



Richmond News



NEWSLETTER 21
14th February 2023

Towers Drive, Hinckley, Leicestershire LE10 0ZD
Telephone (01455) 637266 Fax (01455) 639929

www.richmond.leics.sch.uk email office@richmond.leics.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs E Clark

Our school gates are closed for vehicles between 8.30am-8.55am and 3.05pm-3.35pm

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 1JQ, 2LM and 6AD who achieved 99% attendance last week. Whole school attendance fell to 95% which is below our target of 97%.



ATTENDANCE FAIRY

Every fortnight we celebrate all children with 100% attendance. Everyone with 100% over the two week period will be entered into our lucky dip.

This week's winners are:
Roman, George C, Freya B, Aiden, Cruz, Archer, Patricija, Ophelia, Charlie H, Aksh, Anna, Sophia C, Georgi, Kayla, Elijah and Emily C.



PANCAKE DAY SPECIAL MENU

There will be a special Pancake Day menu on **Thursday 16th February** consisting of BBQ chicken wrap or Quorn and vegetable paella and pancakes with an assortment of toppings. Meals do not need to be preordered.

HALF TERM

We finish school for half term this **Friday 17th February** at 3:20pm and return to school on **Monday 27th February**.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our school lottery plays every week, even during the school holidays, so you can support us all year round! You can choose to play for a month or continuously, your choice. Prizes of up to £25,000 can be won (depending on the number of players).

Congratulations to this week's winner: Ms P

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held on **Wednesday 8th March** at **3:30-6:30pm** and **Thursday 9th March** **3:30-5:30pm**.

Early Years parents' evenings will be held on **Monday 6th March** **3:30-6:30pm** and **Thursday 9th March** **3:30-5:30pm**

Year 6 parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 7th March** **3:30-6:30pm** and **Wednesday 8th March** **3:30-6:00pm**

Appointments can be made via the Jotter app. If you click on the links icon it will take you to the booking page. Please call the office if you are having problems making an appointment.

LITTLE DRAGONS BOOKSHOP

Just a reminder that our brand new 'Little Dragons Bookshop' is now open to children from Year 2 up to Year 6, on Friday lunchtimes, in the Place to Be. Books range from 10p up to £2, however, most books are priced at £1. The children are to bring their book money in sealed envelope with their FULL name and class, and bring this with them to the bookshop. Please can you send coins only, rather than notes.



EARLY YEARS DINOSAUR DAY

On **Monday 27th February**, Early Years are having a dinosaur day. Children are invited to dress up as dinosaurs, paleontologists, cave men or women or anything along the dinosaur theme.



MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy to join our midday supervisor team. Full information can be found on our website, or simply visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/midday-supervisors-1309484>

YEAR 5 & 6 TOUCH TYPING

There will be no after school Year 5 & 6 touch typing club this Friday. Please collect your child at the usual finishing time.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Our Facebook page is now live!

For up to date information
please follow us.

Please be aware that this page
is for information purposes
only and not for
communication. Any negative
comments will be removed.



EMPATHY AUTHORS BOOK COLLECTION

We need your help!!!

We would like to raise funds
for a collection of empathy
related books to help support
the teaching of diversity and
inclusion.

If you would like to donate,
simply visit:

[Home - Support your school](#)

DRESSING UP CLOTHES DONATIONS

If anyone has unwanted
dressing up clothes that they
would like to donate to Early
Years, we would be very
grateful.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next Year 4-6 School
Council meeting is on **Thursday**
2nd March 3:30-4:30pm.

PARKING ON TOWERS DRIVE

Can we please remind parents
that Towers Drive and roads
leading off Towers Drive
should not be used to park
cars whilst visiting the school
site.

ABSENCES

Could we please remind parents
to contact the school office on
the first day of your child's
absence. This can be reported
on the absence line.

YEAR 5 PGL TRIP

The final PGL installment is due
on **Friday 17th February**.

