



Dear Parents/ Carers. The gospel message for Easter reminds us what it truly means to live out our Catholic Faith. The message of the angel at the empty tomb was unequivocal and it remains basis of our faith- He is Risen! The Easter story brings a message of hope, joy, peace and also forgiveness. It brings opportunities for a new start in our lives where we leave discord and allow peace to rein within us and also to allow the spirit of Christ to lighten our lives. I should like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support to our school. It has been an extremely busy term but we remain focused and acutely aware that our job as educators is not to be served, but to serve. May I wish you all a peaceful and joyous Easter and please, enjoy the holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back safe and sound on April 17th.

Dates for the Diary

Pentecost Term 2023

17th April - Back to school

1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

8th May - Coronation of King Charles the Third: Bank Holiday

26th May - School Closes

29th May - Late May Bank Holiday

5th June - Back to school

20th July - School Closes



The whole school is at 94.11% attendance. With Year 2 being at 96.58%. Well done everyone.

Attendance and Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school to let us know. This can be done by calling the office on 01472 357982 or emailing the office at office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk or by messaging on the Scholarpack app.

Please do not message on Dojo.

If your child is absent and we do not hear from you by one of the methods above, you will receive a phone call to ask the reason for the absence. If you do not respond to the phone call, then a home visit could be made. If we do not receive an acceptable reason for the absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Education Welfare officer and could result in a penalty notice.

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For your attention!

Lunches - Please remember to order lunches x2 weeks in advance. Please order via <https://nel.mealselector.co.uk/>



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FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

TUESDAY 11th APRIL 10am-3pm

- SKILLS & DRILLS
- COMPETITIONS
- GAMES
- FUN ACTIVITIES
- PRIZES TO BE WON
- LUNCHTIME QUIZZES
- ON GRASS & 3G

AGES 5-11 £12 PER CHILD
LUNCH NOT PROVIDED
TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT WWW.CCSE.ORG.UK

Afterschool club

The Fusion Centre
Ladysmith Road
Grimsby
DN32 9SW

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!!
message the page
Or call direct: 01472 287988

EASTER HOLIDAY
WEEK 1

APRIL 01	CRAFT DAY	11 AM - 1 PM £4 5+ YEARS
APRIL 04	DISCO	5 PM - 7 PM £6 5-8 YEARS
APRIL 05	SPORTS DAY	10 AM - 2 PM £6 5+ YEARS
APRIL 06	YOUTH DAY	10 AM - 2 PM £6 5+ YEARS

IF PRINTING ERROR!! DISCO ONLY £2.00 !!

HOT DRINKS, COLD DRINKS AND TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE OR PLEASE PROVIDE A PACKED LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Football | Cycle Coaching
Glow Disco & Skate | Super Club
All Star Games | Crafts
Creative Arts & Glow

Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April

All activities are fully supervised by Lincs Inspire's sports coaches who deliver sessions in NEL schools during term time.
All hold Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding Children certificates.

lincsinspire.com/schoolholidays



After school clubs:

On Dojo, there are a few exciting half term clubs. Please see the details and contact the office if you would like your child to participate.

Tuesday > Football - YR3 - YR6 and Hama and Lego bead for Reception - YR3

Wednesday > Multi-Sport for YR3 - YR6

Thursday > Hama and Lego bead for YR4 - YR6 and Multi-Sport for Reception - Y2

Friday > Gardening for YR5 - YR6



A reminder that we have Scholastic Book Fair coming to school from **Tuesday 18th April to Monday 24th April** after school in the school hall.

The more money we raise, the more books we can purchase for school and the school library. When a book is bought, a raffle ticket will be assigned to a child. There will then be a draw to win a £5 voucher to choose a free book from the book fair. We have 5 £5 vouchers to give away. World Book Day tokens can also be used to pay towards a book.

You will be able to use cash or a card to purchase books.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the fair.



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- Themed hook days
- Speech and language support

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- Level 3 Early Years Practitioner
- All paediatric first aid trained

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See the link below to access this:
<https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/childcare-funding>

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Catholic Life

Ash Wednesday - Fr Andrew, with the support of Year 6, led KS2 in a liturgy for the distribution of ashes. We reflected on things we want to say sorry for, and receive ash on the crown of our heads as a demonstration that we want to try and do better. During Lent, we focus on fasting (giving things up), almsgiving (doing something extra) and forgiveness (saying sorry for what we have done wrong and forgiving people who have hurt us).



The Mini Vinnies led KS2 in a liturgical prayer on Reconciliation and the parable of the unforgiving servant. They thought about forgiveness and reflected on anything they needed to say sorry for with an examination of conscience. After this, each class was invited to spend some time in the Chapel in Adoration. This is a time when Catholics believe the real presence of Jesus is with us in the Blessed Sacrament (bread which has been transformed by a priest, through prayer, into the body of Christ). During this time, children could speak to Fr Andrew and say sorry for anything they had done wrong, knowing God would forgive them.

