

St Mary's NEWSLETTER

We choose courage over comfort because we know that 'the Lord our God is with us'.

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Whole School Colour Run - 15.10.24



We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- gain knowledge, skills and experiences to navigate life in an evolving world; and
- develop characteristics such as self-belief, ambition, and resilience to overcome life's challenges.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:9)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to share the resounding success of our recent Colour Run event. Through the enthusiastic participation of our pupils and your generous support, we raised an impressive £196. This demonstrates our collective spirit but also sets a positive tone for our year-long fundraising initiative!

In light of this success, I'm excited to announce the launch of our new #CourageOverComfort page on the school website. This dedicated space will serve as a central hub for all our fundraising events throughout the year, providing detailed information and a convenient link for donations.

As we continue to foster a culture of community engagement, I'd also like to invite our parent body to help spearhead our campaign. We are seeking volunteers to become campaign leads for their child's class, leading fundraising efforts. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding role, please submit your nomination by 8th November 2024.

On a separate note, I must address the issue of parking. We have received further complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking. I kindly request that all parents and carers park with consideration for our local community, as this reflects on our school's values and reputation.

Have a lovely half term.
Best Wishes
Miss Robinson

YG	Attendance
R	88.15
Y1	96.81
Y2	93.93
Y3	90
Y4	91.64
Y5	87.88
Y6	95.22
WS	91.91

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- School reopens: 4.11.24
- Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park - 6.11.24
- Y4 Trip to Trent Lock - 7.11.24
- Individual Photographs - 8.11.24
- Y3 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park - 13.11.24
- KS1 Athletics Competition - 14.11.24
- Y2 Trip to 'The Deep' - 20.11.24
- Y3/4 Athletics - 21.11.24
- EYFS Nativity - 10.12.24 2pm & 5pm
- Carols on the Playground - 11.12.24 3.30pm
- Christmas Discos - 12.12.24 6pm - 8.30pm
- KS1 Nativity - 16.12.24 2pm & 5pm



Y2 - Gardening in the outdoor area during independent learning time 18.10.24

Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

This week, we received a very special letter from Sarah, Percy, and Bill, thanking us for all our help. Inside was also a set of instructions to make decorated biscuits. The children were very excited to follow the instructions and, most importantly, eat them! In maths we have been consolidating our learning. We have looked at pairs, sorting, number recognition, and ordering. We practice our new math skills in a range of different contexts to support our understanding. During our outdoor learning this week, we used clay and natural materials to create clay faces. The children enjoyed examining their reflections and identifying their key features. We finished by making a leaf pile and enjoyed running and jumping in the leaves.

Y1 - Miss Bower

We have had a lovely final week of this half term, we have been super busy and have had lots of fun. In English, the children wrote recounts of the story "Gorilla" using a different animal, focusing on using more exciting story language. In Maths, they continued to explore number bonds within 10, looking at the different ways to make 10. In Science, pupils investigated where ice melts the quickest, making predictions and observing the results. During outdoor learning, we acted as "explorers", learning about the purpose of maps and creating their own physical map of the school grounds. Finally, we had a treasure hunt to see if we could find ourselves a treat, we used our new maps skills well and managed to find some popcorn kernels which we then cooked on the fire before eating it. I cant wait to hear all about your fantastic half term!

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had a busy final week to the half term! They've completed their first independent write where they have used a range of adjectives, statements, and exclamation sentences to describe the wolf. There was some fantastic vocabulary used! In Maths we've used our number bonds to 10 knowledge to help us with our number bonds to 100. In history we've completed our unit on the Stone Age where we've worked in different groups to create a booklet to showcase our knowledge on the different periods of time. We then presented these to the rest of the class. Within the provision children have enjoyed making Stone Age villages, writing about the Stone Age, story writing, and lots of art. In science we've looked at seasons, specifically autumn. We went on a learning walk around the school grounds to look for signs of autumn, we used iPads to take photos and shared our favourite autumn find with the class.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have continued to look at addition and subtraction and have been using the column method. In English, the children have completed an independent write all about the Space Bat AngelDragon- there were some excellent pieces! As part of our Geography unit, we went on our walk to Lammas using the children's maps and we added some additional sites of interest using OS symbols. In Computing, the children added the repeat command to their codes to make their character draw a square. In DT, we have completed our catapults and evaluations. They have worked incredibly hard on these and have done a great job!

Y4 - Miss Cave

Year 4 have finished their first half term the way they began! They have been truly brilliant and have achieved some lovely outcomes. In DT, they have finished making their pulley structures using wooden, screws and an electric drill! They have then tested their pulleys to determine whether they are stable and secure to be able to rescue an item from water. In English, the children have completed an independent write all about a crazy adventure down a slide! Their characters have gone down the slide at lightning speed and ended up in another world at the bottom! They have been using lots of beautiful expanded noun phrases such as, 'murky, oozing slime'. In Maths, they have been thinking about subtraction and using the most efficient method. They have been practising using column method or a number line. In Music, they have been thinking about musical notation and how many beats are in each.

