

February 2023 Newsletter



This month's Christian value is **Perseverance** which is linked to the 'Hackthorn Way' value of **Aspiration**.

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4.13



Dear Parents & Friends,

It was wonderful to see such a good turnout at today's hybrid Good Works assembly. Apologies for the initial technical difficulties online. Hopefully we'll have rectified the sound issues by next month.

There is always so much to celebrate in Friday assemblies but alas we can only give you a snapshot of our busy week of learning. We are extremely proud of every child at Hackthorn as they are all making good progress. It was wonderful to work with the Reception children last week as they studied Chinese New Year. Their enthusiasm was infectious. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Chinese food taste test and were amazing using chopsticks. They all tried every type of food...the noodles were the most popular but opinions were divided over the lychees! Making Chinese fireworks was a real hit but the pièce de résistance was when they walked into the KS2 classroom dressed as a Chinese dragon. The older children thoroughly appreciated their efforts and cheered them on, which was wonderful to witness.

Year 1 and 2 pupils have enjoyed their 'Senses' topic. They have carried out various experiments to expand their understanding about each of their senses. To date, these experiments have been well received, however the latest 'sniff' test caused controversy and resulted in them creating their own 'pong-o-meter' of pleasant and unpleasant smells.

Years 3 and 4 have almost finished their Pneumatic designs. A visitor recently praised their creativity. Year 5 and 6 have persevered with their Cam designs. They haven't always gone according to plan but with a few adaptations and refinements they are turning in to products that the children are rightly proud of.

Mrs K Appleby, Headteacher



Yr5 & Yr6 Residential : Willersley Castle Activity Centre - 15th - 17th March

This year our Yr5 & Yr6 pupils are heading to Willersley Castle for a short residential trip on the 15th March. They will be participating in a range of outdoor pursuits challenges within the 65 acre estate. We hope that every pupil will benefit from the team bonding activities, developing new skills, growing in confidence and enjoying living together for a few days. We look forward to hearing about their exploits.



Pre-School Easter Activity Afternoon - 10th March

There will be an activity afternoon open to all pre-schoolers on Friday 10th March 1:30 until 2:30pm. Please pass on the message to anyone you know who may have a child of pre-school age. We'd love to meet them.

Please phone school to book a place.



Safer Internet Day - 7th February

National e-safety day this year, is on the 7th February, so we thought it was a good time to remind parents and carers that our website has lots of information about how to keep yourself and your child safe online. There are downloadable guides about how some of the most popular games and apps work, and how you can change settings to help pupils stay safer online.

These guides can be found on our website <https://www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk/> under the parents 'online e-safety' tab.

Dates to Remember

7 Feb	Safer Internet Day	1 Mar	FOHS Meeting - 7.30pm
10 Feb	Last Day of Term 3 (Half Term)	3 Mar	World Book Day
10 Feb	FOHS Valentine's Disco	10 Mar	Pre-school Easter Afternoon
20 Feb	First Day of Term 4	15 - 17 Mar	Yr5 & Yr6 Residential
21 Feb	KS2 Witham Hill Gymnastics	28 Mar	Decorate an Egg Competition