

### MARSHCHAPEL NEWS

The children have all been busy creating puppets as part of their learning! Lapwings have been focusing on traditional tales, and have made sock puppets of some of the main characters from their favourite stories. Skylarks have made string puppets following on from their English work on *Pinocchio*. They made a design and thought about the equipment they would need, then went on to the exciting part of making their puppets. It was a little trickier than we thought it would be, but they persevered and completed the task well.

Both classes then used their puppets to re-enact the stories.



Skylarks got into the laboratory and began testing to see what materials would be the most suitable to make a tent.

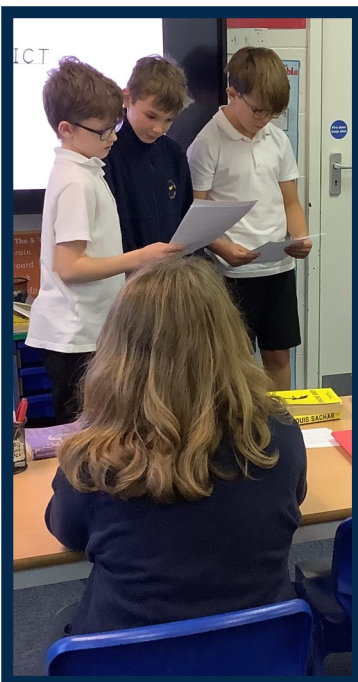
Meanwhile, the Lapwing nutritionists prepared pea soup, inspired by reading *The Princess and the Pea*.



### GRAINTHORPE NEWS



The Kestrels have immersed themselves in their new science project, 'Earth and Space.' What better way to visualise the solar system than to set it up to scale on the field? They used a computing lesson to design a maths quiz and tested each other—a clever way to consolidate all those calculations.



There has been a lot of drama in Year 5/6 and this term it's all been planned to explore characterisation in *The Firework Makers Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

**Quiz Time!**



### BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Break the Rules Day proved very popular and raised a fantastic £220.70 for Children in Need. The children found it hard to put their feet on the desks and eat sweets during lessons, but they soon got into the swing of things! Thank you for your generosity and a big thank you to the PTFA for organising this!



### BRITISH VALUES AND PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Grainthorpe children joined with Picture News for an online assembly with many other schools around the country. The message was clear that we treat others as



we would wish to be treated, and show respect and tolerance.

Following the rules is important and keeps everyone safe. At Marshchapel, the castle and exercise equipment should only be used by the infant children during school time. The equipment must not be used before or after school. I do not want to have to put up signs to say keep off, so please follow the rules!



# FENLAND FEDERATION

## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Marshchapel Infant and Grainthorpe Junior Schools



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Term 2, 2023

Our School Council will be travelling to Louth on Wednesday 6th to decorate our Federation tree in St James' Church. What a lovely way to start Christmas!

07.12.23 Louth Christmas Tree Festival starts at St James' Church

08.12.23 Santa's grotto at Marshchapel 2pm-6pm - come visit Father Christmas! There will be plenty of things to eat and games to play so why not come along?

12.12.23 Children's Christmas performance for Marshchapel

13.12.23 Federation visit to Grimsby Auditorium for *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Nursery and Reception children will be staying in school, but they won't miss out on the theatricals because Kirsty from Rhubarb Theatre is spending an afternoon with the children immersing them in all things "traditional tales." (6th December)

14.12.23 Carol Service at Marshchapel Church 6pm (both schools invited)

15.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day, Farm Kitchen Christmas Dinner, and a visit from Santa. PTFA Christmas Bake Off

18.12.23 Children's Christmas performance for Grainthorpe

20.12.23 End of term – celebration assemblies, both schools.

#### Term 3, 2024

03.01.24 Children back to school on Wednesday

All term dates are on our website.

### NURSERY into RECEPTION 2024 and YEAR 2 into YEAR 3 JUNIORS

Children in nursery who will be full-time school age from September 2024—please apply for your school place now!

Year 2 children must apply for a junior school place; it isn't an automatic move.

We are happy to help with your application. Just ask in the office. Thank you!

Deadlines for applications are 15th January 2024. Why not get your application completed before Christmas?



## **SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

If you have any safeguarding concerns to do with children please let us know. Our Federation has a designated safeguarding lead professional (DSL), Mrs Turner and a deputy DSL, Mrs Manders. Please telephone school on 01472 869075 (M) or 01472 869035 (G).

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss, you can contact Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.



The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December. You can access the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

Further resources can be found on The Big Ambition [webpage](#).

## **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

If you are unsure about anything, please ask us. We are always happy to help and pride ourselves on our support and care. If you telephone, there is always the facility to leave a message.

Thank you for your continued support.