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Message from Amelia Smith

Dear Parents/ Carers,

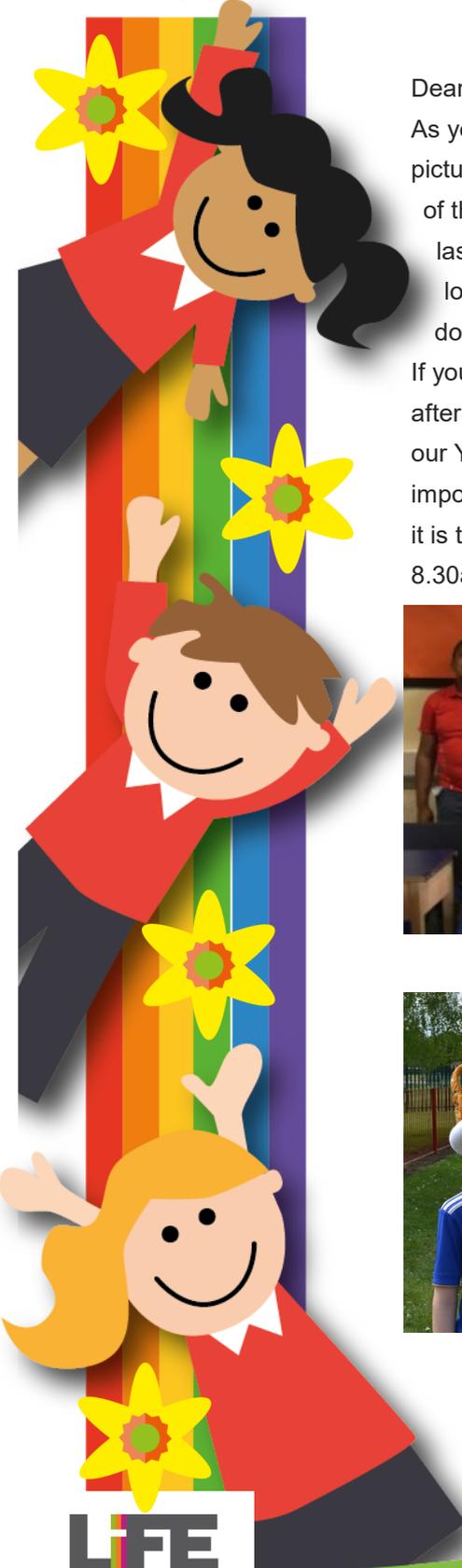
As you will be able to see from all the pictures contained in this newsletter, lots of things have been happening over the last few weeks. I hope you enjoy looking at all the pictures as much as I do.

If you came to our Coronation open afternoon you may have seen some of our Year 5 children explaining the importance of CREW and how important it is to get all the children into school at 8.30am.



There was a noticeable difference after open afternoon so I thought I would just add a reminder to come to school at 8.30am to make the most of all the opportunities school offers. Have a great half term - enjoy the sunshine!

Amelia McSmith



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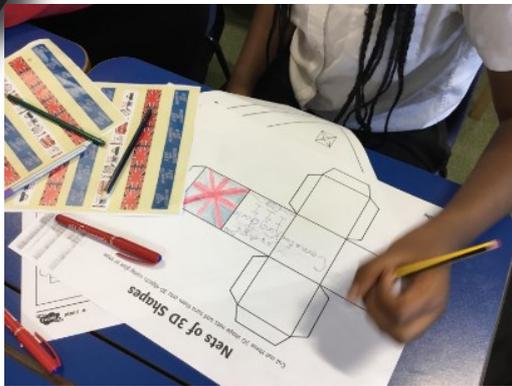




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Coronation Fun

It was lovely to see so many parents supporting the Year 6s during the Coronation open afternoon.



Everyone worked really hard on decorating their coronation nets. At the end of the week, the children used their completed nets to create a carry case for their coronation cup cakes - which were delicious!



Let's hope that King Charles III had as much fun on his special day as we did.

