

## Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

As another year draws to a close I would like to thank all of the teaching and non teaching staff for all of their efforts this year. You will see just from this newsletter the breadth of activities and opportunities that your children have experienced, as a result of their commitment and hard work.

I would like to wish year 6 every success for the future. The recent award assemblies and the leaver's play highlighted what a lovely year group they have been. I would also like to wish our other leavers from different year groups well for the future and wish Mrs Papadopoulou a very happy and restful retirement.

Finally, I would like to wish all children, parents, carers, staff and governors a very happy and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards

**Mr Leah, Headteacher**

## PGL Residential

On 4th June, Year six went to PGL, Caythorpe Court, Lincolnshire for a week of outdoor adventure.

Activities included: high ropes, abseiling, giant swing, rifles, archery and fencing.



The children had a fantastic week and their behaviour was impeccable from start to finish.

Well done Year six for making it such an enjoyable trip. We hope that Year 6 will all download a copy of the slideshow to keep and enjoy sharing it with family and friends. A huge thank you to all of the staff who came away with us and helped to make it such a successful trip.

**Mr O'Connell**

## Awards

We have celebrated individual success at special assemblies with the presentation of various awards:

### **Richard Darke Young Achiever Award**

Richard Darke was a member of Kibworth and Fleckney Rotary Club, who contributed in many different ways to both communities. Following his death, the Club established the Richard Darke Young Achiever Award in Fleckney and Kibworth Schools. This award was presented to Liam Jones for being a brilliant role model to other children in the school, taking great pride in everything that he does, contributing to all aspects of school life. He is mature, hard working and has been an excellent asset to our school throughout his time with us.

### **The David Harvey Award**

We introduced this award as a lasting legacy to our previous Headteacher. This award was presented to Maddy Moore in recognition of standing out this year in terms of her attitude to learning and effort in school. She arrives at school with a smile every day, tries her best and is always looking for ways to improve her school work. As well as these great characteristics, she also shows how much she cares for others on a daily basis by helping them with their learning, including everyone who wishes to be included and encouraging others to achieve their goals. She sets a wonderful example by making the right choice, even when it is difficult to do.

### **Music Awards**

Congratulations go to Alice Bettinson, who was awarded our 'Outstanding Musician' shield in recognition of her dedication and talented piano playing. Maddy Moore was also highly commended in this area for her long term commitment to school music groups. Well done to all children who were awarded music medals for super effort and attitude!

### **Sports Personality of the Year Awards**

Sports Personality of the Year trophies were awarded to Annabelle Spencer and Louis Gill for their outstanding contribution to sport during their time at Fleckney School. The children have demonstrated their sportsmanship, positive attitude, a commitment to taking part and being part of a team.

Our School has a thriving young community of sporting talent and the children's commitment, effort and enthusiasm to different sporting activities is reflected in the fact that so many children were presented with medals for their sporting achievements when representing the school.

### **The Canon Glover Award**

The Canon Glover Cup is awarded for outstanding kindness in Key Stage One. There were three children nominated for this award; Joshua Hooper for Foundation Stage, Amber Angilley for Year 1 and Matilda Skinner for Year 2. All three children received a certificate in a special assembly and were congratulated on their exceptional kindness. The overall winner was Matilda Skinner who was presented with the Canon Glover cup.

### **Fleckney Churches Together Assembly**

At a special assembly, Fleckney Churches Together presented our Foundation Stage children with beautiful bibles and our Year 6 children with a special guide to moving to secondary school called 'It's your move'.

## FS Teddy Bear Picnic



On the morning of Friday 29th June, our excited children in Foundation Stage brought their teddies along to a picnic at Father Philip's garden. The children enjoyed writing and posting their invitations to their teddies as part of our Literacy work.

We had so much fun exploring the extensive garden and climbing trees. We had a drink of juice and biscuits on a picnic blanket with our teddies.

We thank Father Phillip for his kind invitation, who as usual was extremely welcoming and led us all in a reflective prayer. The children were all excellently behaved and had a wonderful time. We must say a huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who walked along with us. We are very grateful for your continued help and support.

