



24th February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely restful half term break. I didn't have quite the usual break as I had to undergo some eye surgery during the holiday hence the reason you have seen me wearing sunglasses on the gate this week even in the rain!

It was lovely to be back at school, we have had a very exciting start to this half term with the new outdoor classroom starting to take shape to the delight of all the children. They have really enjoyed watching the building process. It won't be long before we are all enjoying the huge benefits that it will bring us for outdoor learning.

Year 6 have been thinking about kindness and friendship in their PSHE lessons this week. It's been lovely to hear how thoughtful they are being towards each other with children saying kind things to one another and rekindling their friendships. Such positive behaviour from our Year 6 role models is a shining example for other children to follow.

In this week's Gospel Jesus told the disciples to love their enemies, turn the other cheek and go the extra mile. None of these things are easy to do either emotionally and / or physically; but who said that being a Christian was easy?

We embark on the season of Lent this week, that time in the year when we resolve to turn back towards God. This can be a difficult thing to do, particularly if we have found ourselves heading off in what may have seemed like a more attractive, but ultimately, the wrong, direction! Lent however is a good time to practise doing difficult things such as fasting or taking on challenges.

Thank you to Father Nick, who celebrated our Ash Wednesday service with us this week. It was a beautiful service and the behaviour and reverence that the children showed was outstanding. Well done to all our readers and RE Followers who read with confidence and lovely expression. Again another example of fantastic role models at St Hugh's.

God Bless everyone! Have a fantastic weekend.
Mrs Grace



The Outdoor Classroom is taking shape!



Year 1

At the end of last half term, the children completed their puppet designs. This week, the children asked to show their puppets to the Reception class. The children worked very hard to sew two pieces of fabric together, they then designed and decorated their puppets and then evaluated them. In Computing we used BeeBots to explain what a given command will do. We focused on the direction command buttons, as well as buttons to clear memory and run programmes.



Year 2

Year 2 have started their new Science topic for this half term-Growing plants. They enjoyed observing with a hand lens and sorting a variety of seeds into different groups. They chose one of the seeds and predicted what they thought it might grow into. Afterwards they were able to draw the stages of the seed growth and label it with scientific vocabulary.



Year 3

This week we started our new Geography topic, Our World, and the classroom was full of excitement as we made our own papier-mâché globes. For many of us it was the first time we had completed a papier-mâché project. We will be learning about the different imaginary lines we use to help us talk about places around the world. Our globes will be turned into a world and over the next few weeks we will be using them to create our own world map and talk about it using geographical terms.



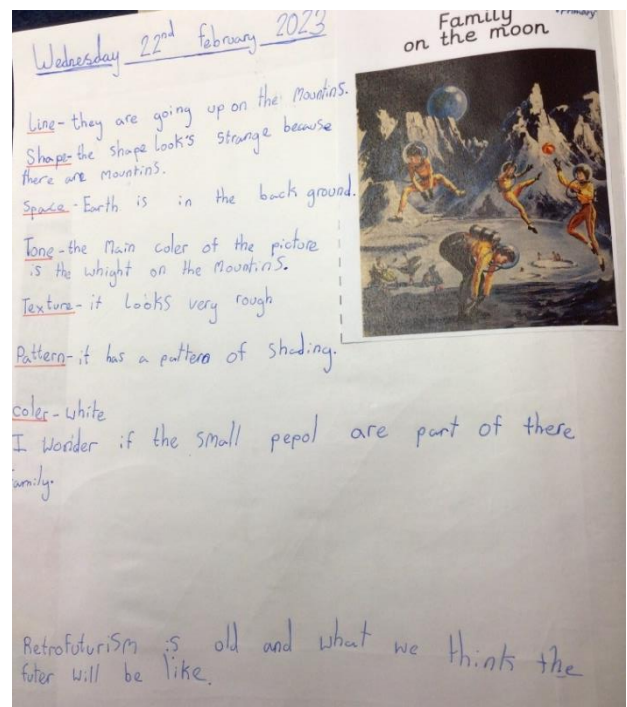
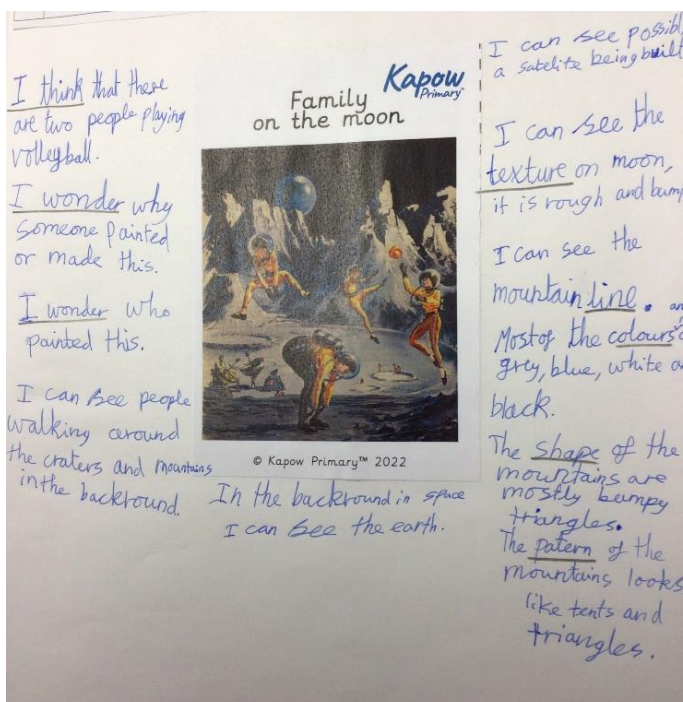
Year 4

