This week's merit certificates are awarded to;

Darwin Class - Jasper & Penny

Curie Class - Loki

Attenborough Class - Evelyn & Henley

Einstein Class - Alexa & Jack

Sports Infants - Rafferty

Sports Juniors - Gilbert

Well done everyone!





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Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 3rd May - Pre-School Stay and Play - Time for a Cuppa

Wednesday 4th May -

Thursday 5th May - Pre-School closed for the day.

Friday 6th May - Mobile Library for Years 3-6 and Cake Raffle

<u>Birthdays</u>



Happy Birthday to Rupert who had his birthday this week. We hope you had a lovely day.

Inspire+ Orienteering Workshop



Katy from Inspire+ came to School on Thursday to deliver an Orienteering Workshop with Attenborough Class. She was also supported by our Sports Ambassadors together with Mr Henson and Miss Shepherd. Katy showed the children how to read a map and find certain objects on the field and playground to create a score at the end. They were encouraged to work in groups of three to help with their teamwork and communication skills as well as map reading skills. The children were all engaged with the activity and thoroughly enjoyed it.



Identify Your Concern

Identify what it is that is worrying you or causing concern.

If your worry is about:

- · How your child is learning
- How your child is being taught
- Your child's ability to access learning
- · Your child's wellbeing
- Your child's relationship with a teacher or other members of the school learn
- Your child's relationship with another child or children within the school
- Your relationship with a teacher or other member of the school team

These concerns should be discussed directly with the school in the first instance.

7 If your worry remains unresolved

The Local Authority doesn't have a role in the school complaints process but they might be able to work with both you and the school.

If your child has an EHCP, contact your SENA Case Manager to discuss your concern and request support.

If your child does not have an EHCP you can log your worries on the Local Authority online complaints system, found here. Whilst the Local Authority cannot address your worry and compet the school to make changes, they might be able to support both you and the school to reach resolution.

You can escalate your complaint to the Department for Education directly, details found here. 0

Talk to your child, listen to your child

If your child comes home and tells you that something has upset them or caused them worries, listen to them and acknowledge their worry.

- Ask your child what they feel you can do to help.
- Let them know that you will talk to the school on their behalf.
- Let them know that you and the school will work together to make things better.

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Who do I speak to at the school?

The school is there to help, and they want to do this for you and with you.

If you have a safeguarding concern, ask to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Otherwise, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher or pastoral lead.

Be clear in explaining what your worry is, what resolution looks like to you and your child and discuss how you and the school can work together to resolve the issue.

If you don't get the resolution you hoped for, step up your worry to the head teacher or senior leadership team.

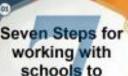


Remain open minded

Remember that you have only heard your child's part of the story, they have told you their truth but might not have a clear understanding of everybody else's views, feelings or perspective.

Discuss timescales for when you can expect to see the changes you need to have happened, be realistic with your expectations. Keep notes of your discussions.

Your child, and all of the children at the school, matter to the school team.



resolve worries

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Escalating your concern

If you cannot reach a resolution with school staff, you can take your concern to the school's Board of Governors (or equivalent).

This should be done in writing, explain your concern, what has happened so far, why you feel further action is needed and what you would like to see happen.

Every school has a published copy of their Complaints Policy available on their website. 6

If things don't improve

If, within reasonable timescales, the changes you need to see haven't taken place, go back to the head teacher or senior leadership team to explain your continued worries.

Discuss what else can be reasonably done to help your child experience a safe and happy time at school and ask how you can support them in making this happen.

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PGL Year 6 Transition Weekend



PGL Weekend April 2022 Ava and I were chosen to have this experience at PGL along with 30 other year 6's from the area. We started off with some gettingknow euchother games . We settled into our rooms and upacked as we were staying the night. The rest of the time, we spent on the exciting activities with our group. During this weekend, we learnt now to Communicate with new people, be brave and try new things, and overcome our gears. Overall, we thought it was an enjoyage experience but the food could have been better! Our personal govorwite part of this trip was Socos's ladder and the giant swing. By Ava and Amelia

Covid Vaccinations for 5 - 11 year olds UK Health Security Agency COVID-19 vaccination A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11

The full document can be found here

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1058694/COVID-19-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-11-years.pdf

Children with Special Needs

If your child has special needs, you can access more support for your child and your family from the local authority. This short video gives you information to get you started.



