



ST FRANCIS NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th October

Dear parents/carers,

We hope that the children have enjoyed the final week of the half term. We had lots going on in school from a trip to Melton Museum to a group of children going out for skateboarding.

We are going to be taking part in filling showboxes for the rotary club. Mrs Culley has sent out details about this and our mission for this week and for half term is to bring in one item for the boxes. We have said we will fill 15 so lets see if we can at least meet this target!

We are hosting a heritage evening after the break and invite you as families to bring in food from your culture, costumes/traditional clothing and/or a game. British culture is also something to celebrate so everyone can be included!! Please let me know on the linked form if you can contribute. It will be just after school on Thursday 14th November.

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We want to thank you for your continued support and we hope that you have a super half term break.

Mrs Brown

Calendar

Our calendar on our website has the major term events added. Please do use this to help you to plan ahead for future terms. We will be adding to this as events come up.

<https://st-francis.leics.sch.uk/parents/calendar/?r34icsym=202412>

The Term Ahead

Week Beginning Monday 28th October	All Saints Day Mass Friday 1st November
Week Beginning Monday 4th Nov	Monday 4th- Y3/4 Inclusive Dance Workshops- all children involved. Friday 9th Nov- Mass at Chapel- Y5/6 attending- start time 10am Celebration Liturgy- 2.45pm
Week Beginning 11th Nov	Thursday 14th Nov- Interfaith and Heritage Day Friday 15th Nov- Mass at Chapel- Y4 to attend- start time 10am. Celebration Liturgy- 2.45pm
Week Beginning 18th Nov	Friday 22nd Nov- Mass at Chapel- Y3 to attend- start time 10am. Celebration Liturgy- 2.45pm
Week Beginning 25th Nov	Friday 29th Nov- Trust INSET Day- school closed to all pupils



Catholic Life and Mission



This week our EYFS children have spent time at the grotto for their class Celebration of the word. The children learnt about encounter and how and where we can encounter God. They also took the opportunity to pray the Rosary.





STAR READER

Mrs Freckingham	Dylan
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Oliver
Mr Morgan	Ida
Miss Hall	Danika
Mr Sim / Mrs McNeil	Orson
Mrs Cathcart	Alexa
Mr Uttley	



MISSION AWARD

Mrs Freckingham	Dylan
Mrs Byrne / Mrs Priestley	Kelvin
Mr Morgan	Alby
Miss Hall	Emma
Mr Sim / Mrs McNeil	Bonnie
Mrs Cathcart	Rafferty
Mr Uttley	



LUNCH AND READING CLUB



	Reading Club
Andrew Joshua Maja Elliot Dolly	Lunchtime

Learning in pictures

Year 2 using their senses to explore different scents!



Making pinecone birdfeeders in EYFS



Year 5 enjoying their clarinet lessons.

Learning in pictures



Year 1 loved their trip to the museum!

The children had a great time learning to skateboard at the Skateboarding event at Longfield.



Community News



Well done to Liam for being
Coaches' Player.
Great work!

Well done to Alex for achieving
Player of The Match at his football
team!



Notices From the School Office

Half Term

We wish you all a happy and healthy half term!

School Office

Coats and Christmas Jumpers

As the weather gets colder we would like to ask for donations of warm winter coats to add to our school shop of pre-loved clothing available to buy at just £1 per item.

As we draw closer to Christmas we are also asking for any Christmas jumpers and clothing to add to the shop as well.

Please pop any donations of clean and good quality coats and Christmas Clothing into the school office.

PTA Team



Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

We are Supporting the Rotary Shoebox Scheme this year and we would love to be able fill and send at least 15 Christmas boxes to disadvantaged primary aged school children in Eastern Europe.

This non-profit charity has delivered over one million Christmas boxes over 30 years.

We need donations of items that are suitable for children aged 4 – 11 year old children. They can include pre-loved toys but these must be in “as new” condition and of course they must be able to fit inside a shoebox. Items can include:

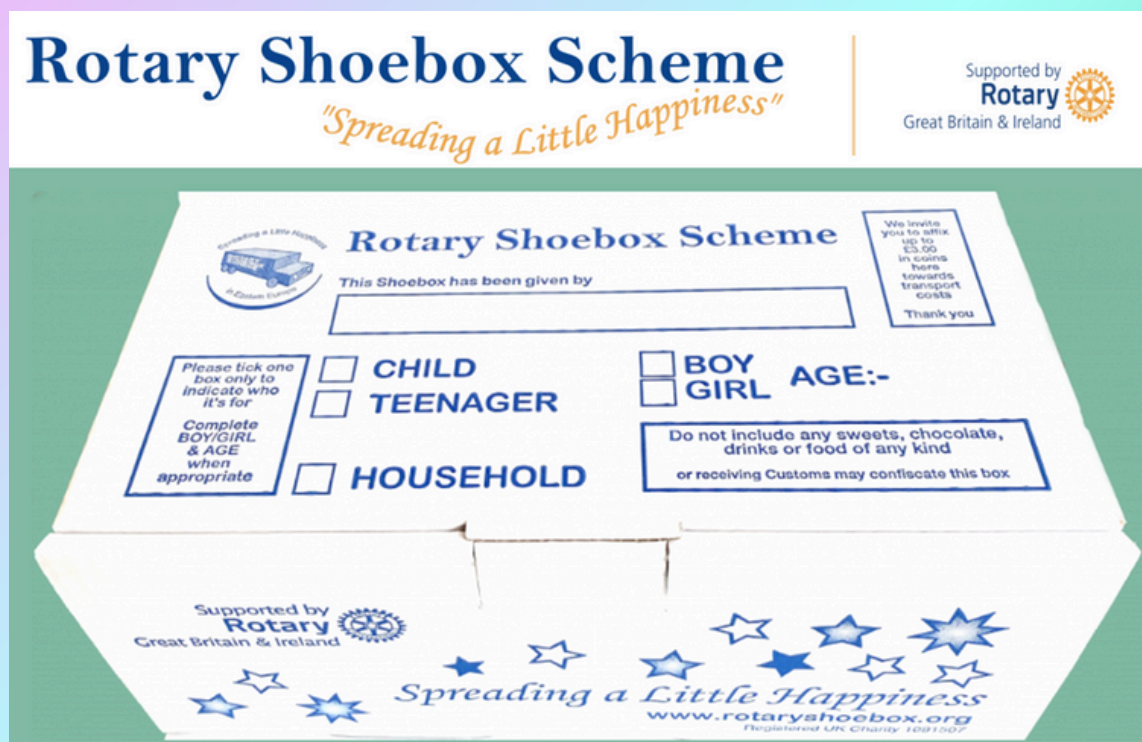
Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, modelling clay, plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, socks, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Please do not include any chocolate or food items.

