

# **Newsletter**

Autumn 1 2024

#### **Upcoming Events at Thistly Meadow**

Monday 21st Oct - Friday 25th Oct Half term break

> **Tuesday 29th October** Chocolate Tuesday

Friday 1st November Halloween Bake Off Competition

Friday 1st November Thistly Meadow Spooktacular! 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 6th November Open event for new starters 2025



Friday 29th November Year 4 Trip to New Walk Museum



Tuesday 10th December Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to the Curve



# A Message from Mr Bowpitt and Mrs Jarowicki

We are now all fully involved in the new school year and we cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first half term. It has been wonderful to welcome new children and staff to Thistly Meadow, including some lovely children who have joined us from Birkett House. It has been encouraging to see the enthusiasm that the children have for the learning and to see them demonstrating an excellent attitude to school life. Enjoy reading some of the highlights of our school year so far and we hope you and have a lovely half term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 28th October . Mr Bowpitt and Mrs J

# It's un-bee-lievable!

Over the summer we have been able to install our very own Thistly Meadow beehive. The bees have been very busy buzzing around Blaby collecting nectar and pollen to make our Thistly honey. Our Bee Club, alongside Dave from Blaby Bees, have worked hard to harvest our wonderful honey. We are pleased to be able to provide each child with a small taster pot of our honey to try over the half term, we can't wait to hear what you think!

Friday 1st November

6pm-9pm

- Mrs Watts Forest School Lead.

# THISTLY MEADOW SPOOK TACULAR!

Dust off your hats, polish your fangs, its nearly time for the SPOOKTACULAR!

Our Thistly Meadow PTA would like to invite you to this year's Halloween event. This is a great event for all the family, your ticket gives you entry to the evening from 6pm – 9pm. We are looking forward to lots fabulous activities including: a spooky trail, Hook a pumpkin, Treasure hunts and much much more! It is set to be a fabulous event raising money for our school. We would love to see as many of you there as possible!

Tickets are now on sale via Parentmail. This year our kitchen staff have very kindly offered to provide the food for the event and to help them plan for numbers, please purchase a food ticket along with your entrance ticket and bring this with you on the night.

**Tuesday 10th December and** Wednesday 11th December Foundation Stage Christmas Show (PM)



22.20 Thursday 17th December and Wednesday 18th December Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance



Wednesday 18th December PTA Christmas Disco

Friday 20th Decemeber School Closes for Christmas\*



#### Message from the PTA:

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to our school year, hosting the welcome BBQ. It was a fantastic event and lovely to see so many of the children enjoying the evening. We were able to raise over £1000! This will support our school greatly over the coming year. We are now looking forward to hosting our Halloween Spooktacula! It is set to be a spooktastic event! Also, keep your eyes peeled for updates on our Family Paddock day coming soon!

The Thistly Meadow PTA is a voluntary group of parents, teachers and support staff who support and plan the delivery of the events to bring the whole of the school together and enable the children to have social events they will remember fondly forever. We would like to thank all the parent volunteers who dedicate their spare time to make all these events happen. Without you it would not be possible however, in order to continue to deliver these events we need more parent support to continue these activities. We know everyone is busy but if you could spare an hour or even just help sell sweets at one disco that makes a big difference. If you are interested, please email - thistlymeadowpta@icloud.com and we will add you to the list to support us. If you can help in anyway we will be delighted to hear from you.

# **VOTES**FOR**SCHOOLS**

#### VOTESFORSCHOOLS

By using Votes for Schools we give our young people the chance to speak out and be heard on issues that matter to them, improving oracy, confidence and critical thinking and covering Prevent, British Values & the SMSC Curriculum.

Here are some of the topics we have discussed this Half term:

Could pre-loved clothes become more popular than buying new? Do we know how to talk about our bodies? Do we know how to appreciate other people's heritage? Should autoplay on devices be switched off? As always, our children discussed and debated with consideration and care.



#### How to grow a mermaid, By Rachel Morrisroe In Year 1 we loved reading "How to Grow a Mermaid"! This exciting book is full of magical adventures and beautiful illustrations. The story is about a little girl called Sarah who helps her friend Jasper achieve his dreams of growing his own mermaid. "One of my favourite parts was when the whole town got flooded to make the mermaids happy, which made the adventure even more thrilling! The characters were friendly and funny, which made me giggle. I enjoyed every page!" We think everyone should read it!



**Kindness** 

#### Our focus right for Autumn 1

We are a rights respecting school. We work with UNICEF (UNICEF UK) to create safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive.

In this Autumn Half Term we have had a school wide focus on Article 31

At Thistly Meadow we recognise the importance of allowing time for play. To support our children in their play we have allocated supportive resources for playtimes and lunchtimes and some fun lunchtime clubs too including a boxing club!

Our School Value Spotlight for Autumn 1 We have seen some wonderful acts of kindness this Half term. It has been lovely to see lots of the older children supporting those transitioning key stage. In classes we have talked about the importance of spreading our kindness out to all, it's clear to see that we have wonderfully kind children here at Thistly. - Keep it up!

