

# Newsletter – March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of March seems to have crept up on us very quickly and it is hard to believe the Spring Term is nearly over!

We have had a really good term with some great learning taking place across the school and with the good weather we have had the children have been able to make use of our amazing grounds. It has been a busy term with many enrichment opportunities taking place such as the Year 2 overnight stay at Beaumanor Hall, our Year 5/6 Choir performing at Young Voices, a Theatre visit and World Book Day and raising money for Comic Relief – read all about these in the rest of the newsletter (it is a long letter this time as there has been so much to celebrate!)

Physical activity is vital to children's development and future lives and as a school we ensure that we provided many opportunities for this. Classes have been tracking their Active Travel and our data will be submitted to Suntran's Big Walk and Wheel. Many children do walk, scoot or cycle to school already, if you drive your children to school maybe there is a day or two where you can change this? Not only does it help with physical activity but it also improves the air quality around our school.

Our sporting teams as you will read continue to achieve well in the various competition pathways we are involved with – thank you to parents and other family members who support us in getting children to and from these events.

It was great to see many parents join their children for the Stay and Play last week – it is a positive experience for children to see their families celebrating and being involved with the learning that takes place in school.



Many of our families have celebrated Eid with their families this week and we wish them Eid Mubarak.

We are looking forward to the PSA Disco this week. Events such as this do not happen by chance and it takes lots of hard work and we thank all those involved.

Mrs Mock

## Diary Dates

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

PSA Disco

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

End of Spring Term

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Start of Summer Term

## House Points March

**Beech 1792**

**Mulberry 2823**

**Sycamore 1637**

**Willow 1650**

**Congratulations to**

**this month's winner**

**Mulberry**

## Comic Relief

We had a really successful day celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Comic Relief. This is always a popular event and it was great to see everyone get involved. This year our aim was to make people laugh and it was great to see how many children came prepared with their favourite joke or a joke book. We had a stage set up at break and lunchtimes and many children performed their jokes with confidence!



We were amazed the number of cakes that were baked or bought for our Bake Sale – and also for the funny cake competition. Well done to Wynn (Class Topaz), Emiko (Class Serpentine) and Tristan (Class Sapphire) for winning the funny cakes competition.

As part of the PHSE learning the Year 6 children had spent the last few weeks planning and making their very own games and the Year 5 children were invited to have a go. The creativity and the preparation that took place not just in school but at home too for some children was fantastic with everyone getting a prize when they had a go – a wonderful afternoon!

We raised £962.89 – an amazing amount!





## Warning Zone

Our Year 6 children visit the Warning Zone two weeks ago, thank you to the PSA for financing this visit. Warning Zone is a charity run life skills centre with hands on informative activities for older children helping them to understand risks and consequences.



River Safety



On Line Safety



Train Line Safety

## Filbert Fox visit

We were lucky to have Filbert Fox visit the school to help serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. This created much excitement in the Lunch Hall – not just the Leicester City supporters!



## Young Voices 2025

Get Loud’ – and they certainly did! After months of practice, the Mountfields Young Voices Choir couldn’t wait to be involved and “find their voice in the crowd.”



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, forty-six of our Year 5 & 6 pupils performed with six thousand children as part of the Young Voices Choir. The children had been working hard throughout the Autumn term and January learning a variety of songs from Birdhouse in Your Soul to Try Everything, songs from Hairspray to a Let’s Dance Medley.

All of this hard work led to a spectacular performance which was a feast for the eyes as well as the ears. When the lights went down and the twinkling lights from thousands of tiny torches shone, it really was a magical sight, particularly when **Souparnika Nair from Britain’s Got Talent** sang her beautiful song “Brighter Days”. Not only were there the twinkling lights from the choir, but thousands of lights shining back from the audience - it was quite the sight.



There were so many highlights to the evening. We all really enjoyed dancing with Urban Strides to a bit of 90s Rave and rapping along with MC Grammar. Tommy Blaize, lead singer from the fabulous Strictly Come Dancing band, performed a moving version of No Woman No Cry in our Marley Magic Medley, in celebration of what would have been Bob Marley’s 80<sup>th</sup> year.

A huge thank you to all the staff involved and to the children – we were very proud of their behaviour and attitude throughout the event.

The joy on the faces of the children as they sang their hearts out was worth every second of time put in to organising and planning the Young Voices experience. “expression of interest” letter in the Summer term!



We look forward to taking another wonderful group next year. Year 4 and 5, look out for an “expression of interest” letter in the Summer term!



## Healthy Snacks

The School Council have been promoting healthy snacks over the last few weeks and it does seem to have made a difference, as more children are bringing more suitable snacks. Well done!

Part of the project was to provide a healthy snack tasting session. Thank you to the school council who worked industriously to prepare the snacks and to all the parents who came with their children to try out the snacks on offer. Hopefully this gave parents and carers some fresh ideas!



