



## **Newsletter**

### **21<sup>st</sup> April March 2023**

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to the Summer term. It has been feeling really summery this week especially in our beautiful creation garden which is starting to bloom. The children have really enjoyed being able to visit it during the week with their teachers. This week, our fantastic Eco Team have been talking about ways in which we can use it even more. Thanks to the dry weather early in the week, the children in KS2 have also revelled in the opportunity to play our lovely big school field at play times. Going forward, we will find opportunities to invite our younger children in KS1 to come and play on the field too.

In faith and love we learn and grow. During collective worship this week, we learnt about how Easter is celebrated in The Ukraine, thanks to Olivia and Victoria in Year 5. Children in Y1 and Y2 received Eid gifts from the children in their classes who shared their Muslim faith with us before we broke up for Easter. In order to grow together it is vitally important to have an understanding of and respect for other faiths and cultures. At St Hugh of Lincoln, we foster any opportunity to teach this understanding as much as we teach the children to embrace and live their own faith.

The resurrection is the climax, not just to the Easter story but to the story of every Christian life; the opportunity to be gloriously transformed at the end of our Earthly lives, to live forever in communion with God in Heaven. This is a big concept and given that even Jesus' closest followers at the time struggled to fully believe it, it's no wonder that 2000+ years later, many of us are prone to doubt or perhaps prefer not to grapple with such challenging notions at all. Complicated or not, this is however the truth, and, with God's grace, every one of us can share in the full appreciation of this good news.

Thank you for sharing the good news during Lent with your generous donations to the Catholic Children's Society. Altogether we raised a massive £681.27 to help other children and families desperately in need of financial support.

Have a lovely weekend. God Bless!

Mrs Grace



## Reception

This week, Reception have been exploring the text, *Caterpillar Butterfly*. They have had 5 newly hatched caterpillars join the class! The children are loving using their scientific skills to observe the butterflies, sketch what they can see and make predictions about how they will grow and change. They have already grown so much in just a few days! The children have also been exploring some of the paintings by Vincent van Gogh that feature butterflies. The children have practised using the view finders to 'zoom in' on the parts of the paintings where the butterflies are. Hopefully, it won't be long before we have real butterflies for the children to observe!





## Year 1 - Plants

This week in Year 1 we started our new plants topic. The children drew and labelled a plant and then we considered how plants can be identified in their environment. We walked around our beautiful school grounds and Mrs Coe helped the children to identify some common garden plants. Everyone then learnt how to plant a sunflower seed in the soil. Over the next few weeks, we will keep a seed diary as our plants grow.

To further support your child's learning please see our plants knowledge organisers on the school website:

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Science+Knowledge+Organisers&pid=107>.



## Year 2

This week Year 2 have started their new unit of study for computing for the Summer Term, it is called programming quizzes and they are using Scratch Junior to support them in their learning. This week they had to identify the start of a sequence, identify that a program needs to be started and finally how to run a program. They are very excited about their next computing lessons and what they will learn next.





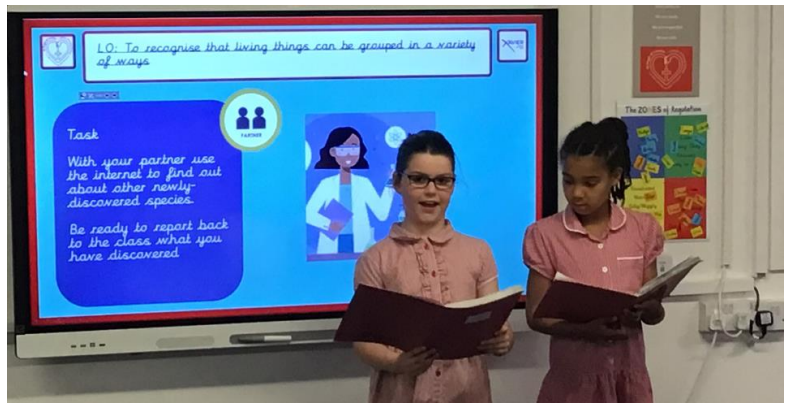
### Year 3

We started our new English book – The Great Kapok Tree - by visualising and exploring the setting. As we listened to the sounds of the rainforest we enjoyed created a picture of what we thought we would see. Working collaboratively we added amazing vocabulary, describing our pictures. We will be using this work to write our own description of a rainforest later in the week. If you want to support your child at home please do find out more about the rainforest, reading books or watching clips of animal life in the rainforest together.