Amaze Days

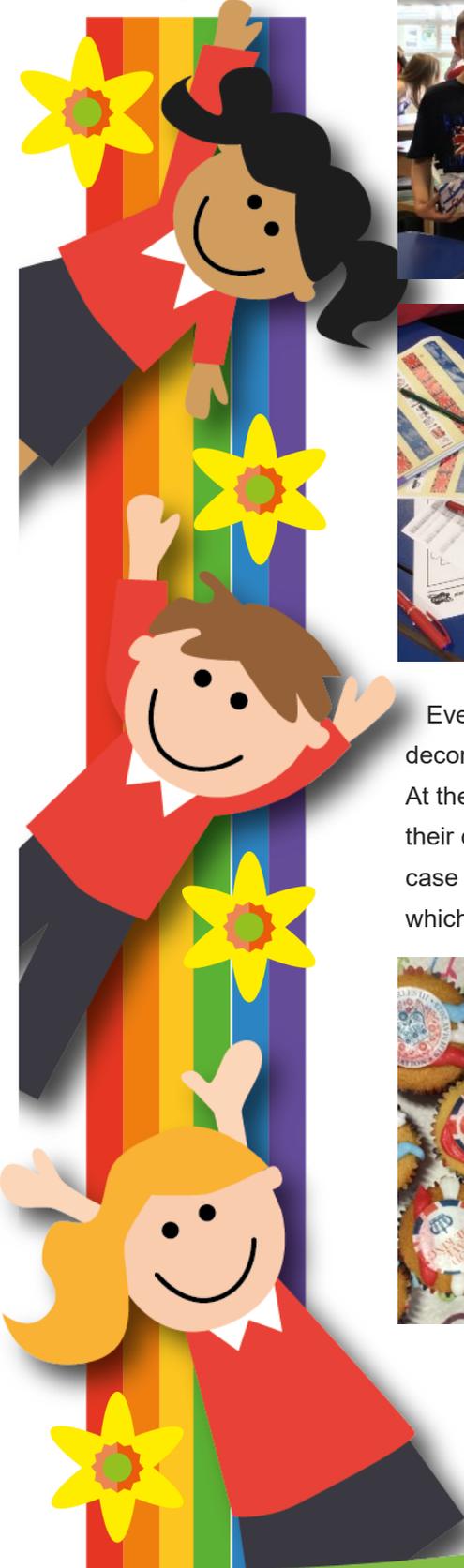
Children in Year 5 recently took part in 'Amaze Days'.



They worked in Crews to design and make their own kites!

Year 6 Revision

6VM group enjoyed some outdoor learning and revision. A combination of Venn diagrams and properties of 3D shape.



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Forest Park Sessions

Western Park have had a brilliant start to their Forest School sessions. The children have been busy planting and creating objects from natural materials as well as playing games.



Pupils have used the tools: palm drills, loppers and bowsaws. For each tool they learnt a tool talk so they can be used safely and learnt the ways in which these tools can be used. They used the palm drills to drill holes for their woodland necklaces, they used loppers to chop wood to make frames and used bow saws to make 'log dogs'.

The children have also learnt 'square lashing' and have applied this skill to make scarecrows and frames. Pupils learnt about the Japanese art of Hapa Zome and created beautiful pieces of art using leaf dye. They have had to apply their maths skills of measuring as well as their art skills of colour to create these pieces.

Throughout the sessions the children have shown brilliant REACH IT skills, especially their resilience and teamwork skills. We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked during their Forest School sessions and look forward to our future sessions!

Eco Ambassadors

Did you know that since World War Two, Britain has lost over 97% of native wildflower habitat?



The Eco Ambassadors were shocked to learn this so they have been busy planting bee bombs around the school grounds.

Beebombs are handmade wildflower seed balls. They are made from clay and sifted top soil, packed with 1000s of seeds from native wildflower species.

Mental Health

It was Mental Health Awareness Week beginning 15 May 2023 and we invited pupils and staff to wear green clothing in support of this cause.



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Charity Champions

The Year 6s had some very special visitors last week.



The children were introduced to Steve, a volunteer guide dog puppy trainer, who brought with him three guide dogs: Tango, Marie-Rose and Shaun. It was fascinating to hear all about the work that both the charity and the guide dogs do and they even met Russel, someone who has benefitted from being given a guide dog.



Year 6 pupils were also visited by Jemma, a representative of the Loros Hospice. Jemma explained the role of the charity and how it impacts on the lives of people living in and around Leicester. The Year 6s asked great questions to help deepen their knowledge and were shocked to hear that every year, the Loros Hospice has to raise a staggering 4.2 million pounds in order to run - making fundraising very important.

First Aid

Year 6 children took part in essential first aid training by The Red Cross, The children explored different scenarios and acted out how to deal with the situations.



