Fleckney CE Newsletter

Headteacher Update

It only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming everyone back through the gates after the summer holidays, and here we are already looking ahead to half-term. It's been a busy, exciting few weeks at Fleckney, and there's certainly been plenty going on!

One of the real joys of this half-term has been watching our new Foundation Stage children find their feet. What an incredible start they have made! Starting school is a huge milestone (for parents as well as children!), but they have taken it all in their stride. From learning new routines and making friends to exploring their classrooms and playground, they have thrown themselves into school life with huge smiles and bags of enthusiasm. It's hard to believe they've only been with us for a few weeks.

Our Harvest Festival services at the church were another lovely highlight. It's always a special occasion when we come together as a school community, and the children certainly did us proud with their singing and contributions. A big thank you to everyone who supported the services and contributed to our Harvest collection. Your generosity really does make a difference.

Of course, we can't forget the excitement of our PGL residential! There were plenty of adventures, challenges and, no doubt, a few tired children (and staff!) by the end of it. Residential trips are such a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, develop independence and discover just what they are capable of. We are incredibly proud of the way the children embraced the experience, supported one another and represented Fleckney. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make it all possible.

As always, attendance remains an important priority. Every school day counts, and we really appreciate your support in getting children into school, on time and ready to learn. There's more information about attendance later in the newsletter.

With the first half-term nearly behind us, we can now look forward to everything the next few weeks will bring. And dare I say it... Christmas will be here before we know it! Before the festive excitement begins, though, I want to say a big thank you to our children, staff and families for making the start of the school year such a positive one. Together, we continue to help every child 'Let Their Light Shine'.

Have a fantastic half-term break, enjoy some family time and, hopefully, a few well-deserved lie-ins!

Mr Richards



Autumn 1 Edition

Fleckney Primary Sports News



On Tuesday 6th October, nine year five children travelled to Market Harborough Football Club to play in the football league. As the year six players were away on their residential, the year five players stepped up to play in both the A and B leagues. The first match in the A league was against Little Bowden. Obi scored the first two goals, quickly followed by a third from Jude. The opposition managed to score once, leaving the score 3-1 to Fleckney. Our second match was against Farndon Fields. It was a tougher game and they managed to win 1-0. Next, we played a friendly against Meadowdale A team, which we won 3 -1. Mehmet passed player after player to score twice and Obi once.

In the B league our first game was against Kibworth Primary. There was a lot of friendly rivalry between the players, as many of them play for the same club out of school. It was a well fought match, but in the end Kibworth won 2-0. We had a better result against Church Langton as we won 5-0. James and Ralph both scored two goal and Obi scored one. Between league matches, Meadowdale B team offered to play a friendly. Despite having played so many matches already, we managed to win 5-0. Obi scored twice and James got a hat trick. Our final B league match was against Market Harborough CofE. Freddie positioned himself well to score first. Jude then added a second goal, leaving the score 2-0 to Fleckney.

All of the players put in a great effort and demonstrated great skills. Jack was great in defence, repeatedly taking the ball from their strikers. Parker made many brilliant saves, keeping the score sheet in our favour. Jaxson was extremely energetic, constantly keeping possession of the ball and passing it into the opposition's half. Teamwork is an easy term to use, but they really demonstrated it today. The sun shone for most of the afternoon, reflecting the team's outlook. Well done to all who took part. Thank you to the family members who transported the children to and from the event.



Dojo Winners

A Fantastic Start to the Academic Year

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year, and we are incredibly proud of all our children. From our youngest pupils in Foundation Stage to our oldest children in Year 6, everyone has settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines. Across the school, classrooms have been calm, purposeful and focused, with children showing enthusiasm for learning from the very start of each day. It has been wonderful to see so many children working hard, demonstrating our school values and earning their individual Dojo reward points. Their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and commitment to learning have made for a very promising start to the year, and we look forward to all that they will achieve in the months ahead.