## Year 4

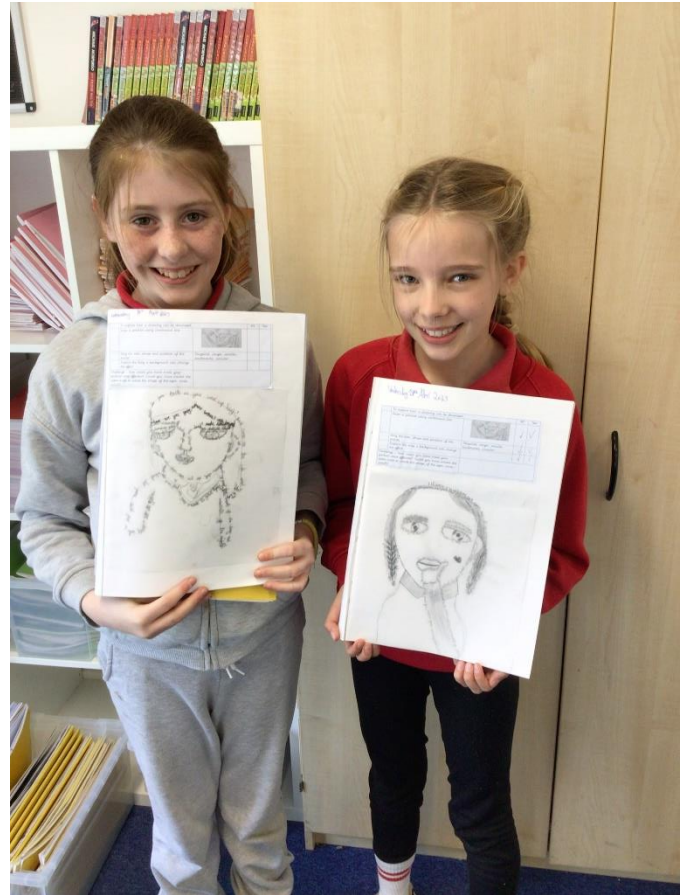
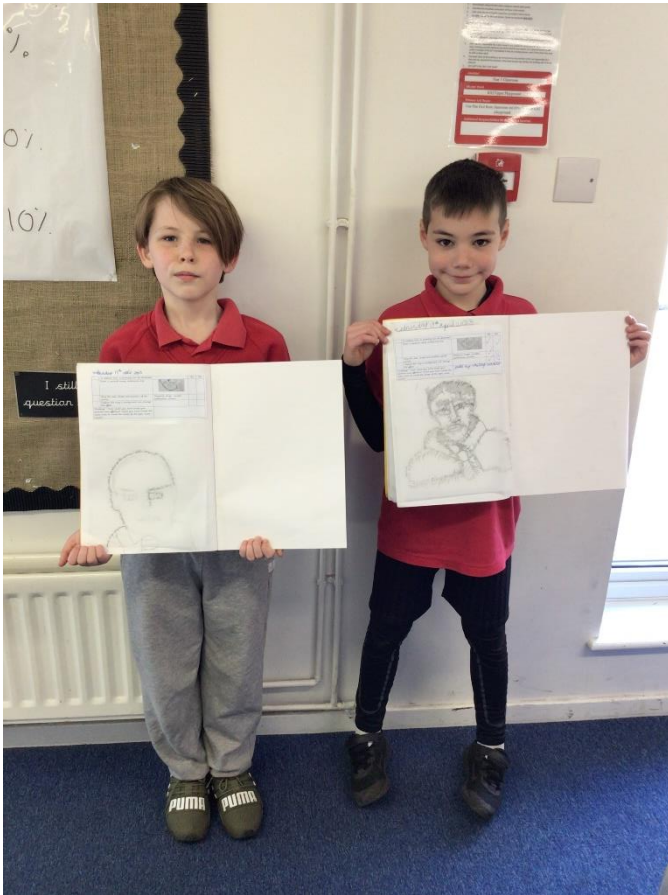
The year 4 children have enjoyed starting their new science unit of work which is all about grouping living things. In this first lesson, the children looked at specific types of species and where these typically live. Many came up with lots of animals they had experienced within their local environment and some suggested animals found further away in places such as Africa or India. Later in the lesson, the children were excited to research some of the most recent animals to be discovered during the year 2022. After making notes on these, they were then given the task of presenting this new knowledge within their table groups and some delivered these in front of the whole class. Many were fascinated by the appearance of these unique creatures and some of the unusual places where they were first discovered. It was lovely to see the children making a positive start to the Summer term, which has already resulted in some excellent Science based learning taking place. Well done year 4!





