

SHEEPY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Another super couple of weeks filled with lots of learning, play and an exciting trip to Bradgate Park for Year 5 and 6.

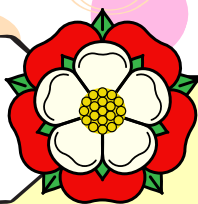
PORTLAND NATURE DETECTIVES



Portland children have been settling well into their new class and have been exploring the local environment. The children were taken on an exciting walk to look at trees and plants and to gather some of their own treasure found in nature.

The children have also been making pictures from leaves and twigs and have been very creative in their ideas. We are so proud of how well they have settled and to see them embark on the start of their school learning journey.

BRADGATE PARK TRIP



On Monday 22nd September, Woodlands Class went on an exciting trip to Bradgate Park as part of their topic learning all about the Tudors and local people and events in history.

Bradgate House is the birthplace and childhood home of Lady Jane Grey who the children are learning about.



Whilst the children were there, they also got to find out about life in Tudor times, particularly in Tudor homes and they were able to learn about and make comparisons between rich and poor homes.

The children were also lucky enough to see plenty of red and fallow deer. A fabulous trip in every way.



PICTURE NEWS



Picture
News

CURRENT AFFAIRS IN COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

As a school, we have signed up to an exciting resource called Picture News which gives us some interesting current affairs to discuss during our collective worship. Over the past few weeks, we have learnt about a church that has been moved 5km in Sweden, how voting works and about the Guinness Book of World Records.

These discussions link nicely with our school Christian values, British Values and also Protected Characteristics. Lewis in Year 3 said, "I like these assemblies as they are fun and I get to learn about something fascinating going on in the world."

Here are some of things you can discuss with your children at home, based on the assemblies we have had so far.



WHAT MAKES A BUILDING SPECIAL?

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location.

Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people.

WHY DO WE VOTE?



Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.



CAN ANYONE BREAK A RECORD IF THEY TRY HARD ENOUGH?

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

Fastest Puzzle Cube Solver

Age
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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



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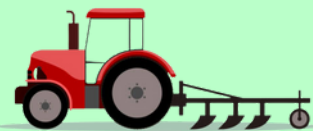
A big thank you to our PTA and all those who organised and supported the annual Sheepy Magna Scarecrow Festival. There was a great variety of scarecrows on display and an incredible £962 was raised for the school.

SHEEPY PLOUGHING MATCH SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS



Children across school have been working hard to prepare their entries for the schools competition at the annual Sheepy Ploughing Match. Look out in the next newsletter for some winners hopefully! You can go and see the children's art work and handwriting on display on Sunday 28th September at the ploughing match, where you can watch tractors and horses ploughing and even take your dogs to the Dog Show.

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BEAUMANOR HALL HOLIDAY CLUB

For parents seeking active, safe and fun holiday provision, Beaumanor Hall Activities is running its popular Holiday Club for aged 7-14 years old.

Activities include canoeing, archery, zip and high ropes.

Sessions run from 9.30am-4.30pm (£45 per day, packed lunch not included). Early drop off from 8.30am and late pick up available with no extra cost. Led by qualified instructors with safeguarding at the heart of all activities.

Book online now via Eventbrite as places are limited.

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM HOME

Some exciting achievements from home this week from dance and swimming to martial arts and Brownies and Beavers. Well done everyone!



LUNCHTIME FUN!



With plenty of sunshine in September, the children have had some super lunchtimes. It is always delightful to see them so happily engaged in play activities. With Sports Leaders and Playground Pals, lunchtimes have something for everyone. From bubble discos to dodgeball, skipping to parachute games, our lunchtimes are fun and engaging for all. For those who prefer a bit of calm, there is the Peace Garden or reading activities in the outdoor classroom. We endeavour to use our amazing outdoor space whatever the weather, but sunny days are just the best!

REMINDER

As the autumn weather kicks in, please ensure children have a waterproof coat in school at all times



SAVE THE DATE

Tues 30th Sept: Cotswold Class Assembly
2.30pm

Mon 6th Oct: Swaledale Class Assembly
2.30pm

Tues 7th Oct: Open morning for 2026 starters
9.30-11.30am

Sat 11th Oct: Congerstone Cross Country
Further details to follow.

Tues 14th / Weds 15th Oct: Parents Evenings
in school
Appointment booking will be sent via email.

Thurs 16th Oct: Harvest Festival
2.15pm at church.

Fri 17th Oct: Break up for half term.

Mon 27th Oct: Back to school for Autumn 2.

Tues 11th Nov: Remembrance Day WW2
Singalong at church pm.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS & NUMBOTS

Please encourage your child to use Numbots (KS1/2) and Times Table Rockstars (KS2). We subscribe to these to enhance your children's fluency in number and we have had great success with children learning number bonds and times tables. Logon details should be on your child's diary. Contact your class teacher if you experience any logon issues.



CROSS COUNTRY

The first cross country of the year is nearly upon us and we would like as many children to come along as possible. These events are organised by 'Unity Learning Partnership'. This is a group of small schools from Leicestershire, we do lots of enrichment activities across the school year. Being part of Unity gives our pupils the opportunity to compete with pupils and to enjoy various events alongside pupils from other small schools. If you have not been before, here is how cross country works:

- ✓ Pupils should wear trainers and their PE top and /or hoodie.
- ✓ Arrive at the venue around 15 minutes before the start time (this is usually 10.30am but Congerstone starts at 11am).
- ✓ Parents and children make their way to find other members of Sheepy School - we have a school flag to help you to gather together.
- ✓ There are around 10 schools in attendance, with each of them having anything from just 1 or 2 runners to around 30.
- ✓ The PTA of the host school usually has some refreshments on the go, so you can get a hot drink and something to eat.
- ✓ Sheepy staff will make sure that they have added your child to their list of runners.
- ✓ There are 8 races, pupils are split into boys and girls and there is an EYFS race, a Year 1/2, a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6 race.

School staff will take the Reception children first to the start line and parents remain behind the cordon. The girls race is first, they are introduced to the hares, who they have to follow, and then they set off. There are marshals along the route to ensure that children stay on the course and people at the back to help out and ensure that all runners finish safely.

As the children cross the finish line, they are handed a number with their placing on it, this needs to be shown to Sheepy staff so we can record where they came. Then a member of staff will shepherd the children back to waiting parents and then the next race begins and the process repeated for each category. You are free to watch the remaining races and cheer for the other pupils at our school. Generally, the KS2 pupils make their own way to the start line as they are familiar with what to do and can see where they need to go to from where parents wait. Runners are given a cup of squash and a biscuit by the host school.

There are five events over the course of the year, this one in October and the rest are in the Spring term, all on Saturday mornings. We are usually all done and dusted within 1 ½ hours. Events are usually held at or near to host schools, except for Congerstone, who use Market Bosworth Park.

Please do encourage your child to come along and have a run!

**1st event: Saturday 11th October, 11am
Market Bosworth Country Park**