Friday 24th May 2024

May Half Term Newsletter

Phew! We made it to half term! I send this to you on day 29 of my time here at Langar. I feel like we've been on quite a journey already and I cannot wait to find out what the next 290 days hold. Let me update you on a few of the things that have happened over the last few weeks...

SATs in Year 6 - Good vibes only!

I had the pleasure of working with Mr Owen-Jones to administer the end of KS2 SATs. These tests are rigorous and challenging but I witnessed all 16 children rise to that challenge. The atmosphere was calm, constructive and supportive. I might even say we had fun. These children have been incredibly well-prepared. They enjoyed their bacon sandwiches and their nomination to be a *Hot Chocolate Hero* on the Friday of that week.

Class One's around the world trip.

The class one children have been enjoying jetting off around the world as they learned geography over the last half term. With visits to China, France, Kenya, Australia, USA and now Brazil, I've got a feeling that the staff will need to recover from their jet lag over the half term break! I imagine your children will need a rest too!

New friends

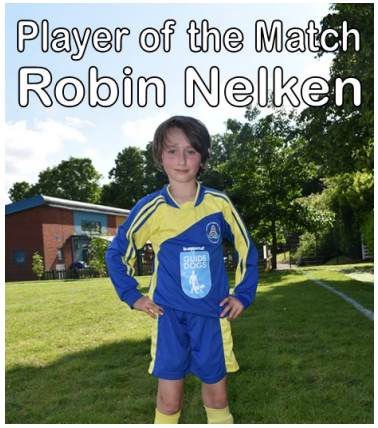
Your child may have spoken to you about some new friends that have come to look round Langar school. We do currently have spaces in all classes for new friends to come and join us. Thank you for all the kind words that you have spread in the community about our school. A growing school is a successful one and it is delightful that we have had so many visitors come to take a tour of the school over the last few weeks. Send your friends my way, if they've not met me yet, they need to!

September class structure

I'm sure you are all very keen to find out about the classing and staffing structure for next year. I am in the process of arranging this to best meet the needs of all the children in the school. You will be informed in good time.

Football fever!

The boys of Langar were firing on all cylinders on Monday night with a decisive victory over local rivals Orston. I had the pleasure of refereeing a game which was fast, physical and full of excitement - exactly the kind of football we like. I can't wait to see the girls play!



And finally...

I hope you all have a restful half term break. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and I am looking forward to all that we can achieve together. For now though, I'm off to the Isle of Arran to (try to) climb the South Ridge Direct... I'll tell the children all about it when I get back.

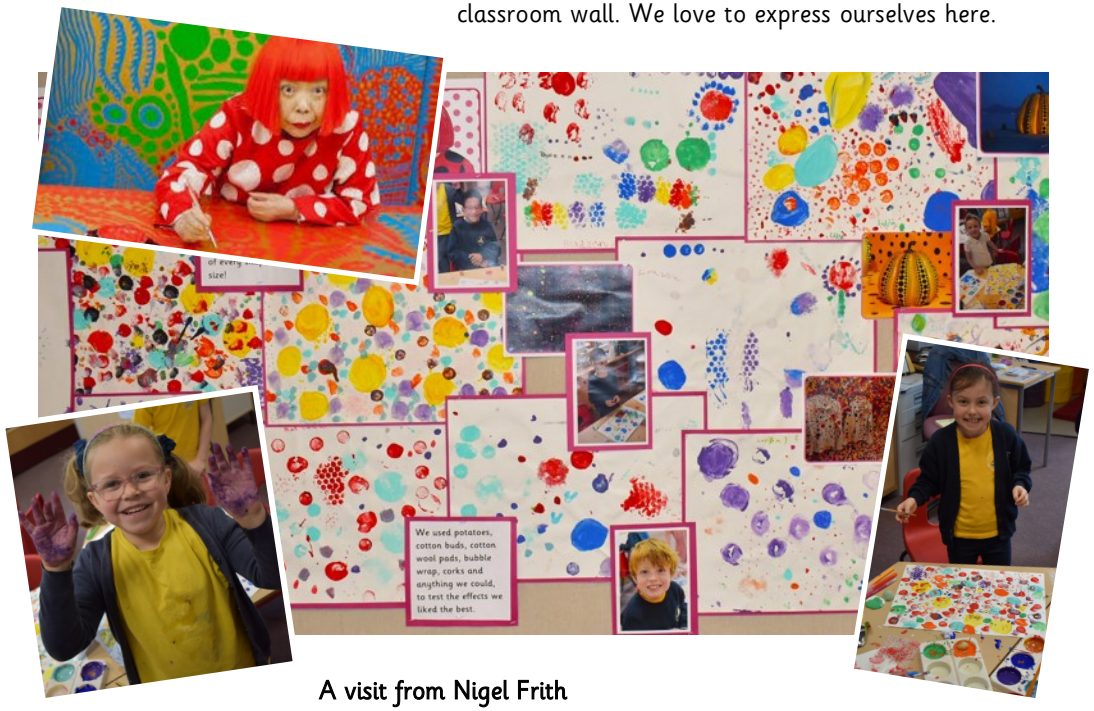
Mr Walker-Jones

Half Term Holiday Club

Don't forget that Mrs Petchell and Mr Hall are running a holiday club from 9am until 4pm on **Wednesday May 29th.** There will be cooking, crafts and sports with a Spring theme. Contact Anne on 07748793838 for a place.

Messy Mornings - Art in Class Two

It turns out that Mrs Male and I share a love of Japanese art! I'm more of a Hokusai fan, but Mrs Male introduced me to Yayoi Kusama, a most interesting artist who makes use of bright colours and polka dots. You can see why the children enjoyed their Monday morning so much. Here's a sneak peak at the work that is up on the classroom wall. We love to express ourselves here.



A visit from Nigel Frith

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Nigel Frith, he our Diocesan Director Of Education overseeing the quality of education for more than seventy different Church of England schools. Although his visit was informal, it was very informative! He was full of praise for our children who are our greatest ambassadors; Nigel was impressed by their positivity and eloquence. I agree with him - it is a privilege to work here.

Class One at the Wildflower Farm

Thank you to the parents for helping with transportation and of course thank for to the Scarboroughs for inviting us on this wonderful trip. I even got to learn the difference between hogweed and cow parsley. It's about time!

Class Two trip to White Post Farm

Thank you to all of those parents who have volunteered to help Mrs Male with transportation to White Post Farm. There has been a buzz of excitement in the classroom since the trip was announced. I have never been before but I have been invited by the children who want me and my camera to come along. It is tempting...

Class Four residential trip to the Mill Adventure Base.

The class four children can't wait to get on that bus to the Mill Adventure Base. Residential trips are full of adventurous activities and are the perfect way to build vital life skills such as resilience, independence and confidence. They'll have a blast!

Friday Celebration Worship

What a wonderful Langar tradition! We gathered together in St Andrew's church today to show our gratitude for our talents and celebrate our achievements. I was so impressed by how confidently the children could articulate themselves in front of a church full of children, teachers and families. This is the sort of confidence that will see our children go far. Join us next time if you can.