# Sporting News

**It has been a busy but very successful month for all our rising sports stars  
at Mountfields Lodge!**

## **Sportshall Athletics Champions for Third Consecutive Year!**

An amazing team of 18 Year 5 and 6 children competed at the North Charnwood Sportshall Athletics competition at the end of February. The event required the children to compete in both running relays and either throwing or jumping activities.

The children all demonstrated their versatility and beat the 9 other competing schools by 4 clear points. This is the third consecutive year that Mountfields Lodge has won this event.

The team then went on to represent North Charnwood in the County Schools Championships at Loughborough University on 31<sup>st</sup> March.



In the County Championships the team competed with determination each of them striving to get the fastest time, distance or number possible. Their teamwork and sporting attitude was recognised by the sports leaders and the team were award the Spirit of the Games – well deserved.



## **Silver at the Parallel Sportshall Athletics event**

Our Sportshall success continued when our KS2 Parallel team went to an open Leicestershire Sporthall event held at Aylestone Leisure Centre and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 12 schools from across Leicestershire. They have also qualified to represent North Charnwood in their County Schools Championships later this week – look out for the results in the next newsletter!

The team of Lilly-Mae, Evie-Mai, Daniel, Jacob, Seb, Josh, Charlie and Arthur also won the Spirit of the Games Award. This is presented to the school who best demonstrates the School Games Values which include teamwork and passion. Daniel also won the individual silver award for his efforts across all the events.

Well done everyone – what an amazing achievement!



### **Badminton silver too!**

Siwon and Idris formed a formidable doubles partnership at the recent Badminton tournament at Charnwood College. They won three of their four games and earned themselves a silver medal behind the strong team from St Paul's. Well done boys – you played brilliantly together!



### **All Stars Basketball Programme**

A group of our Year 5 children recently had the fantastic opportunity to spend a day at Charnwood College, where they received expert basketball coaching from two Leicester Riders coaches and Academy players. They not only honed their skills but also enjoyed playing friendly games. The children loved the experience and picked up lots of useful skills and tips.



### **RISE County Gymnastics Finals**



Having won the district gymnastics competition in January, our Year 4 and Year 6 teams represented North Charnwood in the County Schools Gymnastics Finals in Oakham recently. Both teams had to perform a floor and ribbon routine and be assessed completing 2 vaults. The Artistic Gymnastics Academy was very grand and when the children performed there was absolute silence! The girls all coped admirably with their nervousness and performed brilliantly, the Year 4's finishing joint 8<sup>th</sup> and the Year 6 girls an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Well done everyone!

### North Charnwood Cross Country League 3

Forty children from across KS2 took part in the final cross country race at Charnwood College to win points to decide the final league placings. They all battled hard and supported each other with lots of cheering and words of encouragement which was wonderful to see! We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the League out of 13 schools which was a great achievement.

Fantastic top ten placings were achieved by many of our children: **(Year 3 Girls)** Ciada 1<sup>st</sup>, Aoife 4<sup>th</sup>, Edie 5<sup>th</sup>; **(Year 4 Girls)** Vaila 1<sup>st</sup>; Grace 3<sup>rd</sup>, Elsie 8<sup>th</sup>, Khadijah 10<sup>th</sup>; **(Year 5 Boys)** Jack 5<sup>th</sup>, Ralph 7<sup>th</sup>, Arlo 8<sup>th</sup>, Arthur 9<sup>th</sup>; **(Year 6 Girls)** Darcy 2<sup>nd</sup>; **(Year 6 Boys)** Jaden 7<sup>th</sup>, Graeme 8<sup>th</sup>. Every single runner who finished the races contributed to our team score so well done everyone!

A big thank you to all the parents who have supported the children by transporting and cheering at cross country events this year!



### BEE Netball tournament – silver medallists!

We had a successful afternoon recently at the mixed netball tournament winning our first 3 games and qualifying for the final. In the final we came up against Orchard who have won for the last two years, and they proved to be too tough for us, winning 4, 0. The children all loved the experience, were delighted with their silver medals and have asked if we can play more netball at lunchtimes. This is what we love to hear!





### **BEP Girls Football League Finalists!**

Following 10 football matches since October, our girls football team have qualified for the BEP Football finals which take place in June. Of these 10 matches, the girls only conceded 2 goals, winning 7 of their games, drawing one and losing two. Well done to Mya, Jenna, Isla, Darcy, Amelia, Bea, Ellie and Rosie.



### **BEP Boys Football League Finalists!**

The Year 5/6 Boys football team have also successfully reached the finals of their football league. The recent round of matches saw them win 4 games and narrowly lose 1. Well done to the team you should be super proud of your achievement!

Dexter F, Mash K, Olly S, Jaden P, Joseph M, Dexter I, Ashton W, Noah R, Marley B, Ralph G, Arlo G.

### **A Few Reminders...**



Children should be in class by **8.50am** each morning; this is when our registration opens (there are a number of children arriving at school after this time).

Please name all jumpers, cardigans, hoodies – the Lost Property Box is overflowing!



The Mountfields Family Hub carpark is not for parents to park in at the start and end of the school day.