They learnt how to care for someone with a burn, a seizure, a cut, a bump on the head and people who have fallen unconscious. Although the children enjoyed learning these life saving skills, we hope they are never faced with a situation where they need to use them.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club is now in full swing every Tuesday after school. With support from Mrs Pring, Mrs Tatton, Mrs Osgood and Mrs Howitt, the children from Year 1 and 2 have been out, weeding, digging and planting. They also have put together a new mini greenhouse and are working to enhance the outside area of the library so everyone can enjoy reading outdoors!



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Parent Governor Election Announcement

We are so pleased to announce our two Parent Governor election candidates. Gareth Lloyd and Niyomi Fife. All Parents/Carers please check you email for voting information.



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Gareth Lloyd



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I am currently the assistant manager for the De Montfort University self-owned halls of residences, since June 2022. Before that, I have worked in various jobs and industries, but namely in Data Analytics. I am currently studying for a BA in History, and I am also a qualified mental health first aider. During my spare time (when not studying) I love spending time with my son, Lewys, and his mum, making lots of memories and doing different activities as a family - such as day trips, visits to the park or sometimes something simple like chilling out with a movie. I am also looking to do volunteer work with the King Richard III visitor centre in the near future. I am also a madly passionate Leicester City supporter, holding a season ticket for the past twenty years.

I am also very passionate about our future generations receiving the best education that they can, whilst also ensuring that they do so in the utmost safe and supported environment possible. By becoming a Parent Governor, I feel this will allow me to contribute to ensuring that this happens. I would also like to use my job at De Montfort University to forge closer links between the University and the school. While university might appear to be a long way off for the school's learners, I feel there could be a lot to be gained by sowing the seed regarding further education. This is doubly important when children that are not from more affluent backgrounds are ever more unlikely to go to University. There might also be enrichment opportunities for the children, such as school trips to see exhibitions or learn about the local history in the medieval part of Leicester that is located on the University's doorstep.

Importantly, within my role at the halls of residences, whilst dealing with young adults, welfare and safeguarding plays a massive role in the day to day tasks that I am faced with. These young adults are sometimes only 6 or 7 years older than the children at BFA, and therefore some of the problems they face are also faced by the children in the school's care. As such, I feel that these skills would be particularly useful in ensuring that the children, not only within the school, but also perhaps any brought to our attention in the local community, are supported and kept safe.

My overriding priority though, is that I want to contribute to an environment where every child has the chance to achieve to their maximum potential, whilst also enjoying going to school everyday.

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Niyomi Fife



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My name is Niyomi Fife, and I would like to be considered for the role of parent governor because I have always had a passion for learning and education, I felt as a child I suffered in school due to how shy and afraid to speak out I was, it followed me long into my adult hood. But I always admired those who were able to do so, I was considering going back to university to do my masters but I feel I will get a better & more hands on experience this way. I feel that perhaps an outlook from someone like me would be beneficial to staff & students, things have changed a lot since I left school, the things I learned and the way I was taught is so different from the way things are done now. I think there are definitely areas in adult life that I could have excelled in had I had more opportunities and understanding during my school years. I feel not only that it will help me grow as a parent, and help me to accommodate my children with learning at home a lot more, but also when it comes to expanding my knowledge on the teaching side of things, ready for when I finally come to working in the educational sector myself one day.



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Useful Numbers

New Parks Library – every Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm (Take ID and proof of income)
Binspired, Wellinger Way, Braunstone – 0116 2232256 Tuesday & Thursday 11- 4pm
Early Help Team – 0116 4541004
Safeguarding Duty and Advice (Social services) 0116 4541004
Child health advice: - 0116 2153231
NSPCC – parent helpline: 0808 8005000
Childline: 0800 1111
New Parks Children Centre/Advice Point - 0116 229 3257
Braunstone Children Centre/Advice Point - 0116 373 7150
Citizens Advice Leicester - 0808 2787970
Domestic Abuse support - UAVA - 0808 80 200 28
Zinthyia Trust Advice/Support - 0116 254 5168

Important Dates

Summer Half Term	Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June
Year 6 Trip	Thursday 22 June
Last day of Summer 2023 Term	Thursday 13 July
First day of Autumn 2023 Term	Tuesday 29 August

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at our school are Mrs Smith, Mrs Duggan, Mrs Hynes, Mrs Grant, Mrs Harvey, Mr Booth and Ms Wittering. who are available to discuss any issues or concerns.

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