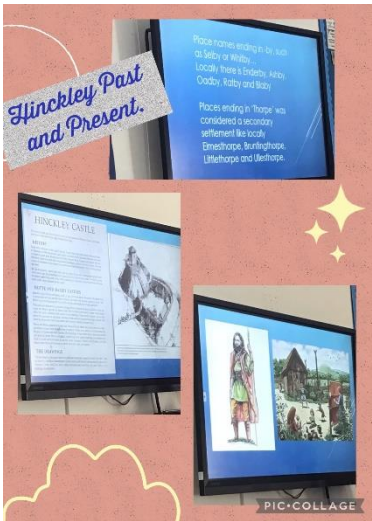
Dear parents and carers,



Last week, we took part in a range of activities to celebrate Children’s Mental Health week, under the theme of ‘Let’s Connect’. We especially loved making connections with other children in different year groups, sharing stories and playing games. Some of our crafts are now on display in our ‘Feel Good Wood’, too.



Yesterday, year 6 hosted a special end of unit roadshow, to showcase all of their Frozen Kingdom learning. We invited scientists and teachers from The Hinckley School, De Montford University and Leicester University to join us. Our visitors were incredibly impressed with the children’s knowledge of the polar regions and their presentation skills. The children worked extremely hard to create a range of games and activities to share their new information. Thank you to all of our visitors for making this a really special event for our children.



Children in year 4 welcomed visitors from Hinckley Museum into school last week. We learnt that 'Ley' means ‘clearing’, so 'Hinckley' means a clearing owned by a man named Hink. We also found out that places such as Stoney Stanton and Earl Shilton are Anglo-Saxon villages, and Blaby, Enderby and Elmeſthorpe are Viking villages. Hinckley is on the border of Anglo-Saxon's Mercia kingdom and the Viking's Danelaw so we have lots of Viking and Anglo-Saxon history in our local area. Finally, we looked at pictures of where Hinckley Castle would have been at the top of Castle Street. The children also loved sharing their Anglo-Saxon knowledge with the visitors and were very proud of how much they knew about settlements and place names.

Last Friday, year 5 were visited by Tom the Tale Teller (who looked suspiciously like Emmy’s dad!). The children were enthralled by his oral re-telling of The Crystal Ball, which involved bravery, magic and challenges for the hero to overcome. This fitted perfectly with their end of unit English unit on journey tales. Thank you for joining us, Tom!





On Friday 10th February, children from year 4 had the opportunity to take part in a 'Skip to be Fit' workshop. During the afternoon, the children were shown different skipping routines, as well as taking part in different challenges. They talked about the importance of being active and the benefits to everyone's wellbeing. We look forward to the group sharing their new skipping skills with the rest of school during Active Lunchtimes.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. Wishing you all a good break next week.

Kind regards,
Emma Clark

Headteacher

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in partnership with young people from our Hinckley and Bosworth Voice Forum have created two videos focusing on 'Foodbanks' and 'Warm spaces'. Now more than ever it is important to know where to get help if needed.

Warm spaces are public buildings and spaces across the borough anyone can go to if struggling to heat their home due to the cost of living crisis, or for a listening ear. For more information about warm spaces please watch our video:

[Hinckley & Bosworth Youth Forum Interview the Barlestone Warm Spaces - YouTube](#)

For further information or to find a warm space in Hinckley and Bosworth follow the links below:

[Where can I find a warm place? | Warm places | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](#)

<https://warmspaces.org/>

To see the journey your food donation takes when donated to a food bank please watch our video:

[Hinckley Area Foodbank - YouTube](#)

The food banks rely on donations.

If you can help, it is really appreciated. The different ways you can help are:

Donate food, Donate money or Volunteer.

For more information visit:

[Hinckley Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

Richmond playgroup needs you!

Richmond playgroup is a well-established setting for nurturing and supporting the development of all the children in our care, as well as providing and offering stimulating, fun and meaningful opportunities and experiences to set the foundations for early education.

The playgroup is overseen by a committee whose role it is to ensure that the setting fulfils all the requirements laid down by Ofsted and the Local Authority. The responsibility for the staff within the setting and the financial security of the playgroup is also part of the committee's brief. The committee consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We have an imminent need for additional committee members and we are looking for volunteers to join our Playgroup Committee. It is a legal requirement for the organisation to have these members, and without them, the playgroup will not be able to fulfil its duty and therefore cannot run.

As a volunteer, you would be required to meet once a term for around an hour to discuss the ongoing running of the playgroup. You do not need to have had any previous experience/expertise in being part of a committee, just a willingness to support Richmond Playgroup behind the scenes.

If you are interested in joining, please call the Playgroup Manager on 01455 639923.