**Miss Pearson**

## Year 1 Sea Life Trip

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June children in Year 1 went on a trip to the Sealife Centre as part of our Under the Sea topic. We had fun exploring and finding out all about different sea creatures. Our favourites were the nurse shark, the green turtle and the clownfish!



We would like to thank all of the adults who came to help on the trip. We are very grateful for your help. The children were all very well behaved and represented the school well, as always.

**The Year 1 team**

## De Montfort Hall Summer Concert

On Thursday, 28th June, 20 Year 6 children performed as part of a massed primary schools' choir in front of a packed audience at De Montfort Hall, as the finale of the Leicestershire Music Service's summer concert. We sang a beautiful collection of songs taken from favourite family musicals such as 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and 'Mary Poppins'.

As we always expect and are delighted to see, the children behaved wonderfully and enjoyed watching other musical groups from around the county. Their singing was sublime! Thank you all for making us so proud.

**Miss Hamilton and Miss Panter**

## Stop Motion Animation

On 23rd May, the Year six children enjoyed a half-day animation workshop. First, they worked in teams of 4 or 5 to make plasticine characters. Then, the children animated their model by taking photos, moving the characters tiny amounts between each picture.

The children worked really well together and created some imaginative and exciting work. All of the animations have been uploaded on to the internet so that the children can download their own copy. Well done.

**Mr O'Connell**

## Year 6 Visit to Leicestershire County Cricket Club



Year six spent a day at Leicestershire County Cricket Club on 25th May. As well as getting a tour of the ground and the changing rooms, the children played a game of cricket in the indoor school. The children also played lots of games to help to understand the importance of being part of a team.

It was an excellent day out. Thank you to Leicestershire CCC for their hospitality.

**Mr O'Connell**

## Swimming Gala

On Friday 22nd June, six KS2 children took part in the swimming gala held at Leicester Grammar School. We had great individual results; with everyone finishing every race in the top 3, Fleckney finished 2nd overall - our best ever placing.

Congratulations to Daisy and Sam B (Year 6), Alistair and Chloe T (Year 5) and Joseph and Beau (Year 4).

The team all showed great spirit and determination and were a credit to Fleckney.

**Mrs Larvor**



## Year 5 and Sparkenhoe Primary School

For the fourth consecutive year, Year 5 worked collaboratively with Year 5 children from Sparkenhoe Primary, resulting in two 'focus days'.

After writing letters and inviting the Sparkenhoe children, they came to Fleckney in the Summer term. We enjoyed a walking tour of the village, library, park and St Nicholas Church and spent the afternoon outside on the school playing fields doing a variety of activities. It was fantastic to see how well both schools got on.

Secondly, Year 5 children spent the day at Sparkenhoe Primary School in Leicester. The day consisted of a walking tour of the local vicinity, followed by a very informative guided talk at one of the local Mosques. The afternoon entailed watching the children put on a special assembly about Islam – singing, dancing, acting and narrating in their on-site theatre. Yet again, Sparkenhoe's level of hospitality was utterly superb!

This inter-school partnership has gone from strength to strength; the children have certainly made some new friends and learned so much from each other. Wonderful!

**Mr Scranage**

## Particle Physics Workshop

Year 6 were given an excellent physics workshop by Judith Green on 11th June. They learnt all about the parts of an atom and even designed their own quark - a type of elementary particle. The afternoon was great fun and very informative too. I am sure we have some potential A-level physicists in this cohort of children!

**Mr O'Connell**

## FSA Summer Fair

£1564.98 was raised at the Summer Fair. Thank you to the FSA, all the helpers and those who attended. We were so lucky with the weather too!

## Year 6 Production

Year 6 have been rehearsing hard for their summer production of 'Wotta Lotta Bother!' by Andrew Oxspring. They put on two performances on Wednesday 4th July at 1.50pm and on Thursday 5th July at 7.00pm.

The children worked really hard to learn lines, songs and dances over the past few weeks. Donations at both the performances raised a total of £161.25 for the charity chosen by the children, Loros.