Y5 - Mr Terry

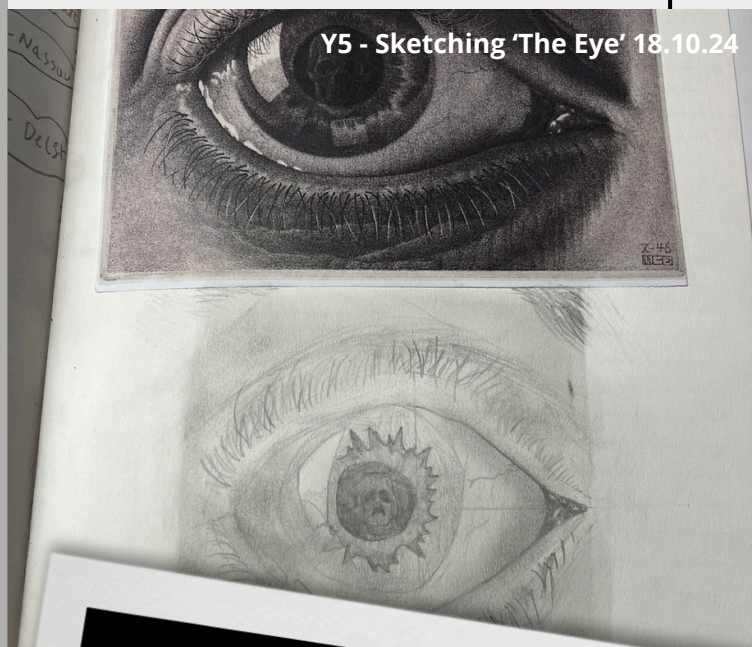
Year 5 have certainly not slowed down despite it being the last week of the half term. Our English has seen the completion of our dairy entry, written from the perspective of the main character of our book The Viewer, Tristan. The children have captured brilliantly how he might have recorded the series of events that led him being sucked into the Viewmaster. It's definitely worth asking your children about the story, we've loved it! We are drawing to the end of our addition and subtraction unit in Maths too, focusing most recently on solving multi-step problems using our formal written methods of column addition and subtraction. Speaking of drawing, the class have completed their final piece in Art, where they have replicated M C Escher's The Eye. They have worked very hard to include cross-hatching and contour shading into their pencil work to create tone and texture. They look fantastic!

Y6 - Miss Smith

What a wonderful week of learning year 6 have had! In English, they have written, edited and published their persuasive leaflets all about the dig for victory campaign. In Maths, they have continued to work hard to understand and develop their methods of long multiplication. It has taken some time, but they have worked extremely hard to answer questions correctly. In RE, they have considered how they, the school and the world can be loving, holy and forgiving of others. In science, they have conducted an enquiry into different areas of the world and have classified the living things that can be found there. In computing they have considered how to use 'user input' within codes to allow for messages and commands. In DT they have created and evaluated their own two-course meals inspired by WW2. In geography they have walked their circular routes to the local secondary schools and have evaluated how and why they had to adapt their routes based on the current weather conditions. After the half term, they will move onto long division and will begin narrative writing.



Y6 - Making a war recipe meal - 14.10.24



Y5 - Sketching 'The Eye' 18.10.24

#CourageOverComfort

1. So far, we have raised £196.94. We're aiming for a huge £10,000 and plan to run events all year.
2. Staff are joining in - you can see some of their planned events below and on the next page.
3. We need you to get involved! Could you volunteer as a class campaign lead? Nominations are now open and close on Friday 8th Nov - please let the school office know if you can help!

Current/Upcoming Fundraisers and sponsored Events

- Mrs Harrison & Mrs Greatorex - 500,000 Step Month
- Mrs Padley, Mrs Curley & Miss Hubble - Mam Tor Hike
- Miss Wain - 62 Mile Month Walking Challenge
- Miss Caress - Couch to 5K
- Mrs Enever - Vegas Triathlon!
- Mrs Turvey and Miss Robinson - Derby 10 Mile Race
- Full Staff Event - Spinathon (possibly staff vs parents!)

Find out much out more on our website page: [#CourageOverComfort](#)



#CourageOverComfort Challenge Roadmap

Fundraising Timeline

March - April

- Mrs Price - 6 Hour Zumbathon
- Mrs Churchman - 10 Mile Hike - Cleveland Way
- Mrs Harding - Sherwood Pines 10K
- Children - Easter Disco
- Children - Chocolate Hamper Raffle
- Children - Easter Egg Hunt
- Class Competition - Smartie Challenge

May - June

- Mrs Dickens - 13,000 steps/day in May
- Mr Terry - Bungee Jump
- Children - Fun Run
- House Challenge - Penalty Shoot Out
- Children - Fancy Dress Day

Nov - Dec

- Mrs Turvey and Miss Robinson - Derby 10 Mile Race
- Full Staff Event - Spinathon (possibly staff vs parents!)
- Mrs Pearson - Bolsover 10k
- Miss Hubble - Bungee Jump
- House Challenge - Hamper Raffle
- Class Challenge - Christmas Jumper Day
- Children - Christmas Disco

July - Aug

- Children and Families - Family Picnic
- Families - Car Boot Sale
- Class Challenge - 1 Million Steps in a Week
- Mrs Rabbani - Couch to 5K
- Mrs Hallam - Piano Performance (full year challenge)
- Mr Ward - Refurbishing a Morris Minor (full year challenge)

Sept-Oct

- Children - Design a T-Shirt for staff challenge events
- Mrs Harrison & Mrs Greatorex - 500,000 Step Month
- Mrs Padley, Mrs Curley & Miss Hubble - Mam Tor Hike
- Miss Wain - 62 Mile Month Walking Challenge
- Miss Caress - Couch to 5K
- Mrs Enever - Vegas Triathlon

Jan - Feb

- Miss Cave and Miss Bower - Swimming 1 mile/day
- Miss Smith - Couch to 5K
- Families - Quiz/Bingo Night
- House Challenge Children - Sponsored Pancake Flipping
- Mrs Enever - Rowing the 'English Channel'

JUNIOR HOCKEY

- AGES 4 - 16
- NO EQUIPMENT NECESSARY
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SUNDAY MORNINGS SEPT-JUNE

£30 PER YEAR MEMBERSHIP
NO WEEKLY FEES



SUNDAY MORNINGS SEPT-JUNE
10AM - 11.30AM
(MINI'S FINISH 11.00AM)

KINGSWAY PARK
HODGKINSON ROAD
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD



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