Kindness Cup Winner

Verity has been chosen for the Kindness Award because of her caring nature, quiet humility and genuine consideration for others. She consistently shows kindness in the way she speaks to people, supports her classmates and approaches every aspect of school life.

Verity has been a valued member of Year 5 and is always willing to help others, whether that is offering encouragement, including others in activities or simply taking the time to listen. She is an exceptionally good listener and gives her full attention to others, making them feel heard and valued. Verity treats everyone with respect and understanding, and her classmates regularly describe her as kind, caring and dependable.

One of Verity's greatest strengths is her empathy. She has a natural awareness of how others may be feeling and is always happy to offer friendship, reassurance or support when it is needed. She genuinely enjoys helping others and is the type of person who will quietly help without expecting anything in return. A lovely example of this was during a maths lesson when the girl sitting next to her was struggling to understand the work. Without being asked, Verity patiently supported her, explained the task clearly and encouraged her to keep trying. It was a small act of kindness, but one that perfectly reflects the caring way she treats those around her.

What makes Verity particularly deserving of this award is the humble way she goes about showing kindness. She never seeks attention or praise, but her thoughtful actions are noticed and appreciated by both children and adults. Her excellent manners, strong sense of responsibility and willingness to help others make her a wonderful role model.

Verity has consistently embodied our school's values through her kindness, empathy and consideration for others. She is a pleasure to teach and has made a positive difference to those around her. Well done, Verity. You should be very proud of the example you set for others and of the caring person you are becoming.



Well Done

"Marley has been actively involved in fundraising to raise money in support of 'Young Lives VS Cancer' during the summer holidays. The amount she has raised for Young Lives VS Cancer is absolutely incredible.....her initial target was £200 & she managed to raise more than 4 times that amount by raising a grand total of £1000 with an additional £117.50 in gift aid! She has worked really hard to complete her miles - walking, cycling, scooting, swimming her way through the challenge."

A huge well done to Marley T from all of us at Fleckney Primary School. We are all very proud of you.



Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 7th October the whole school enjoyed a wonderful visit to St Nicholas's Church to celebrate the Harvest Festival. Despite the rain all day the children were full of excitement as they carried their generous food donations to the service. During the celebration, we reflected on the importance of giving thanks for the food we have and for all those who help to grow and provide it. The children shared a beautiful harvest-themed Bible reading and joined together in a thoughtful prayer of gratitude. Each class then had the opportunity to present their donations at the Harvest table, before the church was filled with music and joy as we sang our favourite Harvest songs, including 'Bring in the Harvest' and "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow".
It was a heart-warming occasion that reminded us all of the importance of thankfulness, sharing, and community. A big thank you to everyone for your generous contributions, which were donated to The Well in Kibworth after the four church services. The team at The Well expressed their sincere gratitude for the amazing kindness and support shown by our school community. We should all feel very proud of our school and community for sharing such kindness.



Celebrating Excellent Attendance



Attendance League Tables

Overall

1st 98.2% - Year 3

2nd 95.7% - Year 2

3rd 94.8% - Year 1

4th 94.3% - FS

5th 93.8% - Year 5

6th 92.7% - Year 6

7th 92.2% - Year 4

(national is 94.8%)

School Council

We are delighted to announce that our new School Council has now been elected and is ready to get to work! Our representatives are enthusiastic about making a positive difference to school life and are already keen to start fundraising and taking forward ideas and suggestions from their classmates.

The School Council meets twice every half term to discuss matters that are important to pupils across the school. Each council member also has access to a special School Council book where children can share their ideas, concerns and suggestions to be brought to meetings. This ensures that every pupil has a voice and can help shape improvements within our school community.

As well as representing their peers, the School Council will support a range of special events throughout the year. We are excited to work alongside this dedicated group of pupils and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make.

Keep an eye out for news of our first fundraising event coming soon. Watch this space!

Foundation Stage

This term has all been about the new children in our school settling into routines, making independent choices in their play, going outdoors every day, making new friends, practicing lining up, starting PE and going into collective worship every day. We have all had our new book bags and are taking reading books home.

