



Collaboration Newsletter

May 2025

Dear parents/carers,

We are pleased to share some of the events and achievements that have taken place as part of our ongoing collaboration between the Infant and Junior schools. There are many examples of what we can achieve when our two school communities come together with a shared vision for enriching learning experiences.

One of the standout events was our vibrant Community Food Festival, where families and staff came together in the sunshine to enjoy delicious food and excellent entertainment. It was a joyful occasion that really highlighted the strength of our school community.

We also enjoyed a highly successful joint Maths Day, which saw children from both schools teaming up to explore hands-on maths challenges inspired by the book 'Everybody Counts.' Partner classes are continuing to work together to build strong relationships and plan exciting learning opportunities.

We are also excited that the Infant School will be joining the Juniors in delivering a 'wellbeing day' on the first day back after half term.

Looking ahead, we are busy preparing a range of transition events to help support pupils moving between key stages. These activities are carefully planned to make these changes feel exciting and positive, while ensuring all children feel well prepared and supported.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all who took the time to complete the recent parent survey – your feedback is essential for senior leaders and the governors as we strive to make our schools even more successful! We will be sharing the results of the survey and our response as soon as possible after half term. We are proud of the way our pupils, families, and staff have embraced the collaboration so far, and we look forward to continuing to grow and learn together.

Mr Willis

Reception

The children have been learning about animals living in the ocean. They have written some beautiful sentences about sharks and painted some lovely octopuses. In Maths they have been finding different ways to make 10 and ordering numbers to 20. In class, they have read the book 'Rainbow Fish' and talked about how we share. There has been some great practising for sports day and the children are becoming expert egg and spoon racers! They are talking about cheering each other on and celebrating themselves and others.

Year 1

Year 1 have been excited to use the Bee-Bots when learning about computing. They have been learning about trees that are evergreen or deciduous. The children have also created some wonderful writing about Jack and the Bean Stalk. In Maths, they are learning about arrays and division by grouping. They have been learning about Van Gogh and his sunflower painting; the children have created their own versions of sunflower paintings and there has been some beautiful art work!

Year 2

Year 2 have retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood and created some amazing writing using great vocabulary. They have designed, made and evaluated chairs for their own toy. The children have been using Chrome Music Lab to create their own music. They have been busy revisiting their learning in Maths and English while in Science, they have been making micro-habitats and learning about simple food chains.

Year 3

In Year 3, we are still having great fun learning about Romans and Rebels! Geography has been all about volcanoes, earthquakes and tectonic plates and our lessons have really helped us to understand the events described in our exciting book 'Escape from Pompeii'. In Art we have learned about how the Romans made mosaics and we are now planning our own pieces in the style of Jim Bachor. If you look him up, you'll see he's a modern artist who fills potholes with mosaics! After our trip to Magna, we know all about magnets and we have used this information to run our own fair tests, to make a 'homemade' compass and finally to make some brilliant board games. We bet you didn't know that magnets can move things made with iron without touching them!

Year 4

In Year 4 we've been getting to know our own school environment really well. Both inside by learning about classroom objects in French as well as by orienteering outside around the school grounds. We're getting stuck into our Egyptian topic and have analysed the impressive time period that the Ancient Egyptians were around for and the famous pharaohs that ruled them. This has also complimented our English work where we have written diary entries linked to Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx and also tried coming up with our own riddles!

Year 5

As ever, Year 5 have been very busy. We've been tinkering around with micro:bits in computing and programming them to follow different commands. In Art, our Henri Rousseau toucan and jungle creations are beginning to take shape, while in PSHE we have been learning all about the synergy between emotional, mental and physical health - very apt as it's Mental Health Awareness Month. We have also thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell - such an amazing book. At the start of this week, we also visited The West Bridgford School to enjoy a concert from the children in KS3.