## Attendance for this Half Term

RAF	96.4%
RJP	93.6%
1CT	<b>96.2</b> %
1DH	93.6%
2RB	96.2%
2SW	97.8%
3CI	98.4%
3GE	96.8%
40M	97.3%
5EM	97.2%
6RT	<b>99.1</b> %

Well done to **6RT** 

### Year Group Updates: Here is a short word from our classes to shine a light on some of the wonderful things we have been up to!

This week, we planted bulbs around our school. The colourful bulbs will bloom in the spring, making the school grounds bright and cheerful. Each child helped to dig holes in the rich soil, and we carefully placed the bulbs in the ground. After planting, we watered the bulbs gently so they can grow healthy and strong. It was a fun activity because we worked together as a team! We all then did some fantastic instruction writing all about this in class.

# Year 3

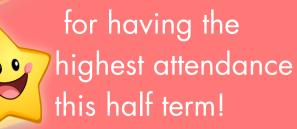
Year 1

Year 3 have participated in the 30th anniversary of the Dance Festival. They have rehearsed all term and have produced a super dance which is 8 minutes long. This week, they have performed at Countesthorpe College with the other schools participating. The theme we have followed is 'Look Back in Time!' where we have looked at different decades - 70s (Dancing Queen by Abba), 80s (Don't Stop Me Now by Queen) and now (Shake it Off by Taylor Swift). We are very proud of everyone involved.

# Year 5

It has been a really busy half term in Year 5. The children have loved learning all about the Vikings in history; they have discussed how they were more than just vicious invaders, but also settlers, traders and talented craftsmen and farmers too.

We have also had a fantastic opportunity to take part in recording content for BBC Radio Leicester. The children challenged Mr Tilley to a quiz; talked about who they would select as a new prime minister and chose Miss Impey as





# House points update

# 1026

826

# 782

781

Our House Captains: Hollie, Hugo, Isabelle & Jacob are enjoying collecting up your points each Friday, keep up the super work! friends at home. We are excited for the next term and to share some more excellent achievements!

Our first term in year 4 has been full of exciting topics and great

learning. We have discovered and explored what the Egyptians

mummification! We were able to link this learning to our Art topic

where we created and designed Egyptian scrolls and zines. In our

different animals and the characteristics of various species. Year 4

have been progressing each week at their swimming lessons and

listened carefully within their water safety training. On a musical

recorder lessons and have been excited to share with family and

note, children have been working extremely hard within their

believed and found it interesting to learn about the process of

Science lessons, year 4 have discussed 'Living things and their

habitats' - we have worked hard to understand how we classify

#### their 'Pupils' Pet'!



## Year 6

Year 4

Foundation

continue our learning journey.

Year 2

The children have settled in well to school life, we have

had a very exciting half term. A particular highlight was

our topic of Autumnal seasonal change; the children have

loved exploring nature and all of the wonders of Autumn.

all of the crops of apples that have grown in the orchard.

and have been enthused by the idea of trying the honey

produced by the Thistly bees that we saw on our visits to

We have even been able to visit the paddock and pick

The children have loved exploring our school grounds

the hive. We look forward to Autumn 2 where we will

Year 2 have been working very hard this half term. We

English work, including Traction Man and the Lighthouse

Keeper's Lunch. In History, we have loved learning about

a real pilot come to talk to us! We have enjoyed learning

about Living things and their habitats in Science and have

been learning about digital photography in Computing

where we have taken some great photographs.

the Wright brothers and the history of flying. We even had

have enjoyed sharing some wonderful stories for our

The highlight for Year 6 so far this year was our stunning trip to the beautiful North Norfolk coast and Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre. We have a wonderful time exploring beach, marine, dune and marsh habitats as well as getting up close with a colony of seals. We also experienced a night time safari with bats and spooky stories, and we got to drive boats on the Broads. An unforgettable time!

# **Sports Corner**

So far this year Thistly has already been involved in lots of sports. We have started 2 new after school clubs, a dance club for Years 5/6 on Tuesday and a girls' football club for Years 5/6 on a Thursday. The dance club have been working hard and are looking for forward to putting on a show later on in this academic year. The girls football club has been a great success and its been great to see how many are taking football up. They are looking forward to their first fixture after half term.

Our first football match of the year for our mixed football team in the Rice Bowl ended in a 2-1 loss away to Woolden Hill. The team played a fabulous match and were unfortunate to be on the wrong side of the result.

We have also been taking part in the cross-country events at Vipers RFC. It has been amazing to see so many children come out to these events. Lots of children were trying it for the first time and its been great to see our children trying their best and going outside of their comfort zones to try something new. That is what school sports is all about.

Thank you to all the children who have taken part in our clubs and the sports events and thank you to the adults who are always getting them to the events and cheering them on.

# **Hello Yellow**



This Half Term we have held in class votes to elect our new school councilors for this year. I am really excited to get started having discussions and working with our team! Look out for our school councilors around schoolthey will be proudly wearing thier badges! -Miss Fawdington Thursday 10th October saw the return of World Mental Health Day. The children wore the colour yellow to support the charity - Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' campaign. We wore yellow with thousands of other schools to raise money and show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Because we stand brighter, together.