The year 4 children have enjoyed beginning their new science topic this week that is all about sound. They have fun playing sound Bingo at the beginning of the lesson, with them trying to guess the source making the sound. They then went on to explore how sound can be classified and generated many different types of words that could be used to categorise them. After classifying sounds in the classroom, they ventured out into the school grounds to take a moment of quiet to hear the sounds in the background that we often do not pause long enough to appreciate. Many noted things like cars in the distance, birds tweeting and children moving onto the playground. They look forward to the next few lessons whereby they will be looking at investigating volume and how different pitch is achieved within tuned instruments.



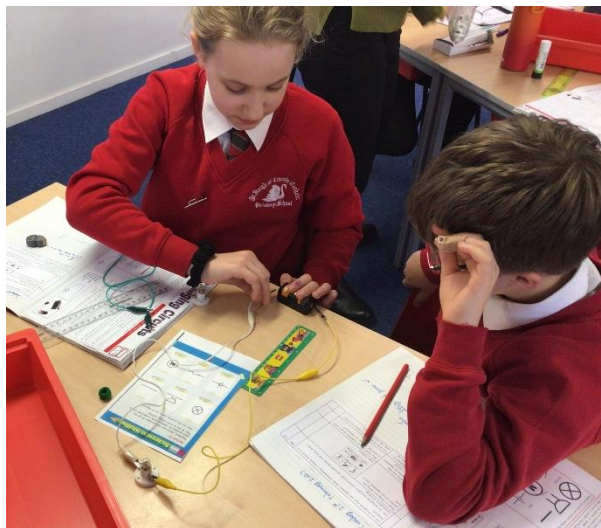
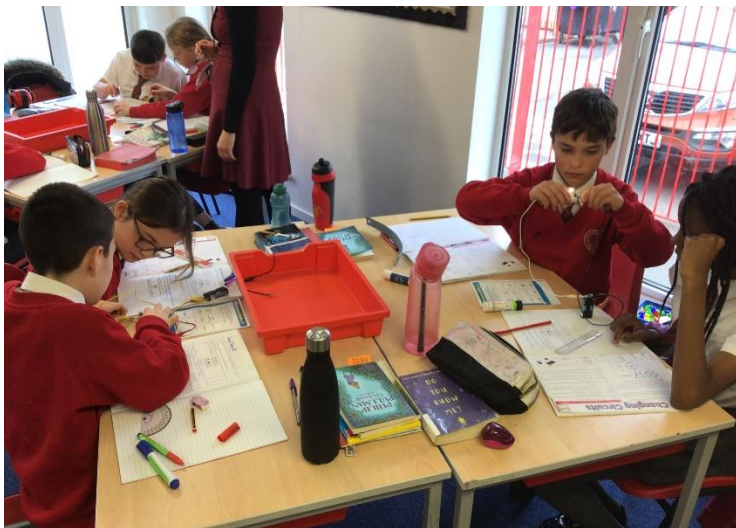
Year 5

In year 5, this half term we have started our unit on drawing and specifically space imagery. This week, we looked at 'The family on the moon' which was an image created in the 1960s. It was what the artist imagined space would be like in the future. The class looked at the image and evaluated by thinking about the tone, texture, shapes, line and patterns. They came up with some lovely ideas about what the family were doing on the moon and really looked closely at the artistic imagery of the picture.



