

Dear Parents/Carers

It doesn't seem two minutes since the last newsletter and now today is the 1<sup>st</sup> March – first day of Meteorological Spring!



Even though we have had some very wet and grey weather Spring is definitely on its way and the daylight hours are increasing – we look forward to warmer and drier weather and being able to use our playing fields more.

This half-term is only 4 weeks long, one of the shortest I have known. However, there is lots going on in school. Year 2 have had their overnight stay at Beaumanor, this is always a big step for the children but hopefully great memories have been made.

Next week we start to 'celebrate' books and reading with World Book Day, the Book Fair and then our Theatre visit. Hopefully you have all seen the email sent home about these. We look forward to seeing which characters children and staff will be dressed up as and also the 'Stories in a Box' creations.

We will again as a school be fundraising for Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – look out for further information.

The sporting calendar is very busy this term, hopefully in the upcoming competitions we can build on the successes you can read about further down in our newsletter.

Mrs Mock

Headteacher

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Theatre Visit

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day / School Disco

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Class Photos

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Year 6 trip to Warning Zone

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Year 3 Assembly to Parents

## House Point Totals

### February

**Beech 1106**

**Mulberry 1098**

**Sycamore 1043**

**Willow 1116**

*Well done to Willow this month's winners!*

## PSA Funding Updates

Diamond and Garnet were chosen as the winners of the best hampers as part of our winter hamper prize draw before Christmas. Just before half term both classes enjoyed treats funded by the PSA. We bought sets of card games for Diamond including Uno, Dobble and Taco, Cat, Goat Cheese, Pizza! For Garnet, we bought popcorn, biscuits, cups and juice for a movie afternoon. The children all had a lovely time.

KS1 enjoyed a singing workshop at Loughborough Town Hall before half term which we were able to fund. The children walked beautifully to the venue and sat sensibly throughout performance. They joined in with many songs which all had a weather theme, by singing and using body percussion. It was a wonderful experience for all.

This half term all the children at school will have the chance to watch a theatre production at school as part of World Book Day celebrations. We have put £1,000 towards the cost of this.

We have also given the school a transport fund of £1,000 this year which is helping with the transport costs for various school trips.

## Eco Reps

Our Eco-Reps have had another busy month!



During our most recent meetings, we have been planning our upcoming Environmental Awareness Day. The committee are passionate about ensuring Mountfields Lodge continues its work as an eco-school and have decided to focus on our water usage this half term and activities will be taking place on World Water Day.

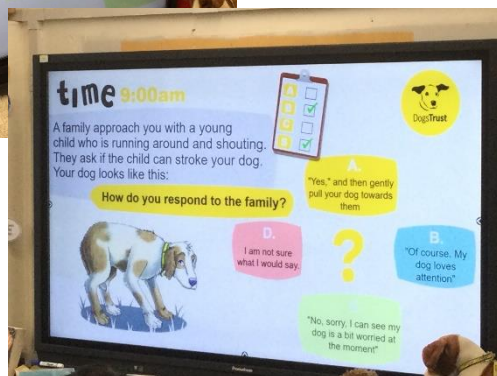
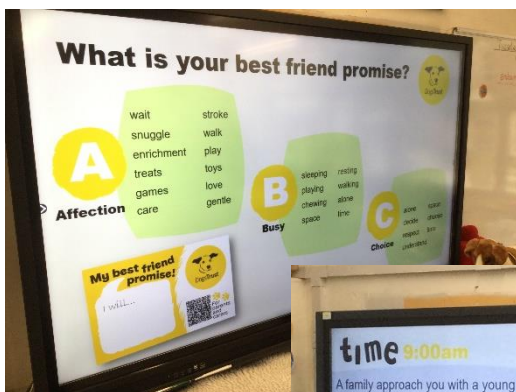
Lydia and Vaia have also been making sure appropriate waste has been going to the compost bins. Over the next few months, we will be using this compost across the school for planting so we appreciate their hard work.