Our Phonics learning has begun and we have all been excited to learn a new sound every day.

We have painted our self-portraits, which are on display in the school hall.

Our cutting skills and pencil grip have also been a focus this term as we use new tools in our play.

We are also becoming experts at choosing our lunch and eating with a knife and fork.







Year 1

The children have all settled in amazingly to year 1 and we are so proud of how they are following the new routines in Key Stage 1. We have had a lovely half term getting to know the children through lots of fun and interactive learning. Our Math's lessons have been all about the place value of numbers to 10. We have been learning to compare, order, write and read the digits and words. In English, we have explored lots of exciting books including: Sharing a shell, The tiger that came to tea and Stanley's Stick. The children have enjoyed commenting on the stories, retelling them and sharing their own sentences about the books. The children have been working hard with their letter formation and have started transcription lessons in their new hand writing books. The children have loved exploring our books based on our continuous provision topics such as 'Funny bones', 'Oi Frog' and 'The Colour Monster' to name a few!
During our computing lessons, children have been learning how to use Purple Mash and all about their own internet safety. In P.E children have been getting active and working on a variety of ball skills outdoors and focusing on balance and agility in gymnastics in indoor P.E. In Art we have been focusing on being expressive and creative through our continuous provision activities linked to our stories.
We are all so pleased how the children have settled in and we are looking forward to the next half term with them.

Year 2







We are so impressed with how well the Year 2 children have settled into their new classrooms and routines. They have made such a positive start, with growing independence and readiness to learn.
In our History topic, the children have been exploring famous people from the past including; Samuel Pepys, Grace Darling and Guy Fawkes. The children found out about how Samuel Pepys buried his cheese during the Great Fire of London, they found this very amusing!
In our Science lessons, we have been learning about animals. We know the different animal groups, life cycles and understanding what animals need to survive.
A new skill the children are working so hard with is transcription, learning to write using joined handwriting. We are just beginning to explore the diagonal join of i, u and l.
In our Art lessons the children have been exploring portraits and creating their own master pieces in the style of Picasso and Paul Klee.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant first half term! They have all settled in to Key Stage 2 brilliantly and have given everything their all!

We have started our first piece of writing which is all about the famous book, film and musical; Matilda. The children have started to sentence stack and will be writing their own character description for another character in the story.

We have completed a whole topic in Maths and have now started to focus on addition and subtraction. The children have all worked extremely hard to set their books out neatly and focus on the presentation of work that is required for Key Stage 2.

In Art, we have drawn self-portraits where we focused on position and shading. We have also now begun to look at Stone Age art which links to our History topic of the Stone Age. In Science we have been investigating light and dark. The children have experimented using torches and seeing which materials create the darkest shadows.

The children have shown great care and thought when discussing our current PSHE unit which is all about friends and family. We have worked together and independently to discover and practice the skills needed to make and keep good friendships, resolve confrontation and who we can ask for help when things may become difficult.

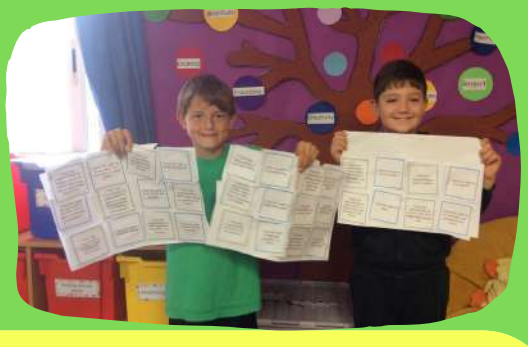






Year 4





It has been a fantastic start to the academic year in Year 4, with the children showing great enthusiasm and commitment across all areas of the curriculum.

This half term, we have been exploring the beautifully illustrated book The Quest by Aaron Becker. Using the illustrations as inspiration, the children developed their descriptive writing skills and then completed an independent write, demonstrating their creativity, imagination and growing confidence as writers.

