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NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week we have been celebrating reading for pleasure during enrichment, tutor time and by welcoming best selling author Jo Cotterill to speak to our Bridge and Gateway students. Our Library really is the heart of the school, a space which Ms Crisp works hard to ensure is a welcoming and safe space for all, with enrichment clubs, author visits, artefact displays and more, but our Library always has a love of reading at it's centre. Our focus on oracy and developing vocabulary means students develop a love of the written word and it's many forms, regularly exploring the shelves for new and exciting titles to take them on a journey to new and exciting worlds. Imagination, creativity and knowledge all start here and it has been lovely to take the opportunity to celebrate this on World Book Day.

Our 2024 Careers Week has meant that students across year groups have taken part in unforgettable industry projects with employers, visited Harry Potter World for an insight into careers in film production and much more. This focus continues in the coming weeks as more students take part in 'Unbox Your Future' and 'Skills for Life' and we invite Year 11 and 13 to our Post-18 Careers Fair, supporting students to build their brighter futures.

Thank you to members of our Year 10 community who attended our Tutor Evening this week. Tutors have shared how valuable they found this time, to meet with our students, parents and carers to discuss progress, celebrate achievements and offer support. Next week, we look forward to welcoming families of our Year 11 students for their Tutor Evening on Tuesday and I encourage as many parents and carers as possible to book an appointment.

Another highlight of the week has been making welcome calls to the families of our future Year 7 students. Their excitement has been truly infectious and the fact that they already feel like valued members of our community has been wonderful to hear. We can't wait to welcome them all in August as they start their seven-year journey.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

WELCOMING BEST-SELLING AUTHOR - JO COTTERILL

This week, we have been celebrating our love of reading to mark World Book Day. A particular highlight, was welcoming Jo Cotterill, best-selling author of 'Jelly' and 'Looking at the Stars', back to The Hinckley School today. During her visit, Jo led two talks with Year 7 and Year 8, took part in a book signing and led an interactive workshop with a smaller group. The workshop saw students work with Jo to write their own opening to a story and read their work aloud to gain constructive feedback and new ideas. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to hear from a professional author about her career, inspiration and the writing process. We would like to say a big thank you to Jo for joining us and for helping to inspire our students.



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WORLD BOOK DAY—DOOR DECORATING




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Tutor Groups in The Bridge decorated their classroom doors ready for Jo Cotterill's arrival on World Book Day. Inspired by their favourite books, each group got creative to

transform each doorway into a different theme. From Where's Wally to Gangsta Granny, and quite a few Harry Potter's, (no doubt inspired by their trips this week!) their final creations are very impressive. Well done Year 7.

TOUCH RUGBY - A MUDDY FIRST SESSION



We as a school are delighted to share the success of our first ever touch rugby session, also known to those involved as 'the mud bath'! This session brought together a mix of boys and girls across different year groups. The supportive atmosphere, with experienced players guiding newcomers, showcased the inclusive spirit we cherish in our sports programs. The energy and enthusiasm on the field was brilliant, reflecting a genuine passion for touch rugby among our students and families.

At the heart of our sessions, beyond skill development and teamwork, lies the importance of building friendships and embracing new experiences. We believe that trying something new not only broadens horizons, but also fosters personal growth and resilience.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue these sessions, fostering skill development, teamwork, and camaraderie. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to touch rugby, we invite you to join us in the upcoming sessions (Fridays after school). Your participation enriches our sports community, and we're grateful for your support in making our first session a resounding success.—**Mr Stocks, Year 8 Year Leader**

Touch Rugby

After school on Mondays, between 3:15pm and 4:30pm.

This new enrichment activity is **open to everyone**, all years and all genders are welcome - experience doesn't matter! A fantastic way to stay healthy and have fun!



YEAR 11 GCSE & CNAT RUGBY MODERATION



Year 11 GCSE and CNAT students played a competitive moderation game vs Lutterworth College on Thursday to support their accredited course grading. GCSE students showed incredible embedded advanced skills relevant to their positions and our CNAT students were able to have full witness statements written with evidence as to their excellent skills set and decision making in a competitive environment. A big thank you to Bismark, Ashley and Adam who made their rugby debuts to support their friends in a full sided game. Lutterworth finished as the winners, with a well fought seven tries to four. - **Mr Barnacle, Head of PE**

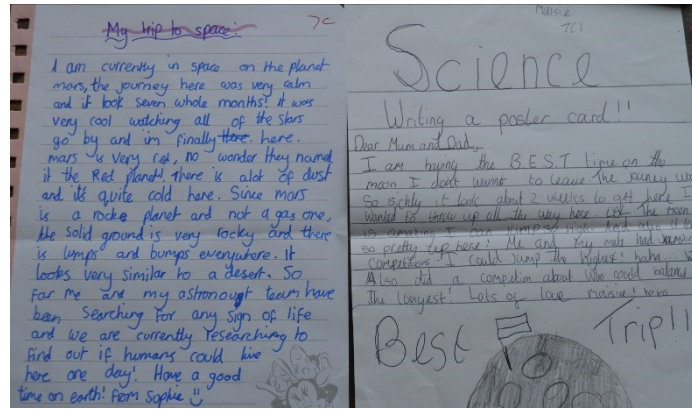
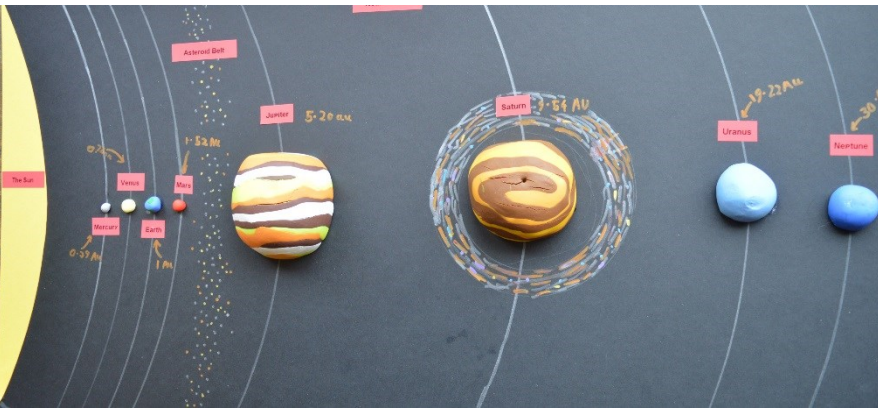
YEAR 8 UNBOX THEIR FUTURE