Year 6

It's been a busy couple of weeks in Year 6. They were all fantastic during SATs week; turning up with a calm and mature attitude and giving it their absolute best. We were very proud of each and every one of them. We've had our healthy sports week experiencing Drumba, urban hockey, trampolining, life saving and even glow in the dark dodgeball! The children are really getting stuck into their new topic 'The Golden Age of Islam' and have been amazed by some of the wonderful things that happened during this period of time. It's also time to start practising for the greatly anticipated end of year show!



Infant Healthy Fortnight

We are very excited to announce our annual Healthy Fortnight will be starting on Monday 16th June. During the two weeks, the children will get involved in many different activities such as Drumba, Dance around the World, Dodgeball and much more. This is always a highlight of the childrens school year! *Sports day will also be during this time on Wednesday 18th June in the afternoon at the West Bridgford Juniors Cottages site.*

To help support us with the cost of the outside providers coming in to work with the children, we are asking for a contribution of £5. This is to be paid on your Arbor account, under trips.

Things to remember

Please remember to order **school meals** in advance to avoid your child's disappointment. Please order through Evolve.

[Evolve Website Link](#)

You need to order 48 hours before the start of the week (midnight Friday night for the following week).

Please check dates for any upcoming events.

Infant Spring Concerts

A huge well done to all our amazing reception and year one children. The school was filled with singing over the past weeks practicing for their big performance, and they did not disappoint. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

Sports Days

Below are the dates for this year's sports days at both schools. Sports days will all take place on the Cottages Field.

Infant Sports Day – Wednesday 19th June at 1.45pm

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day – Thursday 19th June at 1.30pm

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day – Monday 23rd June at 1.30pm

We hope lots of you can join us and cross our fingers for dry weather.

Year 1 Wollaton Trip

The Year 1's had a brilliant time at Wollaton Hall! We are very proud of how well behaved the children were and they got involved in every activity, from learning about the different trees in the park, to making animal dens and looking at the different animal rooms inside the hall. Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers - trips could not go ahead without your continued support.



Junior School DT Competition

We are excited to announce our new DT competition. We are challenging the children to create a marble roller-coaster. The children should plan, design and build this at home. This is an optional challenge and children can choose to enter alone; with their sibling(s) or friend(s) – with a maximum group size of 6. Please check dojo for more information or ask contact Miss Nelson for further information.



Reception drama workshops

Perform provided a free imagination workshop for reception. The children enjoyed going on a 'Jungle Rumble' adventure to save a lion, guided by a crocodile. It was amazing to see the children go on this journey all through their imaginations!



Infant Key dates for Summer Term

Tuesday 10 th June	Reception White Post Farm Visit
Monday 16 th – Friday 27 th June	Healthy Fortnight Activities
Wednesday 18 th June	Whole School Sports Day (afternoon) @ 1.45pm
Friday 20 th June	Year 2 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 2 walk round at the Junior school AM
Friday 4 th July	Year 2 Beaumanor Hall Visit
Wednesday 9 th July	Transition day – Year 2 to visit WBJs
Friday 11 th July	School Summer Fair (after school)
Thursday 17 th July	Final Thrilling Thursday Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd & Thursday 24 th July	Year 2 Leavers Concerts AM
Friday 25 th July	Last day of school

Juniors Key dates for Summer Term

Monday 2 nd June	Year 6 Road Safety Workshops
Friday 13 th June	Class 6 assembly
Week beginning 16 th June	Year 3 & 4 Health and Sport Week
Thursday 19 th June	Year 3/4 Sports Day @ 1.30pm
Monday 23 rd June	Year 5/6 Sports Day @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 25 th June 1.45 and 6pm	Year 3/4 Music Showcase
Friday 27 th June	Summer Fair
Wednesday 2 nd July 1.45 and 6pm	Year 5/6 Music Showcase
Wednesday 9 th July	Transition day
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tues 22 nd 6pm & Wed 23 rd July 2pm and 6pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 25 th July	Y6 leavers assembly and last day of school