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A message from Mrs Loten

Welcome back after the summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome all our children back to school and to see how quickly they have settled into their new classes. We have enjoyed a very busy and positive start to the new academic year.

A particular highlight has been the Year 6 residential visit to PGL at Caythorpe Court. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, demonstrating outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm and resilience throughout their stay. They embraced every activity on offer, challenged themselves to try new experiences and supported one another brilliantly. We were incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves.

We would also like to thank the staff who gave up their own time to accompany the children on the residential. Their commitment, care and support helped make the experience such a memorable and successful one for all involved.

A message from Safeguarding

At our school, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to working closely with families to ensure all children feel safe, happy, and supported both in school and at home.

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, emotional wellbeing or if there are changes at home that may affect your child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team, or book onto one of our monthly Family Support Surgeries using the Arbor App. By working together, we can help all children thrive and reach their full potential.



Dates for your diary

5th – 8th October – Reading Workshops
Monday 12th October –Parents evening
Tuesday 13th October – Parents evening
Friday 23rd October – Last day of school
Monday 2nd November – Back to school

Year 6

What a fantastic start to Year 6! The children were a real credit to themselves and our school during their recent visit to PGL. They showed great courage as they challenged themselves, built new friendships and stepped outside their comfort zones. Throughout the trip, every child demonstrated determination, resilience, teamwork and respect. Back in the classroom, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about World War II in History and have been fascinated by the significant impact that bombing raids and evacuation had on the city of Hull. In Art, the children have been developing their sketching skills, taking inspiration from Banksy's famous artwork Girl with a Pierced Eardrum. Meanwhile, in Writing, they have been exploring the exciting world of mystery and suspense as they create their own engaging monologues. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and enthusiasm the children have shown and are looking forward to another exciting half term of learning.



Year 3

In Year 3 we have had a great start to the year. In Maths, we have been working with numbers to 1000. In Writing, we have been writing to entertain using the stimulus 'Taking Flight'. The children have been working on their joined handwriting and have produced some beautiful work. We are currently reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as our class text. In Science, we are learning about the skeletons and muscles of different animals and why they are important. In History, we have been learning about Lillian Bilocca and Philip Larkin and the impact that they both had on Hull. In Art, we have taken inspiration from Edward Hopper to create our own self-portraits in his style. We have been practising our dribbling and passing skills in PE.

Year 2

We are thrilled to have our wonderful children in Year 2, and they have made a fantastic start to the year! Across the curriculum, the children have been working hard to expand their knowledge and skills. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of numbers up to 100, building confidence and fluency. In Writing, the children have been expanding their knowledge of different sentence types while creating their own pieces inspired by 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig'. In Reading, they have been developing their decoding and comprehension skills, whilst exploring new question types, including sequencing and inference.
The children have loved beginning their History lessons, learning all about the pioneering aviator Amy Johnson and her incredible achievements. In Science, they have thoroughly enjoyed exploring life cycles and learning about the survival needs of animals. We are especially excited that this learning will soon be brought to life when our special fluffy little visitors arrive in school. The children can't wait to meet them and deepen their understanding through this wonderful hands-on experience!

Nursery & FS2

What a fantastic first month we have had in FS1! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and see how well they are settling into their new routines. Our focus this month has been **"All About Me."** We have been talking about ourselves, likes our families, our likes, and dislikes and what makes each of us special. The children have enjoyed sharing experiences and getting to know their new friends. We have been learning our FS1 routines, including coming into school, finding our names, sitting on the carpet, listening to instructions, tidying up, washing our hands, and becoming more independent. Through our continuous provision, the children have enjoyed exploring, creating, singing, dancing, sharing stories and developing their communication, physical and social skills. We have also been learning to share, take turns, be kind and play together. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence growing and friendships beginning to develop. We are so proud of how well they have settled and look forward to all the exciting learning ahead!