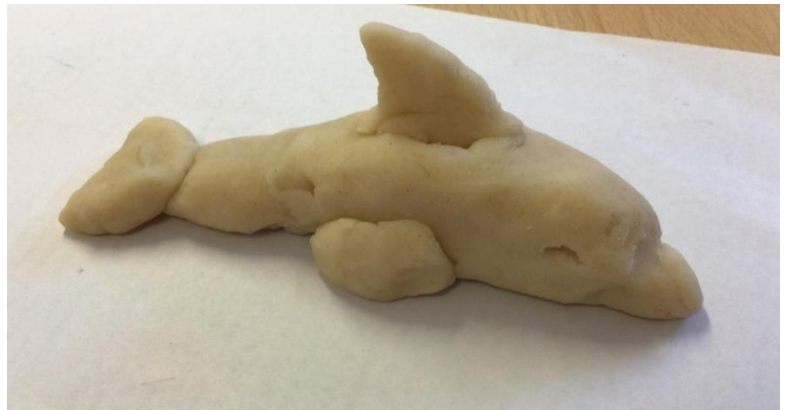
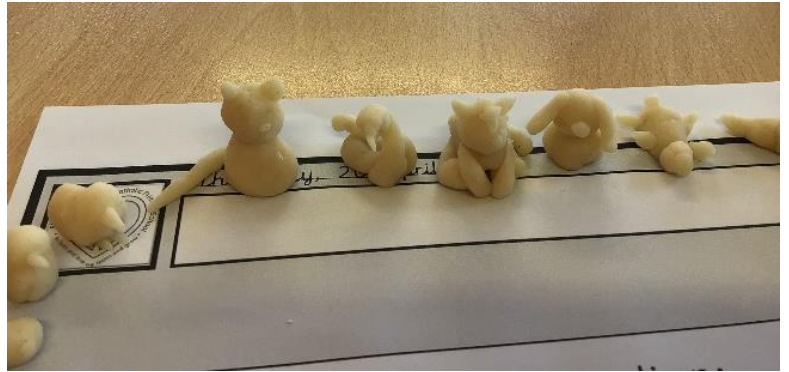
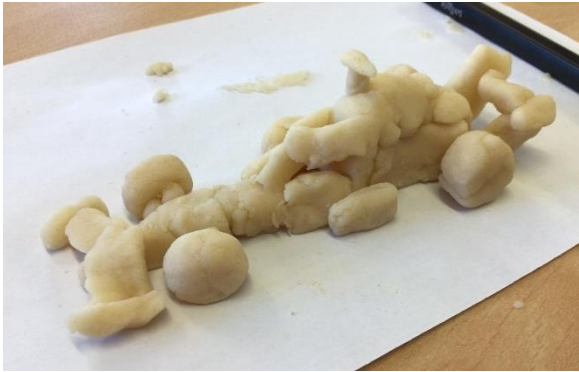
## Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started their Art topic on Painting and Mixed Media. They began by drawing a self-portrait sketch of themselves using one continuous line, which was quite a challenge! Then, using tracing paper, they rewrite a poem over the outline of their sketch. The pupils thought carefully about the size of the writing to create the best effect for their portrait and considered where letters could go to create different shapes. Really fantastic creativity year 5 – well done!