**Mr O'Connell**

## Quiz Club National Finals 2018

On Wednesday 27th June, our Quiz Club team travelled to the Tower of London, to take part in the National KS2 General Knowledge Finals. This was the fourth year running our team has reached the finals.

The standard of questioning was extremely high, leaving most adults struggling for the answers.

This year we finished fifth out of eight teams. To put it into context, 1,250 schools entered the competition at the beginning of the year, so fifth place is an amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Spiros, Chloe, Joseph and Joshua for being fantastic representatives of our school.



**Mrs Jones**

## SATS

Congratulations to our year sixes for completing their SATS at the start of May. The children have worked hard all year and acquitted themselves really well throughout the week. They were calm, determined and tried their best in every test. A huge well done to all of them.

**Mr O'Connell**

## Sports Days

Both sports days took place at the end of June in the glorious sunshine. The children took part in both traditional races and relay events.

We were impressed with how hard the children tried and how they cheered each other on.



We would like to thank the FSA, who again provided well earned refreshments for the children. Thanks also to all the families who came to support the children.

## Character and Enterprise Afternoon

On Tuesday 3rd July, Fleckney Primary School held a 'Character and Enterprise afternoon'. The event was a resounding success and we received many positive comments from parents.

Children identified and fostered many of our character traits throughout the afternoon, for example they showed; team work, resilience, perseverance, imagination, humour and creativity.

There was an array of produce on sale, including home made lemonade, key rings and dream catchers. There were exciting games such as hook a duck and the year 5s treated us to a display of May pole dancing.

The year groups demonstrated a resilient and resourceful approach to the challenge of designing and making these saleable goods in order to raise funds for the school. Due to its success we hope to repeat this event annually.

**Mrs Tear and Miss Pearson**

## Cooking Club Celebration

On Tuesday 22nd May, the 36 children, who had taken part in the Year 6 cooking club, came together in the hall. They were divided into four groups and had a very busy afternoon of preparing and cooking either meat or vegetarian pizzas, chicken biryani, lemon & raspberry muffins and fruit salad.

Year 5 joined us at 3.00pm to see what had been happening. They then had a taster slice of pizza to get them interested in joining for next year! At 3.15pm we then opened the hall doors and parents/carers came to join us to eat all of the wonderfully cooked food. The atmosphere in the hall was fantastic and had a real feeling of community celebrating together.



Big 'thank you's' go to Mrs North for all her help in the kitchen, Miss Panter, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Marshall for their help during the afternoon.

**Mrs Burgoine and Mrs Martin**

## Year 3 Warwick Castle Trip

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 3s, who have been learning all about castles and castle dwellers, enjoyed a fantastic trip to Warwick Castle. The weather was hot and sunny, a wonderful day for the visit.

The children watched a bowman demonstrating his skills; an 18m tall trebuchet firing a cannonball; magnificent eagles demonstrating their abilities and joined the King-maker Tour to experience the sights, sounds and smells of castle life in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

They then enjoyed lunch in the cooler shades of the peacock garden, seeing these fabulous birds very close up!

In the afternoon, the children climbed the steep spiral staircases of the

towers and walked along the curtain walls, or climbed the mound, looking at magnificent views over the castle and the surrounding countryside.

As always, our children's superb behaviour meant they were excellent ambassadors for Fleckney School.



**Mrs Fremmer**

## School Terms and Holidays 2018–2019

### Summer Term 2017

*School Closes*  
Fri 14th July

### Autumn Term 2018

*School Opens*  
Weds 29th August  
*Mid Term Break*  
Mon 15th—Mon 22nd October

(Please note that children will return to school on Tuesday 23rd October)

*School Closes*  
Fri 21st December

### Spring Term 2019

*School Opens*  
Tues 8th January  
*Mid Term Break*  
Mon 18th—Fri 22nd February  
*School Closes*  
Fri 12th April

### Summer Term 2019

*School opens*  
Mon 29th April  
*May Day*  
Mon 6th May  
*Mid Term Break*  
Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May  
*School Closes*  
Fri 12th July