In Maths, we have focused on formal written methods for addition and subtraction. The children have practised applying these methods accurately and have developed their understanding of place value to support their calculations. We have also been using and applying these skills to solve a range of multi-step addition and subtraction word problems, encouraging the children to identify the key information, choose appropriate methods and explain their reasoning. In Science our topic this half term has been Living Things and Their Habitats. The children learnt about the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates and explored how living things can be classified. We also carried out a local habitat survey around our school grounds, investigating the habitats and organisms that can be found in our local environment.

In History, we have been learning all about the Romans. We explored who the Romans were, why they invaded Britain and the lasting impact they had on our country. The children investigated what the Romans built and considered how the organisation and effectiveness of the Roman army helped them create such a powerful empire.

Art this half term, the children have studied light, shadow and shade. They applied these skills to create their own still life artwork, carefully observing objects and using a range of shading techniques to add depth, texture and detail to their drawings. In R.E, we have been thinking about the sort of world Jesus would want. As part of this learning, Father Philip visited our school and answered a range of thoughtful, pre-prepared questions from the children. This provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding and discuss their ideas about faith, kindness and community.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, positive attitudes and enthusiasm shown by all the children this half term and look forward to another exciting half term of learning ahead.





Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the school year and have settled into their new classes with confidence and enthusiasm. It has been fantastic to see the children embracing new opportunities, building friendships and making the most of their learning in our new environment.

In English, the children have been developing their creative writing skills through work based on Abandoned House. They have thoroughly enjoyed crafting eerie and atmospheric descriptions, using ambitious vocabulary and figurative language to bring mysterious settings to life. It has been wonderful to see their imaginations flourish as they created vivid imagery and built suspense through their writing.

Our History lessons have taken us on a journey back to the fascinating world of the Mayan civilisation. The children have been learning about Mayan culture, achievements and daily life, making thoughtful comparisons with modern society. They have also enjoyed designing and creating their own Mayan masks, combining their historical knowledge with creativity to produce some impressive final pieces.

In Science, we have been exploring forces through a variety of engaging, hands-on investigations. The children have enjoyed carrying out exciting experiments in small groups, demonstrating excellent teamwork, cooperation and problem-solving skills as they worked together to test their ideas and draw conclusions.

Art has been a real highlight this half term. Inspired by the imaginative world of Surrealism and the vibrant work of Frida Kahlo, the children have created some beautiful and creative pieces of artwork. It has been wonderful to see their artistic skills develop as they explored different techniques and expressed their own unique ideas.

In Music, the children have been developing their understanding of rhythm and harmony through a range of engaging activities. They have enjoyed learning a chord pattern using chime bars, working together to perform with increasing confidence and accuracy. The children have also been learning and singing a variety of sea shanties, embracing the lively melodies and rich storytelling traditions of these much-loved songs. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and musical skills grow throughout the term.

In PE, the children have shown great enthusiasm and commitment. They have enjoyed learning the Haka, developing their netball skills and are now taking part in energetic bench ball sessions. It has been lovely to see their confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship flourish throughout these activities.

We are extremely proud of the hard work, positive attitudes and resilience the children have shown this half term, and we look forward to another exciting period of learning and achievement.







Year 6

Year 6 have begun the academic year with enthusiasm and determination, making an excellent transition into their final year at Fleckney Primary School. They have quickly adapted to the routines and expectations of Year 6, showing maturity, independence and a strong commitment to their learning. As the oldest pupils in the school, and now proudly based on the top floor of our new building, they have risen to the challenge of being role models for younger children.

This term in English, the children have immersed themselves in the world of espionage and adventure through a unit focused on spy-themed stories. They produced some highly imaginative pieces of writing, packed with suspense and excitement. A particular highlight was our Spy Day, where pupils showcased their creativity with a range of impressive disguises and costumes.