 $\underline{\text{https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability/where-to-start-with-send/what-is-the-local-offer}$

Safety Outside of School

We are always looking to ensure every child is safe in and around school during school hours. Please remember that school is not open until 8.45am so if you choose to arrive earlier then you are responsible for your child until the gates open. To ease congestion, we ask that you stagger your arrival within the 10 minute (8.45 - 8.55am) and do not allow your child to ride bikes and scooters directly outside the school gates as this can be a danger to others.

Since we started this new system of dropping children off at the gates, children have come into school more calmly, ready to get on as soon as they are in the classroom; there is less congestion in the cloakrooms and teachers have more of an opportunity to speak to individuals at the start of the day, go through any concerns and generally settle children better.

Names in Uniform

PLEASE put your child's name inside their jumper. This is the time when children start to remove them at break times when they get warm. Younger children are getting distressed when they cannot find their jumper or cardigan and staff are using valuable teaching time trying to match children with jumpers.

Summer Term Class Topics

Teachers have put their topic planning on the school website under 'Classes'. Please take the time to have a look so you can share knowledge.

Out of School Achievements



Tom was involved in the St George's Parade last Sunday at Grantham for the 1^{st} Colsterworth Beavers Group. He supported the flag bearer. Well done Tom.

Dates for your Diary New dates will be added in red.

2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed

3rd May - Pre-School Stay and Play - Time for a Cuppa

5th May - Pre-School Closed for the day.

6th May - Cake Raffle.

6th May - Mobile Library for Years 3-6

9th May - KS2 SATS and Mental Health Awareness Week.

9th May - Attenborough Class trip to PGL for the day.

13th May - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

16th May - Walk to School Week.

 $^{\cdot}$ May - Einstein, Attenborough and Darwin Teacher Led After School Clubs back on - Staff Meeting moved to the 18^{th} May.

19th May - Summer Census Day - change of hot lunch menu.

19th-20th May - Year 6 School Camp and Twinlakes

 24^{th} May - Special Jubilee picnic/afternoon tea style lunch rather than hot lunches followed by a party afternoon.

25th May - 2.30pm New starter parents' meeting in School. August 2022 intake.

26th May - Inspire+ Careers Workshop with Sophie Allen Year 6

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27th May - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
27th May - Cake Raffle.
30th May-3rd June - Half Term holiday
6th June - Y1 Phonics Screening and child safety week.
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June - Curie Class Residential - Rand Farm
8<sup>th</sup> June - Peter Rush Singing Assembly
10th June - Attenborough Class Tennis competition - details to follow.
13th June - Y4 Times Tables Test week, KS1 SATS week, SN Reviews and Healthy Eating week.
15th June - Attenborough Class Inspire+ Mini Olympics at the Meres Leisure Centre
16th June - Einstein Class Tennis competition - details to follow.
17th June - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
17th June - 2.45pm Father's Day Assembly in School
17th June - Cake Raffle.
20th June - Darwin and Curie Day Trip to Botanic Gardens, Leicester - details to follow.
20th June - World Refugee Day
21st June - KS2 Sports Day
21st June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.
23<sup>rd</sup> June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.
22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June - Einstein Class Residential - Bushcraft
24th June - 1pm-2pm KS1 Sports Day
27th June - Inspire+ Mass Participation Event.
28th June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1,30pm-3,00pm.
29th June - Darwin and Curie Class - Traditional Tales Party - details to follow.
30th June - New Starters Taster afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm.
1st July - Year 6 The Big Shed Leicester - Summer Music Tech Festival - details to follow.
1st July - School Swimming - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
1st July - Reports sent home
6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Day - please note change of day due to Year 6 transition days.
7<sup>th</sup> July - Jonathan Broom-Edwards - Inspire+ Assembly for the children.
Thursday 7th July - School closes for Summer.
Friday 8th July - School closed in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.
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• QR code for the School Website.

Special Lunch Menu for Census Day Thursday 19th May and Jubilee Tuesday 24th May





The changed menus are still free for Infant (Year R, 1 and 2) and Free School Meal children.

Pre-School and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to join us. The cost of the meal is still £2.35.



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CLASS DETAILS:

VENUE: SAGE CROSS METHODIST HALL, MELTON MOWBRAY **DAY AND TIME:** FRIDAYS, 4-5PM (5-8 YRS), 5-6PM (9-11 YRS)



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