During Lent, we had a special visitor, Ann from CAFOD, who led an assembly for the whole school on the effects of the climate crisis. We followed the story of Dristy, a young girl in Bangladesh whose life has been greatly affected by the changes in the earth's climate. Every class had a CAFOD workshop where they explored aspects of Catholic Social teaching, looking at how we treat our common home and the people in it with respect.

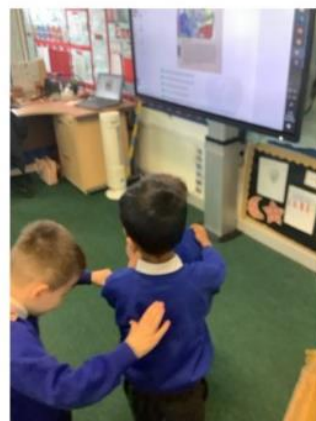
The Chaplaincy team led the whole school in the Big Lent Walk. During Lent CAFOD set the challenge to walk 200km to help raise money for an important cause. This year the Big Lent walk is to help all people affected by the Climate Crisis. Whilst walking, we reflected and prayed for people who have to walk long distances every day to get clean water, food, or medicine.



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Year 1 have been very busy this month. In Science, we have continued our learning with exploring Humans and Animals. We have been looking into the 6 different animal groups and the facts that relate to each group. We had the exciting visit to see some of the animals from those groups and we were able to hold and stroke them whilst discussing the key information that we had learnt. In Art we have been exploring David Hockney and through this we have been learning about primary and secondary colours and exploring what makes a warm and cold colour. We have gone on to look at different equipment we can use alongside different techniques. We will use the skills we have learnt to go on to create our own inspired piece of Art. In RE, we have been looking at changes and some of the Key Events that happened during Lent. The children alongside their writing have been using their acting skills. Recently we made our own palms and wrote messages to Jesus on them and then use-them in re-creating the Palm Sunday story.





Year 2 have been learning all about the fishing heritage of Grimsby in their history topic. They launched the topic with a trip to the local fishing heritage centre and discovered what life was like for a fisherman in the 1950s when Grimsby was the largest fishing port of the world. They were given jobs on board and even made their own nets and spliced the ropes.



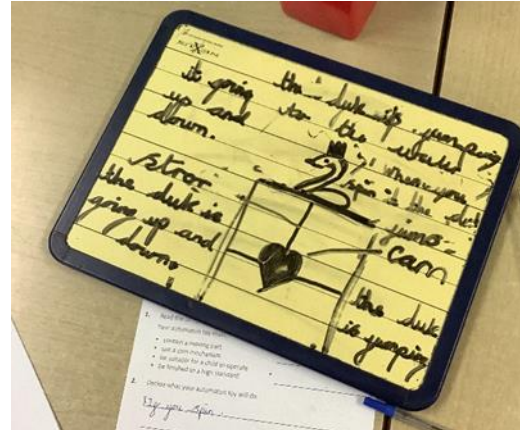
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In Science we have continued with our 'Living things and their habitat' unit and explored why certain animals are more suited to some habitats. We ended this unit with a live lesson meeting different kinds of animals and the children were able to demonstrate what they have learnt by answering the questions on what type of eaters they are and where they live.



In Design and Technology Year 3 have been learning all about cams and planning their own automaton. They tested how different shaped cams changed the movement of the follower and used this information to pick which shape they would like in their own automaton.



In History, our topic has been Medieval and Tudor Grimsby. We had the opportunity to visit the town hall and meet Grimsby's mayor, asking many questions. Children even got to sit in the council chambers! We also learned how the plague came to Grimsby and the impact it had on our locality.



In Science, we have been learning about forces and magnets. We have had a big focus on friction which is the force between two moving surfaces. We have tested pushing a car on different surfaces and seeing how far they go; we have also used force meters to measure how many newtons are needed to move an object and then tested how moving a shoe along different surfaces affect how many are needed to pull it.



In Year 4, children have just started studying decimals. We have learned that 0.1 is equivalent to 1 tenth. In Literacy - we focused on writing an information text where children created their own mythical creature and wrote an information text. After this unit we learned about persuasive writing; looking at a persuasive leaflet advert for a theme park and enabling the children to learn how to use persuasive language. In Science, children have learned about classification of animals can be sorted: mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. We have also learned about vascular and non-vascular plants. **In RE, we have learned about giving and receiving, the communion rite and how Christians can live in communion in their daily lives and what set of rules they can live by.** Finally, in Art we have been learning about Lee Panizza, who is an Australian abstract artist. Children have experimented with tones, tints and shades and how to mix white, grey and black with primary and secondary colours to create contrasts. We have been using shape to create their own pieces of art work.

