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Beaumanor Trip

At the start we had to pick up another school called Cotgrave. They were really friendly and nice. When we got to Beaumanor Hall we did a hard but interesting pirate maths trail and after we had finished it was lunch. It was really tasty. After lunch different groups did different things. One group went with Rufus Rach (pirate) and we went to a secret pirate room. At the same time the other group did 'don't spoil the grog' with Killer Kate (pirate). The secret pirate room was brilliant it was just like a pirate ship. The grog game was like a pirate obstacle course. My cup had a bug in it! We went to our cabins to have a play and set up our beds. The boys room was tidy and neat and the girls room was like a clothes bomb. Dinner was options of pasta, cheese, meatballs, garlic bread. Dessert was doughnuts and yoghurt. After dinner we had a camp fire and creepy night walk. We had to follow arrows and faces to find the way. It was scary but fun. The faces were creepy. After hot chocolate we did some singing then it was time for bed. That was really exciting! The next day we went to the grand hall for breakfast of toast, beans, bacon, egg. After breakfast and packing we went to do a nature trail listening to birds with a special pen that made the birds talk back. We heard a blackbird, a crow, a rook and a mallard. We looked at the bird habitats. Next it was lunch then time for a quick play before heading home with our suitcases. My favourite bit was when we found the secret pirate cave (Elizabeth). My favourite bit was playing in the room (Peter). We would definitely recommend it because it was a really nice place to be and an inspiration.

By Elizabeth and Peter Class 2



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Football Report

On Monday 4th March the school football team played their first league match at home against Netherfield. The final score was 1-1. Both goals were in the second half and Netherfield scored first with one shot. Jayden scored for St Johns with a stunning right foot shot. There was a near miss for Sophie too. It was a tough match because they had some strong players on the pitch. St John's performance was good with a lot of shots on goal. We are looking forward to our next match against Lambley next week.

By Jayden and Sophie

Feedback from Parental Questionnaire

The Senior Leadership Team have begun analysing the parental questionnaire results. The common themes that are coming through are that you feel that the school is a safe, happy place which is well led and that you would recommend the school to others. Yet communication about progress, and administration (particularly of clubs) still require some improvement. We will endeavour to tackle these issues in due course. Thank you for your feedback.

Academisation Update

The last I updated you was in the 1st February newsletter that the school had received the Academy Order from the DfE. This means that the school has begun work to move over to Archway Trust with a projected handover date currently being September 2024. Members of the central team at Archway are already visible in school and are working with leaders to look at areas of the school like behaviour, curriculum, and financial efficiencies in preparation for the transition. The pupils, via School Council meetings, are being consulted on a choice of name for the school when academisation is complete.

I will give you a monthly update of how things are progressing.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day 2024. There was a wonderful 'buzz' around school for the event, supporting our Reading for Pleasure culture. Children throughout the school used the book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker as a stimulus for discussion, writing, imagination and creativity. We thank all of our children, families and staff for supporting such a fantastic day. Please visit the Reading section of our website for more photographs.



PTFA News

As you know we are continuing to raise money for the school. Over the last two weeks we have been selling Easter Disco tickets, which will take place on Thursday 28 March at school. There are enough tickets for all children from Foundation Stage to Year 5, so if you haven't managed to purchase one yet, they are still available, so please see any PTFA member.

From **Monday 18 March we will be selling Easter Raffle tickets for £1 each**, after school. There are many prizes, including Family Easter Hampers, Notts County vouchers, Ice Skating vouchers, Clip and Climb vouchers, Easter Eggs and many more. These will be on sale every day and it will be drawn on Wednesday 27 March.

Thank you for your support and the PTFA wish you all a Happy Easter!

Fay Jackson

Chairperson



Awards

Platinum

week beginning 4th March - C1 Ella, Spencer, C4 Esme P
week beginning 11th March - C3 Gabriel, Josh B, C4 Tylan, Esme R, C5
Hannah, Larrison, C6 Hugo

Attendance

week beginning 4th March - C2
week beginning 11th March - C3

Times tables

week beginning 4th March - C5
week beginning 11th March - C5

Diary Dates

Monday 18th March - Class 1 trip to Sundown
Wednesday 20th March - coffee and chat morning
Wednesday 20th March - FS Class trip to Manor Farm Park
Thursday 21st March - Y6 SATs parents meeting 3.20pm
Wednesday 27th March - After School Church (bookable at
afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com)
Thursday 28th March - PTFA Easter disco
Friday 29th March - first day of the Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April - pupils return for summer term 1
Tuesday 16th April - Class 4 parents/carers meeting 5pm
Wednesday 17th April - After School Church (bookable at
afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com)
Thursday 18th April Choir Sponsored Sing event (TBC)
Monday 29th April - Y3/4 Athletics tournament at Gamston School
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 15th May - After School Church (bookable at
afterschoolchurch@yahoo.com)
Friday 24th May - last day of summer 1
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term holiday 1 week
Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 4th June - pupils return for summer term 2

