2School collection for Friday 13 March. Bags2School is a free, eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps the scheme raise funds through textile recycling. Donations will be accepted from 3.25pm on Thursday, 12 March until 9am on Friday 13 March via the school office. Please do not send any bags before these dates, as we are unable to store them. Bags will be available to be collected from Mrs Bishop after half term. Below is a list of everything that can and can't be collected.





WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



The first ever Waterstones Children's Book Festival will take place Friday 14 – Sunday 16 February 2025. Featuring author events, events for schools, comic book creation and writing workshops, costume appearances, storytelling and craft activities, the festival will offer a family-friendly celebration of stories and illustration, to encourage the joys of reading, writing and drawing.

Some of the authors featuring at the events include: Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Jamie Smart & Neill Cameron, Jacqueline Wilson, Rob Biddulph, Cressida Cowell, Alice Oseman, Phil Earle, Louie Stowell, Serena Patel, Tom McLaughlin and many more.

The festival promises a variety of events and an array of other activities to suit all ages. Events will take place in different locations , including The Engine Shed, Southside, Lincoln Central Library, and Waterstones bookshop on the High Street.

Tickets are on sale now and more events are to be announced.



THIS MUM MOVES—AMBASADORS

Coleby Mums Mrs Roberts and Mrs Summerlin have recently completed training with the Institute of Health Visiting to become 'This Mum Moves' Ambassadors. The 'This Mum Moves' pilot project aims to develop a community of professionals such as nurses, midwives and health visitors to work collaboratively to improve the mental and physical health of pregnant women and new mothers. Mrs Roberts has a background in welfare and physical and personal development and Mrs Summerlin is a Registered Nurse currently teaching at the University of Hull.

They would like to let our community of Coleby Mums know that they can approach them both for any advice, discussions or signposting around physical activity as a Mum. Please find their contact details below:

Mrs Roberts: Hello@karmallama.co.uk
Mrs Summerlin: hksummerlin@gmail.com

NORTH KESTEVEN SNOWDROP EVENT—IN AID OF CHILD BEREAVEMENT UK



In partnership with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, the North Kesteven Snowdrop Event will bring families together to remember those that are no longer here. This year's event is due to take place between 12pm and 3pm on Saturday, 22 February at Whisby Nature Park. Snowdrop bulbs will be provided by Pennells Garden Centre, and will be available on the day for a small donation. Volunteers will also be on hand to help with the planting. All proceeds will be donated to Child Bereavement UK, which supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement. Information on the charity is available via the following link: https://childbereavementuk.org/about-us/

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Coach Riley will continue delivering a series of after school Multi-Skills sports sessions. Sessions will run for one hour and finish at 4.20pm. The cost is **£3** per child, per session. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Mrs Bishop in the school office.

CRAFT CLUB

Mrs Gresham will be returning to run some crafting sessions after school next term. Sessions will run for one hour and finish at 4.20pm. The club is being offered at the cost of **£4** per child, per session. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Mrs Bishop in the school office.



BIRTHDAYS!

Quinn and Dan have both celebrated their birthdays recently. We hope you had a great day and enjoyed your celebrations!





FOCS FASHION SHOW

Friday 14 March 2024

Harmston Memorial Hall

7.30pm

Cash bar and up to 75% off your favourite high street brands on the night. Tickets are £8.50 which includes a glass of fizz!

Please contact a member of the FOCS Committee to purchase a ticket.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

FOR CHILDREN STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL OR TRASNFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2025, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place (3 March for secondary school or 16 April for primary).

Please do not apply until you have a formal offer of a school place. Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term.

Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Lincolnshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport.

Queries can be emailed to schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST AWARD 2025

The award for eco-friendly kids in Lincolnshire



We are looking for young people who have taken action on environmental issues in their local community.

From recycling campaigns and local litter picks to helping wildlife, rewilding the garden or growing organic vegetables - if you know any young green heroes, then please consider entering.

HOW TO ENTER

It's easy - all you need to do is write 250-300 words describing your project and how it contributes to the environment.
Entries can be made online at:

lincsenvironmentalawards.org.uk

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Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

LINCOLNSHIRE CRICKET

February Half Term Girls Dynamos Camps

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Tuesday 18th February
Clee Fields Sports Hall
DN32 9SW

Wednesday 19th February
Witham Hall School
PE10 0JJ

Thursday 20th February
Pembroke Academy Sports Hall
LN3 4JP

Only 24 spaces each day!



Free Dynamos Personalised T-shirt



Sign up Here!

Fully Funded Fun Days

Times: 10:00 - 14:30

For more information, contact Justin.owen@lincscricket.co.uk

FREE INDOOR MINI TENNIS

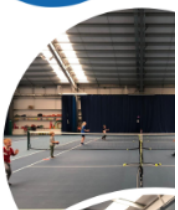
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Are you tired of this cold and wet weather?

Would you like a lovely 200 Degrees coffee whilst your child takes part in some indoor tennis?

If the answer is yes to any of these, then this will be for you!

- Ages 3 to 10 years old
- Tennis specific fun activities
- Qualified tennis coaches and DBS approved
- Family friendly club







15th February 10am to 11am

This 'come and try session' is for children who are not already a part of the club

Grantham Tennis Club & Gym
Gonerby Road, Grantham, NG31 8HU

Visit our website or Facebook page

To book on ....
Ring 01476 591391 | Use the QR code