## Dogs Trust Workshops

Our KS2 classes had a visit from the Dogs Trust this week with a focus on how to stay safe around dogs and how to understand dog behaviour.

Read some of the comments from the children.



Dogs are not humans – they do not feel emotions like we do. You may think they want picking up and cuddling but they don't – this is a human emotion.



Don't shout at dogs when they do things wrong instead show them the right thing to

If you are frightened of dogs and they come up to you cross your arms across your chest and turn your face away.

A dog does not just wag its tail when it is happy. The tail can signal to us how the dog is feeling.

## North Charnwood Cross Country League 2 and selection race

On a blustery Tuesday morning at the beginning of February, 38 children from across Key Stage 2 competed in the second of the North Charnwood Cross Country League races. Being the leading team out of 20 schools after the first league race, all the children were determined to gain the very highest position they could in a bid to maintain this position. They all ran with such determination, Mrs Mock and Mrs Newport were literally 'blown away,' by their courage and resolve to battle for every place until they had crossed the finish line. On top of this, the children then cheered their team-mates on in the other races with gusto and enthusiasm!

We had several children who finished in the highest positions and were awarded with their medals as they crossed the line.

Congratulations to:

Vaila and Grace (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 Girls)

Ralph (3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Boys)

Bea (3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Girls)

Darcy (1<sup>st</sup> Year 5 Girls)

Esme (1<sup>st</sup> Year 6 Girls).

A huge well done to these and the following children who also finished in qualifying positions to represent North Charnwood in the Leicestershire County Schools Championships at Prestwold Hall:

Year 3 Girls Penelope

Year 3 Boys Jack

Year 5 Girls Amelia and Lilly-Anne

Year 6 Girls Esme, Harriet, Kaiya, Zeynep and Georgia

# Cross Country



## County selection for Kaiya!

Congratulations to Kaiya (Year 6) for being selected to represent Leicestershire in the National Primary Schools Cross Country Championships.

This follows excellent, consistent results in the Leicestershire Primary Schools Cross Country League before Christmas.

Good luck Kaiya!





# Sportshall Athletics

## **North Charnwood Sporthall Athletics Champions!**

What an exciting event this turned out to be! With over 200 children from 12 schools competing, the atmosphere was tense but filled with the sound of enthusiastic children, keen to show what they could do in their events. The boys' and girls' teams (9 children in each team) had to separate to compete either in their field or track events first and then swapped over.

The boys, who had their track events to contend first, easily won all their relay events and the girls won all but one of their 4 track relay races. The field events are always more difficult to predict as schools rotate around the carousel of events, picking up points for how far the children can jump or throw in events such as the javelin, weighted chest pass throw, speed bounce, vertical jump, long and triple jump. It was then a case of waiting until all the field event scores have been calculated...

Well, what a brilliant result for Mountfields Lodge!

We finished in gold medal-winning position, beating Orchard and Orchard Community into second and third places. This means we have now been selected to represent North Charnwood in the County Finals being held at Loughborough University on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. A huge well done to all the children who competed. What an amazing achievement! A special mention to Idris, Ellie and Macy, our team reserves, who all had to 'step-in' at the last minute to cover late team withdrawals through injury and illness. Without you, we certainly would not have been even able to be included in the scoring event!

## **A fun day out at the Parallel Sportshall Athletics competition!**

8 children travelled to Aylestone Leisure Centre recently to compete in a Parallel Sportshall Athletics competition. Events included: speed bounce, javelin, seated chest throw, high stepper, target throw as well as team relays. All the children performed exceptionally well, and they were certainly the loudest supporters of each other!! They had a great day and were rewarded for their efforts by being selected to represent North Charnwood in the county event being held at Loughborough University in April.

Well done to:- Max, Lilly-Anne, Harrison, Josh, Seb, Jacob, Charlie and Daniel. What a great team you are!

Special congratulations also to Max and Lilly-Anne who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in their individual age-group competitions.