These boxes also cost £2.50 to send and therefore you are most welcome to donate towards the cost of postage.

Please drop off your items to the school office before Friday 1st November.

Mrs Culley
School Office



Rotary Shoebox Scheme
"Spreading a Little Happiness"

Supported by
Rotary
Great Britain & Ireland

Rotary Shoebox Scheme
This Shoebox has been given by _____

Please tick one box only to indicate who it's for
Complete BOY/GIRL & AGE when appropriate

☐ CHILD
☐ TEENAGER
☐ HOUSEHOLD

☐ BOY
☐ GIRL AGE:-

Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind or receiving Customs may confiscate this box

We invite you to stick up to £3.00 in coins here towards transport costs
Thank you

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Spreading a Little Happiness
www.rotaryshoebox.org
Registered UK Charity 1091507

Poppy Appeal 2024

Poppies

We have received our supply of poppies and associated accessories to sell to our children after half term.

Our Year 6 children will be selling these items during playtimes.

Suggested donation prices are:

Slap bands - £1.50

Festival wrist bands - £1.00

Poppy reflective zip pulls - 50p

Poppies - any donations welcome

Mrs Culley
School Office





APPLE DAY & AUTUMN FAIR

**19th October
10am - 3pm**

Visitor centre and cafe
Melton Country Park
Wymondham Way,
Melton Mowbray,
LE13 1HP



- 🍏 Local Crafts
- 🍏 Apple Pressing & Tasting
- 🍏 Apple Expert
- 🍏 Cidentro Cider Tasting & Sales
- 🍏 Apple Produce & Cakes
- 🍏 Local Apple Maps
- 🍏 Family Activities
- 🍏 Live Music
- 🍏 Morris Dancing
- 🍏 Wildlife Trust
- 🍏 Woodland Trust
- 🍏 Raffle

**For more information contact us: events@meltonspace.org.uk
call 01664 464823, go to www.meltontransition.uk
or find us on Facebook**



Upcoming Events

Wriggly Readers

Check out your local library to see when they are held and to book your space!

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/features-and-community/libraries



To book your spot at one of our events, visit:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/library-search



Wriggly Readers Festival (0-5 year olds)

Wednesday 2 October
2pm, Wigston Library

Tuesday 15 October
10.30am, Loughborough Library

Friday 4 October
10.30am, Earl Shilton Library

Thursday 17 October
11am, Lutterworth Library

Tuesday 8 October
10.30am, Syston Library

Monday 28 October
10.30, Hinckley Library

Thursday 10 October
2.30pm, Ashby Library

Wednesday 30 October
10.30am, Glenfield Library

Love Your Library

Celebrating our libraries, its staff and you, its users



The second year of our Creative Expressions in Libraries projects, funded by Arts Council England, is underway. We are excited to deliver a cultural project at Coalville Library that will culminate in the creation of a community outdoor art piece that will strengthen relationships in the community, raise the profile of the library within the town, and welcome library users both new and established. The project will entail working with children aged 8 and over and their families.

We're really excited to introduce our upcoming multi-sensory project at Wigston Library. Our working group identified SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) audiences as a cohort we would like to work with.



Little Hill Primary School in the town are on board, and we're already started workshops with a group of their Key Stage Two SEND. Watch this space to see what wonderful ideas they create!

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all children who participated in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers. We hope you fired up your imaginations and unleashed your creativity through the power of reading.



Look out for the Winter Mini Challenge which takes place this December.



Leicestershire Libraries Newsletter

2024

Autumn is finally here. Nights are getting longer so it's the perfect time to snuggle up with a book. Visit out libraries for your next great read.

October = Black History Month

In the UK, Black History Month happens every October.

It gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

Visit our libraries and discover more titles linked with Black History...

B: M2024

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER



New Books



Booklist Spotlight - National Poetry Day (3 October)



Search our [catalogue](#) for these titles and others.



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Contact us at:
libraries@leics.gov.uk



If you've danced before, or never at all, everyone is welcome! Learn Tap, Ballet, Modern Jazz and Acrobatics in friendly, fun and focused classes.

20 years of teaching the children of Leicestershire and Rutland the joy of dance. Offering the opportunity to take B.T.D.A graded examinations and perform in shows.

- Qualified/Registered teacher
- Free Trial Class
- No Special Uniform To Start
- No Long Term Payments (monthly)

Current venues in Long Clawson,
Sysonby Acres and Somerby. Call or
Message Sarah Streetly on
07732650051.



PTA News

We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

PTA Team