

# ORCHARD EDUCATION

SPRING 2

NEWSLETTER

### WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day. The purpose of this day is not only to dress up and have fun but also to try to promote a love of reading amongst all of our young people. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success - more than family circumstance, their family background or their income. The day was embraced by staff and learners alike with celebrations throughout the school and some amazing costumes and all to celebrate our love of books and reading!



# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK

Autism Acceptance week will run from 2<sup>nd -</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> April - which is during the Easter holidays.

We still wanted to celebrate this amazing event so we have organised fidget toy workshops, jigsaw piece class portraits and a colour spectrum walk. At the end of the term we will be holding our very own UV sensory disco at our Sargon Way site which will embrace the colourful theme.

If you would like to get involved at home there are some great ideas on the Autism.org website.

https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week-2024

#### CADBURY WORLD

For PLP this term class 5 very cleverly utilised their time and budget to go on a visit to Cadbury World in Birmingham. It seems that the very early start and long day was well worth it with both children and staff having a brilliant day and lots of opportunity to sample the chocolate we are sure!



## SEND COFFEE MORNING

After the resounding success of our first SEND coffee morning at our Laceby road school this term we are now planning our next one at the Sargon Way site. This event will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 11am until 12pm - all of our Sargon parents and carers are welcome.



#### BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

8<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> March was British Science week. The week is a celebration of all thing's science, technology, engineering and maths. Part of the celebrations this year involved a poster competition with the theme 'Time'. Here are two of our fabulous entries to the competition.



### NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE PARENT CARER FORUM (NELPCF)

North East Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (NELPCF) are a passionate group of parent/carers of children with a range of different needs and disabilities. They champion, support and strive for positive change for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) children and their families in North East Lincolnshire. They are independent of the local authority (LA).

- They aim to gather the experiences- good and bad- of families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, living in North East Lincolnshire. They can then share these experiences within meetings they attend to be able to make a changes going forward.
- If you would like further information or to join NELPCF, please visit their website <u>www.nelpcf.org.uk</u>, email <u>nelpcf@gmail.com</u> or follow them on Facebook facebook.com/NELPCF



# FUNDRAISING IN OUR COMMUNITY

During PLP class 9 were learning about different sort of charities and fundraising. They decided to identify a local charity that they could themselves raise money for. Learners decided to hold a

tabletop sale and auction to raise funds for St Andrew's Hospice. Throughout the term, learners visited local charity shops to purchase items for the tabletop sale and auction, as well as creating posters, discussing prices of items and planning the event. Staff and learners helped to raise just under £100 which will provide vital funds towards the running of the hospice.



### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

By way of a gentle reminder, can we please ask that wherever possible medical appointments for the doctors, dentists and opticians are made out of school hours. When children are taken out of school for such appointments it impacts negatively on their attendance and subsequently on their learning. Please note that we are required to ask for appointment evidence for any absences relating to a medical appointment in order to correctly record your child's attendance mark.

#### SUMMER 1 DATES AND EVENTS

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Children back at school Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Sargon Way SEND Coffee morning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Children break up for half term GCSE EXAM DATES - SUMMER 2024 SERIES Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - GCSE Mathematics (non-calculator) Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - GCSE English Language Component 1 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - GCSE Mathematics (calculator) Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - GCSE English Language Component