It has been a brilliant first few weeks welcoming the children to school. We have been listening to the text 'I love me', drawing our own story maps and putting actions to the story. We are learning that we are brave, strong, happy, proud and kind! In maths, we have been ordering numbers to 5 and exploring each number in more detail by counting objects. In art, we have drawn some fabulous self-portraits and in history we have drawn our family. The children have been loving playing outside in the sunshine, using the climbing frame to develop their gross motor skills and performing shows on the stage. Well done to all the children for a brilliant start to the school year!

Year 5

The new academic year has started off with a happy note. It has been wonderful to come back to school and see so many eager faces, who are ready to learn. The children have made a start to their Place Value unit in Maths, learning to read a write numbers with as many as six digits. In writing, the weather turned gloomy and dark, as the children wrote diary entries and settings descriptions about a video, called Mega City. In Reading, the children started reading 'The Highland Falcon Thief', where they got swept away on a train adventure, chasing a jewellery thief. In wider curriculum areas, the children have been learning about Hull's fishing industry, the way humans change as they age, and how different faiths express their beliefs.

Year 4

What a wonderful start to the school year 4 has had! The children have settled into their new classroom so well and have shown great enthusiasm for their learning.
In Maths, we have been building our understanding of place value and working confidently with numbers up to 10,000. In Reading and Writing, we have been enjoying Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest, using it as inspiration to create exciting setting and character descriptions. We are also delighted to have started our violin lessons. The children have embraced this new challenge brilliantly, and we are already preparing for our first performance next half term. In PE, we have been developing our skills in gymnastics and football, while in Science we have been learning all about the digestive system and the important jobs different organs do within our bodies. We are incredibly proud of how hard everyone has worked and look forward to another fantastic half term together!

Whole school Attendance

Target attendance is above 97%.

Our whole school attendance to-date for this year is 96%. Individual classes are as follows:

FS2Mc – 93.5%	YR2HB – 98.2%	YR4A – 97.6%	YR6B – 97.2%
FS2R – 97.9%	YR2M – 99.1%	YR4B – 95.1%	YR6P – 95.6%
FS2M – 96.8%	YR2R – 97.1%	YR4H – 94.6%	YR6R – 95%
YR1D – 99.2%	YR3B – 96%	YR5M – 97.9%	THouse – 97%
YR1S – 95.7%	YR3JS – 97.6%	YR5R – 96.2%	
YR1T – 97.8%	YR3P – 98.2%	YR5S – 97.3%	

A message from Attendance

It was wonderful to present our first **Attendance Streak Certificates** and celebrate the commitment our pupils have shown to attending school regularly.

These certificates are awarded to children who achieve attendance milestones of **100, 200, 300 days and beyond**, all the way up to an impressive **1,000 consecutive days of attendance** without a break. Regular attendance plays a vital role in children's learning and development, and we are delighted to recognise this achievement.

Children who achieve an attendance streak of **300 days or more** also receive a special **Attendance Streak Badge** to wear with pride. Congratulations to all the children who received awards this time. We look forward to celebrating many more attendance milestones throughout the year.

Year 1

The children have made a super start to Year 1 and have settled into their new routines brilliantly.

We have enjoyed exploring our continuous provision areas, where the children have been developing their independence, creativity and learning through play. In our Writing lessons, we have loved reading and writing about '*The Lion Inside*', using the story to inspire our ideas and develop our sentence-writing skills. In maths, we have been learning about place value to 10, helping us to recognise, represent and compare numbers with growing confidence. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitudes the children have shown so far this term!

Tree-house

The children in Treehouse have settled back into school brilliantly after the summer break. It has been wonderful to see everyone happy, engaged and ready to learn. This half term, we have enjoyed a range of sensory activities based around Incy Wincy Spider, providing lots of opportunities for exploration and fun. We are particularly proud of how the children are developing their communication skills and becoming increasingly confident using the core boards to make requests and express their needs. We continue to enjoy our outdoor learning experiences and sensory play, which support engagement, curiosity and independence across the curriculum.

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