## Year 6

In art, we created 3D sculptures of things that represented us or things that are important to us. We enjoyed using the dough to create these.





## A few reminders

Children may now wear our school summer uniform. Please see the school website for details. Please remember we do not allow children to wear earrings for safety reasons and please ensure that hair is tied back off the face and hair accessories are minimal, soft and in school colours. There has been a growing trend in placing 'attachments' on book bags and messenger bags many of which have been lost or broken causing upset to children. These are not part of our school uniform so please encourage your children to leave these safely at home.

Please ensure that your child has the resources they need to be able to succeed in lessons. They need to have a simple clear pencil case including the following:

Pencil x2

Handwriting pen ks2 x2

Purple biro for editing

Glue stick

Small selection of colouring pencils

Pencil sharpener

Rubber

Ruler

We are able to assist with the supply of these items if financial assistance is required. Please let Mrs Barker our home school link worker know.

## The ECO Team

The eco team have been thinking about how they can enhance the Creation Garden to improve biodiversity and get ideas from all children as to how the area can be used in different ways. Each representative from each class will gain feedback by talking to their class to get ideas before the next eco meeting. From their initial meeting with Mr Davies in the area itself, they have already highlighted an area they would like to cultivate further in order to attract bees and other insects. They also have spotted an opportunity to attract more birds into the area by adding a water bath and more birdfeeders. We look forward to hearing from each class and seeing some of the great work the monitors will complete over the term. Well done Eco team!



## **Year 5/Year 6 Boys Football friendly tournament at St Lawrence's, Chobham**



The first game showed how the boys performed well as a team winning 3:1. Spurred on by their success, in the second game, all round team performance was again evident with important defensive footwork to secure another win 5:0. In the final game, the team conceded a 4:2 defeat but overall showed what skillful players they are. Well done to all those involved – you showed great sportsmanship and respect - best foot forward for the next tournament! Thank you to Mr Davey for driving the boys there in our school minibus and to Mrs Kelly for accompanying them.

### **Swimming Lessons for Year 5 and 6**

The national Curriculum states that: All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. In line with this, we are delighted to be able to offer swimming instruction at school for years 5 and 6 during the summer term. There will be a charge for this however, the children will benefit from a whole week of swimming lessons in focussed groups on our site. All children will get this fantastic opportunity when they are in year 5 and Year 6. It will be made possible by having a temporary pool installed on site for a two week period. [Pools to Schools \(eliteswimming.co.uk\)](http://eliteswimming.co.uk)

More details will be sent out in a letter to Year 5 and 6 parents on Monday 24th April. Our gratitude goes to our wonderful 'Friends' who have made a donation to this in order to bring the cost down for parents.

### **The Friends' Cream Tea Picnic 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

On 28th April 2023, there will be a Coronation Cream Tea Picnic organised by the friends. You will be able to pre-order your cream tea and either, weather depending, have a picnic in the school grounds, or take away your box on the 28th. Pre-order will be available soon on class-list. Funds are being raised for the wet pour flooring of the KS2 sport equipment area.



## **For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films**

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

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Reception Red Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1Dtsf49L/SUbh3xiQ>

Reception Green Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8B2vucdd/iTQRNP6w>

Orange Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/LTwBufMX/OkK4T7aS>

Yellow Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/RzU0a7rP/EMz5hQgZ> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5HplXs2R/NPGGxny9>

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Grey

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## Dates for your Diary

### April

**25<sup>th</sup> April – Friends Meeting** at the School – anyone welcome

**30<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am Induction Mass and celebration of the church and school with Bishop Richard** at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church – it would be great to see as many children as possible at Mass. They are invited to wear their school uniforms, if they wish to.

### May

**1st May – Bank Holiday – school closed**

**8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday – School closed - King's Coronation**

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May – SATS Week**

**15<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 Swimming lessons**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May Year 5 Swimming lessons**

**Half term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023**

**INSET day: Wednesday 7th June 2023**

**Last day of school: Friday 21st July 2023 (half day)**

**Reception Learn and Share sessions:** Please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15. The next session will be on Friday 26th May 2023

## Class Masses and Liturgies

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses are well underway this term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

## Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or [dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible the same day.