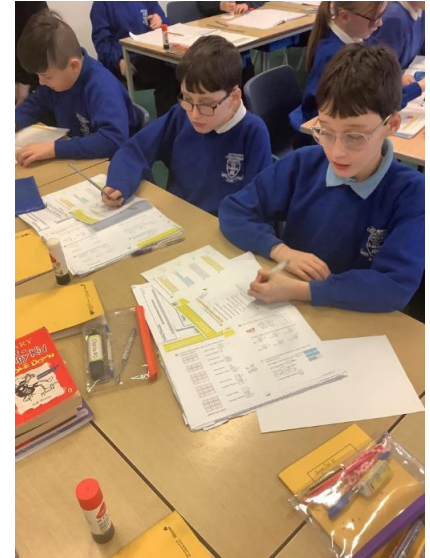
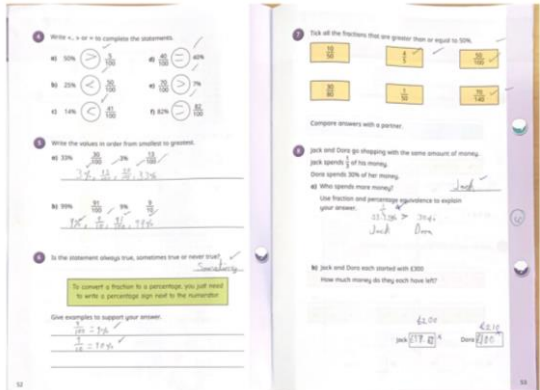
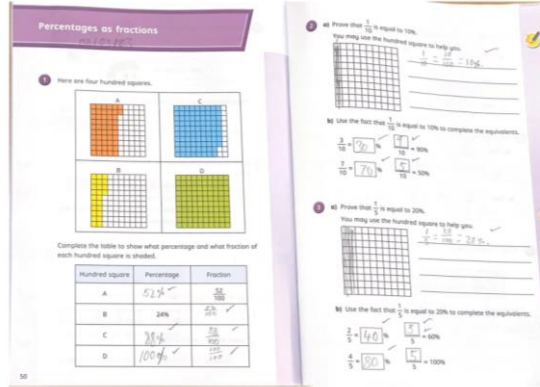


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In Year 5 Maths, we have been hard at work converting fractions. The children have also learned about the value of fractions and the role of a numerator and a denominator. We learned how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. The children have learned how to add and take away fractions. Also in Year 5, we have learnt how to make tomato soup from fresh ingredients as well as how to dice, peel and grate.



WELL DONE!



Here are some pictures from the visit by the Archivist from Grimsby Town Hall who visited the children in Year 6 and shared some artefacts and stories about Grimsby in World War 1 and World War II. The children were fascinated and had lots of questions.



This term in art, we have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh; looking at the different art techniques he used to create many of his famous art works. We have also created our own 'Starry Night' painting using Van Gogh's painting as inspiration and thinking about how the colours we use can show different emotions.



School Competitions

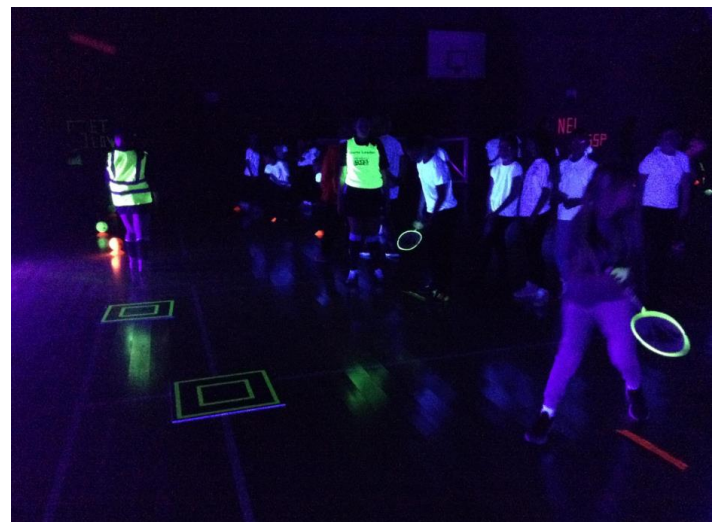
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Taking part in the FAs #Letgirlsplay national football session were some of our year 3 and 4 girls. They represented the school well and braved the freezing temperatures. Well done girls and a very special thanks to Miss Barnes, Miss Cullum and Mrs Szlapanska for supporting them. I hope we have encouraged some future winning England girls team players.



Some children took part in a Get Glowing PE festival last week, this is a unique sporting event that takes place in the dark with ultraviolet lighting. A fun way to do some physical activity.



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Some of our Year 1s and 2s represented our school at the indoor cricket festival developing their ball skills. Fantastic job!



Year 3 and 4 children went to Fierce Elite Cheer to take part in a festival. They learnt some new skills and hopefully developed an interest in the activity. So many great photos there will be a second post with more. Well done to all that took part and a big thanks to Miss Hadley, Mrs Dodson and Miss Magalhaes for supporting them.





This correspondence is to inform you all that Miss Elizabeth Snell will be leaving the school at Easter to take up a new position at St Joseph's Cleethorpes which will commence April 17th.

Ms Snell has served the school with great distinction and unswerving commitment over the past number of years and the children of St Mary's and indeed, the wider community, are deeply indebted to her work.

We will be making a presentation to Ms Snell on the final day of term here at the school.

I am sure, like me, you wish her every success in her new role.



We also say goodbye to Miss Comley who has been working with us since January in Year 4. We wish Miss Comley every success in her career.