



FENLAND FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe autumn is here and we are embarking on our half term break! It has been a great start to the school year, and it's been a pleasure to see how every child has settled back into learning. As always, the staff have gone that extra mile to ensure we continue to be the best we can be.

At Marshchapel, the children have been exploring their local area, and the early years children visited a pumpkin patch as well as trying out various work experiences at *Imagine Louth*.

Grainthorpe pupils have been consumed by invasion and war! Beginning with the Stone Age, the Barn Owls have explored prehistoric Britain, and the artwork (and home learning) has been impressive.

The Kestrels have been studying Britain at War this year, and the focus has started with the local heroes who were involved in the World Wars. Using Grainthorpe research loaned to the school by Mrs Jill Lingard, the class has been engrossed in their learning,

Sporting events continue to enable children to compete actively with other local schools. Miss Chatterton's Lapwings enjoyed a multi-skills event in Somercotes, and the Junior children have participated in cross-country running, netball and football. Throughout the year, all pupils will experience a variety of sports, as well as the weekly PE curriculum sessions.

Our School Council elections were successful, and the Grainthorpe Council has already started lobbying in class – more details to follow next term. Marshchapel pupils have voted and the School Council will be announced after half term. We plan to have joint meetings termly, so the younger children share their ideas with the older students.

We raised money for Macmillan with coffee and cake afternoons, celebrated Harvest at St Mary's Church in Marshchapel and had a disco at each school to show off Hallowe'en outfits!

I hope you enjoy a look through the following pages which detail what's been happening this term. Dates for next term are included too so you can plan in your Christmas events with us!

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the family time ahead.

Mrs Amanda Turner
Executive Headteacher

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BARN OWLS IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN STONE AGE LIVING!

The children made Stone Age flatbreads as authentically as possible in their project. They discussed ingredients and baking methods to compare methods used now and in the past.



Moving on to the Bronze Age, the class created Bell Beaker pottery. Having used locally produced honey to sweeten the Stone Age bread, the children could have made Mead to drink from the beakers...



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KESTRELS ORGANISED THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The hustings for the election took place in the classrooms and at lunchtime, the children had a chance to vote for their candidates.



GRAINTHORPE LEARNED ABOUT THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY

The school joined a live stream from the British Museum where they were taken on a virtual tour of the Bayeux Tapestry. A lively debate followed. That afternoon, the children worked collaboratively to produce a paper version of the historical artefact.



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

As we celebrated at St Mary's Church on National Poetry Day, the children shared verses on the theme of the harvest. It was great to see so many families join us to share the songs and poems.

Thank you for the generous donations which will be taken to the Pop-In at Marshchapel and the Louth Larder.



MACMILLAN COFFEE AND CAKE AFTERNOON

Thank you to those who managed to attend and share some cake for Macmillan. We raised a massive £310!



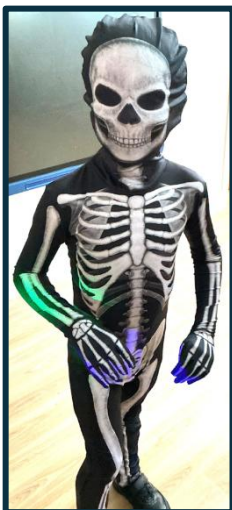
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HALLOWE'EN FUN

At Marshchapel, parents shared in a craft session to make decorations for the Hallowe'en disco. It was a jolly hour of glitter, glue and giggles. The results were amazing!

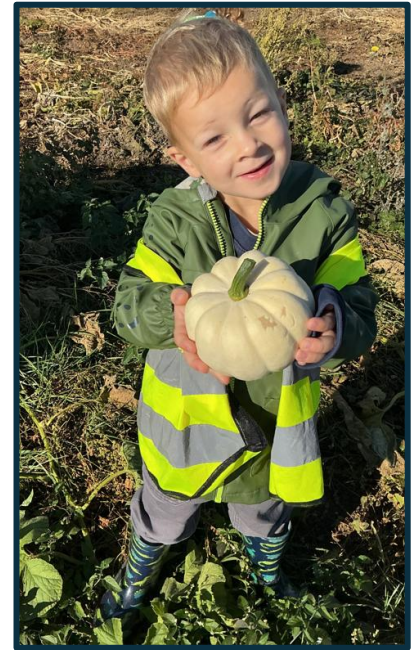


The disco was a loud affair – both schools were rocked by the music and the children dressed up to have fun. A huge thank you to the PTA for creating the decorations, making incredible biscuits and sweet cones as well as providing hot dogs for the older children. All cleared away without a trace on Friday!



