

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term weather wise seems to have been continually grey, damp and cold however this has not dampened the children's positive attitude to their learning and school life. I have had many children come and see me this term to show me their achievements and to receive a well-deserved Head Teacher sticker.

Our parent/teacher meetings were well attended this week, thank you for all those who were able to come into school to look through their child's work and to discuss how they are progressing. The partnership between school and home is vital in the development of children. At any time if you feel there are things you would like to share with the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and arrange a meeting or a phone call. Hopefully you were able to respond to the questionnaire from our Local Advisory Board – for those who have not had the opportunity the link is below.

We hope you enjoy the half-term break, time to maybe not have the alarm clock on and a change to routines. We look forward the next half term in school with lots of 'extras' taking place such as the Year 2 overnight visit to Beaumanor, Young Voices and World Book Day and we look forward to sharing news from this in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Mock

## Your voice matters!

As part of our school community your thoughts and perspective on the school matters.

The school's Local Advisory Board has a short questionnaire that they would like you to complete to gather these.

Scan this image to access the forms.



## January House Points

<b>Beech</b>	<b>2089</b>
<b>Mulberry</b>	<b>2470</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>1752</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>2143</b>

**Congratulations to this  
month's winners!**

**Mulberry**

## Diary Dates

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 2 visit to Beaumanor Hall

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day

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

Comic Relief – details to follow

### **Charnwood All Stars Netball and Football Programme**

Our Year 5 children have been invited this year by Charnwood College to participate in a number of various sport development days with 5 other schools. The days involve having a development training session from a qualified coach in the morning followed by a round robin tournament in the afternoon. The netball and football days have been excellent so far with the children participating in lots of fun drills and sport-specific practices with the other participating schools, then having the opportunity to practise these new skills in several games in the afternoon.

### **North Charnwood Cross Country and Qualifying Event**

Thirty-seven KS2 children participated in the second North Charnwood Cross country League race at Charnwood College recently and we had lots of amazing performances with children battling for points against 20 other schools. Our children showed lots of determination to achieve some of their highest positions in the League so far. After 2 leagues we are lying in 6<sup>th</sup> position overall.



A special mention to our three impressive winners – Ciada – (Year 3 Girls), Vaila (Year 4 Girls) and Darcy (Year 6 Girls). These children will go on to represent North Charnwood in the Leicestershire County Schools Cross Country Championships at Mallory Park on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be joined by others who finished in the top 12 in their races and are also selected. Congratulations to: Aoife and Edie (Year 3 Girls), Khadijah, Kamilla and

Grace (Year 4 Girls), Jack, Arlo and Arthur (Year 5 Boys) and Amelia (Year 6 Girls). Well done to everyone who participated!

### **Leicestershire Primary Schools Cross Country League Presentation and Open Cross Country**

After a very successful Leicestershire Primary School Cross Country League before Christmas in which our Girls team won the overall large school, several children attended a presentation event and participated in the open cross country event at Ratcliffe College. Vaila was again impressive, winning the Year 4 girls race.



## **BEP Girls Year 5 & 6 Football League**

Our talented girls football team went into the third fixture undefeated in 8 games. Drawn against the top schools in the league for this fixture, the girls once again rallied, winning three of their four games and losing only their final game to Queniborough (League leaders), 1,0. Bea impressed with her first goal of the League and she was ably assisted by Amelia, Darcy and Ellie. There was some great defending by Jenna, Mya and Isla to keep the ball in the attacking half and when needed Rosie showed her agility and excellent reflexes in goal.

## **Gymnastics RISE level 2 and 3 competitions**



What an amazing week of gymnastics we had recently! First our Year 4 team of Lettie, Nya, Lydia and Millie competed and performed a floor routine consisting of 6 skills, a ribbon routine and 2 vaults. They held their nerves and showed off their brilliant gymnastics skills to score the highest of the 6 competing schools and win the competition.

Two days later it was the turn of our year 6 gymnasts who also excelled and demonstrated perfectly their rotational, balance and spring skills through their floor and ribbon routines and their vaults. The team of Darcy, Darcy, Jemima and Anaya won with 89.3 points to beat Belton with 88.6 points and Hall Orchard with 80.3 points in the seven-team competition. They were very ably supported by our two reserves, Ellie and Isabelle who also performed some exceptional gymnastics skills.



Both teams will now go on to represent North Charnwood in the School Games County Gymnastics Finals at Oakham Artistic Gymnastics Academy on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Before then, they will perfect their routines with the help of an expert gymnastics coach to help them prepare for this next higher level of competition.



### **Well-Being Champions**

We have a group of new Well-Being Champions who will be outside on the playground at breaktimes supporting children with friendships and positive play. They are visible to the children with their high vis vests and carry with them a bag of equipment to teach children some playground games.

Well done for putting yourself forward for this role:

Year 3/4: Lydia, Navayah. Darshan, Freya, Darcey, Florence

Year 5/6: Jemima, Maia, Kasey, Ben, Arthur, Oscar, Lillian

### **Attendance & Absences**

# Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



If your child is ill or has a medical appointment then we ask you to contact school on 01509 214119 from 8am on the first day of absence by telephone.

If your child continues to be absent then we ask that we have a message each day. If your child's absence is cause for concern then we will ask for evidence of any medical appointments.

Our PSA continue to work hard at events to raise money to support the school.

The samosa, pre-loved costume and uniform sale was a great success – thank you for those who supported with this.

Keep your out for future events you can support with.



## A few reminders...

### PE Uniform

There are some children starting to wear different colours as part of their PE kit a reminder of the expectation:

#### For indoor PE:

A pair of PLAIN black shorts, football or cycling-type;

A PLAIN white T-shirt;

#### For outdoor PE:

A PLAIN black, grey or blue sweatshirt;

A pair of coordinating tracksuit bottoms in black, grey or blue;

A pair of trainers.

*N.B. If, for religious reasons, black shorts for girls cannot be worn, a pair of close-fitting black PE leggings should be worn instead*

### Jewellery

We ask that children **do not wear jewellery at school**, as it can be dangerous on the playground and difficult to trace if it is lost. However, if earrings are to be worn, they must be small, plain studs

## Please Name Clothing!

Our lost property box seems to have been full all term with jumpers, hoodies and coats all of which are not named.

Over half term please can we ask that you name your child's clothing; that way it makes it easier to return.