In Maths, we have concentrated on developing a secure understanding of place value alongside efficient calculation methods. One particular challenge that Year 6 faced was tackling the new concept of long division, a method that the children have been resilient in their learning of. Continued practice of key number facts, particularly times tables through Times Tables Rock Stars, will play an important role in building speed, accuracy and confidence.

This term in Science, the children became budding electricians as they explored the exciting world of Electricity. Through a range of practical investigations, they learned how to construct electrical circuits, identify the function of key components and understand how electricity flows to power everyday devices. Furthermore, they tried and tested a range of batteries and even created their own security alarm systems! As we come to a close on the topic, we have explored safety around electricity, preparing children for their visit to Warning Zone next half term.

Beyond the core subjects, Year 6 have enjoyed a varied and engaging curriculum. Our History lessons have taken us back to the time of Ancient Greece, while in Art, the children have been refining their observational drawing skills and exploring different techniques. In Music, children have been taken back to the Roaring Twenties through their exploration of Swing Music.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are looking forward to seeing all that Year 6 will achieve in the months ahead.

Year 6 PGL Residential







On 5th October, we took 45 Year 6 children to PGL in Lincolnshire for a week of outdoor adventure and unforgettable experiences. Throughout the week, the children enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities, including Paddle boarding, Abseiling, Archery, the Giant Swing, Rifle shooting, the Zip wire and Climbing. It was fantastic to see so many pupils challenge themselves, demonstrate resilience and support one another as they stepped outside their comfort zones.

The fun continued into the evenings, with campfires, games of ambush and other team-building activities, which helped create lasting memories and strengthened friendships. The staff were incredibly impressed by the children's bravery, teamwork and outstanding behaviour throughout the trip. They were excellent ambassadors for the school at all times.

Well done to all of the children for making the most of this fantastic opportunity and contributing to such a successful residential visit. All of the teachers are very proud of your bravery and resilience.







Clubs

We are currently running the following School clubs. Spaces are limited and offered on a first come basis. If you are interested please contact the school office to see if there are spaces avaliable.

Monday

Table Tennis Years 4-6 3.15pm till 4.15pm
Computing - Years 1-4 3.15-4.15pm
Outdoor Explorers - All years 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday

French Club - All Years 12.25-12.55pm
Chess Club Years 3-6 3.15-4.15pm
Football Club - Years 5&6 3.15-4pm

Wednesday

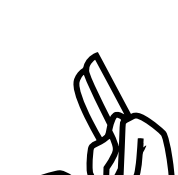
Football - Years 1-3 3.15-4.15pm
Computing - Years 5&6 3.15-4.15pm

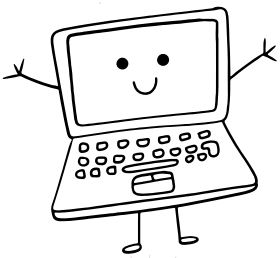
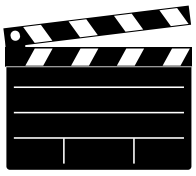
Thursday

Sign with Sarah - Years 1-3 12.25-12.55pm
Draw with Rob Years 1-3 3.15-4.15pm
KS2 Choir - Years 3-6 3.15-4pm

Friday

Film Club - All years 3.15-4.15pm


Diary Dates and Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Mid Term Break:
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October
School Opens : Monday 26th October

Friday 18th December - Early close at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2027
School Opens: Monday 4th January 2027

Mid Term Break:
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February
School Opens:Monday 22nd February

Dates for the diary

Monday 26th October - Year 6 Warning Zone Trip
Tuesday 3rd November - Year 2 Beaudesert parent meeting
Friday 27th November - Flu vaccinations all year groups
Thursday 10th December - FS trip to The Curve theatre
Monday 14th December - Years 3-6 Cinema trip
Tuesday 15th December - Year 1 The Curve theatre trip
Thursday 17th December - Year 2 The Curve theatre trip
Friday 18th December - School closes early at 1.30pm

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