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EARLY YEARS WENT IN SEARCH OF PUMPKINS



When they returned to school, they made pumpkin soup, painted the squashes and measured them...





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Parents and Carers of Year 6 Children

The main deadline for secondary transfer applications is 31st October 2026.

Please can you apply as soon as possible if you haven't already.

You can apply online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school/3> or phone 01522 782030 and make an application over the phone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 4th November 2026 - Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby

Wednesday 11th November 2026 - Y5/6 Boys' Football

Friday 13th November 2026 - Children in Need (details to follow)

Friday 13th November 2026 -Year 3/4 Hockey

Tuesday 17th November 2026 - Junior Dance

Thursday 26th November 2026 - Junior Girls' and Boys' Cricket

Friday 27th November 2026 - Nurses in schools for flu vaccination catch up

Tuesday 1st December 2026 - Y5/6 Mixed Athletics

Thursday 3rd December 2026 - St James' Christmas Tree Festival begins

Tuesday 8th December 2026 - Junior Mixed Dance am

Tuesday 8th December 2026 - Santa Dash at Grainthorpe pm

Wednesday 9th December 2026 - Infant Nativity am

Thursday 10th December 2026 - Infant Nativity am

Thursday 10th December 2026 - Christmas Fair at Grainthorpe

Friday 11th December 2026 - Junior Christmas Performance pm

Monday 14th December 2026 - *Good Lookin Cookin* Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December 2026 - "Cinderella" Pantomime for Years 1 to 6

Thursday 17th December 2026 at 6pm - Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Marshchapel

Friday 18th December 2026 Last Day of term

Tuesday 5th January 2027 Children return to school

SAFEGUARDING AT THE FENLAND FEDERATION

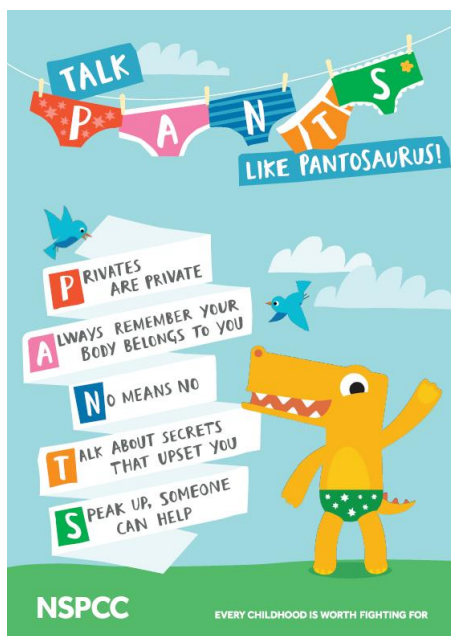
Keeping children safe is the responsibility of everyone and in school, all staff have annual training at the start of September and follow up sessions throughout the year, alongside online learning.

We fully recognise the duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in our school, and the safety and protection of them is everyone's responsibility. Our highly trained staff team provide the necessary support for all our families.

If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child or young person you can:

- Contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Amanda Turner) or one of the two Deputy Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Sammy Manders and Mrs Kyle Clifford) by telephoning the school office (01472 869075 or 01472 869035).
- Contact Lincolnshire Children's Services on 01522 558263
- Contact the police on 101 or 999 in the event of an emergency.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, along with other policies, can be found on our website.



This term, we have focussed on the NSPCC “Pants” programme which is an acknowledged learning tool designed to empower children.

We hope you will continue the conversations at home with your family.