

Dear Parents/Carers

The first newsletter of the year – it is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of September already! Autumn is definitely under way with the changeable weather and the collecting of conkers. Due to the change in weather please can you make sure your child always has a waterproof coat at school

Welcome to all our new starters in Foundation Stage and across the school we look forward to getting to know you and your families. The first few weeks can sometimes be anxious for some children as there is always an element of change – this year we are very proud of how everyone has settled in and quickly adapted to new routines.

There have been some changes for you as parents one of which is the new Arbor system. Hopefully you have all managed to log in and are able to access your child's profile. This is the portal in which you will use to book your Parent/Teacher meeting appointment on Tuesday 15th October or Thursday 17th October. If you are having any problems, please contact the school office.

Today our Year 5 children held their Harvest Assembly and this launches our appeal for donations to Loughborough Food Bank, you will have received an email detailing the items most needed.

Thank you to everyone who parks considerately around the school site at the start and end of the day. To keep all our children safe please can we ask that cars are not blocking pavements, neighbours' driveways or designated crossing areas. Where possible walk, bike or scoot to school this is great way to boost your child's physical well-being.

Thank you
Iona Mock

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th October

Helping Your Child with Maths meeting for parents

Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October

Parent/Teacher meetings

Monday 21st – Friday 25th October

Half Term school closed

Wednesday 29th October

School Photographer

House Point for this month

Beech	1324
Mulberry	1667
Sycamore	1131
Willow	1432

Well done to this month's winners!

Mulberry

House Captains

Each year we select House Captains from our Year 6 pupils. All staff in school are asked to nominate pupils who they feel show the following qualities: -

- Demonstrate positive leadership ability/skills
- Are good role models for other pupils (behaviour/conduct/attitude)
- Show initiative
- Demonstrate good organisational skills
- Communicate effectively and are able to speak to House members confidently
- Demonstrate pride in the school
- Are polite and trustworthy
- Are kind, compassionate and caring
- Have a proven record of the above throughout their time in school.

This year our House Captains are:

Beech	Mulberry	Sycamore	Willow
Darcy M	Ellie B	Frankie R	Ettie A
Dion M	Dominic F	Darcy P	Elliot M

The House Captains will be asked to

- Total monthly house points (and fortnightly mid-month totals)
- Encourage house members to earn points and be proud of their achievements
- Meet with visitors and welcome them to the school (conduct school tours)
- Promote the school ethos and code of conduct



The school's new Sporting Ambassadors have also been selected. These children have demonstrated the School Games Values of determination, honesty, respect, passion, teamwork and self-belief and we believe that they will make excellent sports leaders at Mountfields Lodge School.

Congratulations to:



School Council and Eco Committee

Democracy is one the British values we have been talking about in our assemblies this term and the children have followed a democratic process to elect the Eco-Rep and School Councillor for their class.

For those pupils who were interested in standing for these positions they had to present to their class mates about why they should be considered for that position.

Once the presentations were completed pupil voting took place.



Well done to all who presented to their peers!

A big congratulations to those who were elected.

		<u>School Councillor</u>	<u>Eco Rep</u>
Class Opal Y1	-	Hamish F	Percy BW
Class Topaz Y1	-	Camille B	Thomas D
Class Jade Y2	-	William B	Billy M
Class Ruby Y2	-	Emily H	Lottie P
Class Diamond Y2	-	Yusuf U	Robyn T
Class Garnet Y3	-	Osian P	Ava-Daisy K
Class Sapphire Y3	-	Reisha P	Florence M
Class Emerald Y34	-	Zak Y	Edie P
Class Onyx Y4	-	Eloisa P	Isabelle T
Class Quartz Y4	-	Isaac W	Kaine S
Class Larimar Y5	-	Alfred P	Connie F
Class Moonstone Y5	-	Hamad Q	Joseph M
Class Serpentine Y5	-	Hughie T	Amalia B
Class Turquoise Y6	-	Isla L	Lizzie H
Class Amethyst Y6	-	Franke R	Anaya M

Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have settled very well into school life, learning rules and routines and making lots of new friends.

They have particularly enjoyed learning in our shared outdoor area and exploring our school grounds. Our topic this term is Traditional Tales and we have been making masks and using story maps to help us retell our stories.



Year 1&2



The children have been very busy learning about the Great Fire of London' and how this infamous inferno ripped through and reshaped London. In Design and Technology, they have been looking at structures and will soon be creating some of their own, applying our learning about hinges to create some moving features. In PE, the children have been developing their basketball skills by refining our throwing, catching and dribbling through a mixture of drills and games. In English the children have been reading and using the texts 'Red Riding Hood' (Year One) and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' (Year Two) and now the children are writing their own stories based on these original tales.



Year 3&4



Archaeological dig

Year 3&4 children have enjoyed learning all about the Romans! They have spent a lot of time outside imagining they were in the Roman Army, making beautiful Roman mosaics, and pretending they were in an amphitheatre watching a gladiator fight – there were even 'tigers' prowling quietly around our school grounds.



Nature inspired Roman



Year 5&6

In Year 5/6 children have used the text Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo to find out about what life was like for evacuees during World War 2 and this has helped when writing their own evacuee story. Learning how to use micro bits has come in very handy when trying to break some WWII codes!



Year 6 Residential

Last week some of our Year 6 children spent 3 days at Standon Bowers Outdoor Centre. Thankfully this was the warm and sunny week which meant there weren't too many wet and muddy clothes.

Our residential to Standon Bowers was phenomenal. The instructors were amazing teaching us things like how to communicate, listen, encourage others and most of all 'hug our monster'. With caving, high ropes, BMXing we were never bored. We had some free time and the food was delicious. More of what we did - bridge building, climbing. The classrooms were airy and spacious. It's the greatest residential ever!

Ellie B



Sporting News

The first sporting competition was the Year 5/6 boys football tournament at Charnwood College. This was the first time the team had played together and they quickly worked together as a team. In the six games played they had 1 win and 2 draws and unfortunately missed out on getting through to the next round by a single point.

The team put everything into the tournament and they should be very proud of themselves for the effort they put in, we look forward to future fixtures.

Well done to the team!



Bronze Medal for Year 5/6 Girls Football Team!

The newly formed Mountfields Lodge Year 5/6 girls football team showed great determination and tenacity in their first competition at Charnwood College to pick up a well-deserved bronze medal. Winning three of their first four games and drawing their fourth meant they progressed to the semi-final with ease. Drawn against Loughborough Church of England school, they battled gallantly with several near misses on goal.



The final 0-0 score meant it had to go to penalties where they narrowly lost by one.

In the play-off for bronze, on very tired legs, the girls gave it their all and beat opponents, Sacred Heart, 1-0.

The girls were exhausted by the end but delighted to receive their medals.

Well done to all of you!