Year 6

This week we started our new topic in science called 'changing circuits'. To start off the topic we constructed circuits and drew them using scientific symbols. We did come across a few problems during this and we created a fault finder to help us to troubleshoot it and fix our circuit.



World Book Day

We are really looking forward to seeing the children's wooden spoon wonders! We would love the children to turn a wooden spoon into their favourite book or character. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting creations. There will be a prize per class and one for the overall whole school winner. Please support the children to make their own creation at home. The children's creations can be brought into school on **Thursday 2nd March**. **The school will supply every child with a wooden spoon.**



Mindfulness at St Hugh

Emma Martin, an accredited mindfulness practitioner and parent, is running a Mindfulness Club every Wednesday lunchtime for Key Stage 2 children. Children will have the opportunity to understand how to stay mentally healthy through fun activities and crafts. They will get to make a calm kit to use at home. Details of how to book a place for your child are on the flyer below. If your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and you feel they would benefit from mindfulness, please email the school office, as if there is enough interest, we will extend the club to cater for our younger children.

MINDFULNESS CLUB

Emma Martin Mindfulness

creative mindfulness

Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and mental health through a range of fun, immersive activities, tools, stories and games facilitated by an accredited mindfulness practitioner and mum of two, Emma.

TAKING YOUR CHILD ON A 10 WEEK 'MINDFUL HEART' CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE:

- Free parent Webinar, with an explanation of Mindfulness, and how you can support your child's understanding at home
- Creation of a calm kit with resources that they can use both at home and school to support their emotions
- Age appropriate breath-work, movement, stories, arts and crafts to cover a range of topics including; Managing thoughts and feelings, Mindfulness for anxiety, Supporting self esteem and relaxation
- How we can have FUN by being mindful with enjoyable activities such as Glitter jars, making worry monsters and more...

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary school
Wednesday Lunchtimes
10 week course from
1st March 2023
First session free!

Enhanced DBS full public liability insurance and safeguarding trained

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Lenten Charity

This year during Lent we have decided to raise funds for The Catholic Children's Society (CCS). They support disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. Every single penny raised will go into our Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund and help local children across the diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives.

The charity boxes were sent home with your children last Wednesday and hopefully they will be returned with some money in them after the Easter holidays, so that we can continue to support the great work of the Catholic Children's Society.



Support CCS and help more local children and families this Lent.

To sign up, please visit: www.cathchild.org.uk/lent2023

With the support of schools, over the last three years CCS have been able to help...

Icon	Count	Description
	26,874	local children and families in need
	5,301	individuals by providing emergency grants via our Crisis Fund



"I can't thank you enough for what you have done for my family. Thank you for everything."

Mother of three children

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.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MsTEtMzD/ukFMgdGA> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/h5AGBU4M/hCflMqC>

Reception Ditty Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uTRSArG0/P2NSmVX9>

Reception Red Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/f8JzSqCl/DL9pwf0C>

Pink Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/JG3RANNL/OGluRO2B>

Orange Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kzCXym98/HBLCjXLN>

Yellow Group (Mrs Dhina)- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xKrhWE5J/WZAcXz0K>

Yellow Group (Mrs Iles)- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bYrkmyPM/e7htMyol>

Grey Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IIlDVCBb2/S0uK4NRP> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/liTmCNxK/yZ202iMn>

Dates for your Diary

March

2nd March – World Book Day - special lunch on **3rd March**

W/C 6th March – Book Looks for parents during this week. Parents' opportunity to look at your child's books in the hall.

Year 5 - Monday 6th March 2.45

Year 3 - Tuesday 7th March 2.45

Year 4 - Wednesday 8th March 2.45

Year 2 - Thursday 9th March 2.45

Year 1/6 - Friday 10th March 2.45

9th March – Happy Bag Collection (**Friends event**)

15th March – Inset day

17th March – Mothering Celebration Shop in School (**Friends event**)

21st and 23rd March - Parent Consultation Meetings – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Year 5 Parent Consultations 21st and 28th March – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 31st March – End of Spring Term MUFTI day in support of our Lenten charity– The Catholic Children's Society. Early finish 1.00pm

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

25th April – Friends Meeting at the School

Class Masses

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:

Y4 Mass Thurs 9th March @9.00am in hall

Y5 Mass Thurs 16th March @ 9am in hall – **new date**

Y3 Mass Thurs 23rd Mar @9.00am in hall

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 as soon as possible the same day.