This week, our Year 8 students have started their 'Unbox Your Future Programme'. So far, we have welcomed the team from Highcross Shopping Leicester (including one of our former students) and the National Space Centre, who both delivered assemblies on careers in their industries and kicked off their group projects. The programme will run over several weeks, with students supported by a group of businesses volunteers to deliver a real-life project in the workplace, learn more about career opportunities and take part in workplace visits. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to hear from and work directly with a wide range of employers and we can't wait to share more as the projects move forward.

Thank you to all our industry volunteers.



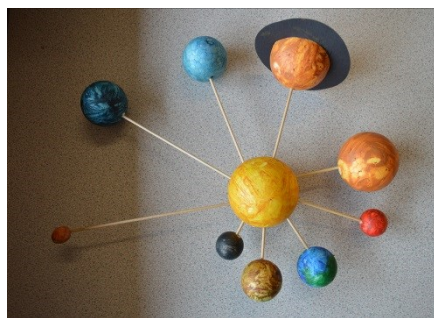
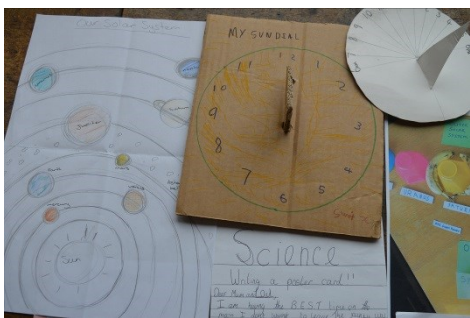
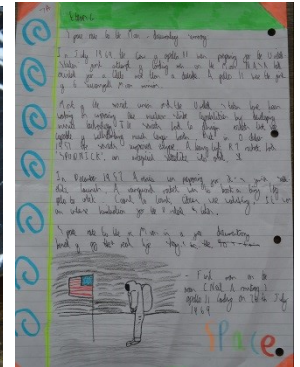
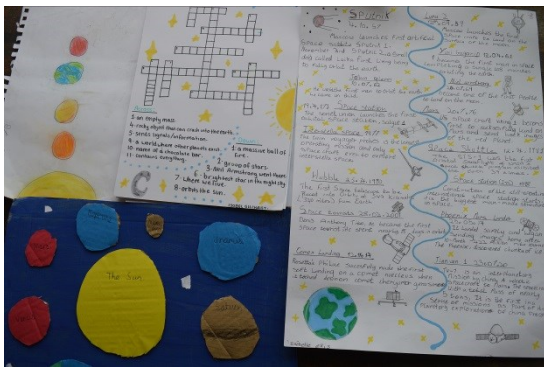
SOLAR SYSTEM



Mrs Ravat, Teacher of Science, has shared how delighted she is with her Year 7s recent homework. Her classes could choose from a creative homework menu, selecting one of six options to demonstrate their understanding of their current topic, 'The Solar System'. Students created sun dials, made solar system models, wrote postcards from space, researched the history of space exploration, reviewed a space programme or created a crossword.

Take a look at just some examples of their incredible work...

Well done Year 7!



SKILLS FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

Students in Year 9 will be taking part in a 'Skills for Life Programme' over the coming weeks, and have already completed their first session centred around breaking the stigma around mental health. Students received a programme workbook which shared more information about the purpose of the sessions, "Our Skills for Life programme is thoughtfully designed to provide the next generation with essential skills, tools, knowledge, and the courage needed to navigate life's challenges more adeptly. This program has been carefully shaped by the valuable feedback received during our visits to 63 schools as part of the 100 Talks For Change project. It focuses on the key necessities highlighted by schools, ensuring a gentle and supportive approach to empower our youth for a resilient future. Our mission is to be the voice we so desperately needed when we were younger!"

In future sessions groups will look at the impact of role models, stress management and self-belief before the final session sees students deliver a 2 minute presentation to share their key takeaways.



POWERFUL COLOURED PENCIL DRAWINGS

Our Year 9 artists have been producing some amazing coloured pencil drawings on black card! Students have been encouraged to further develop the application of tone, with the added challenge of blending a minimum of three colours (shadow, midtone and highlight) and white pencil to enhance tone and 3D form. As you can see from the three examples in our latest Spotlight Gallery, some students were keen to demonstrate their confident ability by selecting complimentary (contrasting) colours that are opposing on the colour wheel, to show an exceptional ability to control pressure to gradually transition the selected pencils. Miss Webster was also pleased to see students considering the symbolic meaning of the colours, conveying atmosphere and narrative through the pieces created.



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SPOTLIGHT GALLERY



Sophie
Year 9 Coloured Pencil Drawings



Rosa
Year 9 Coloured Pencil Drawings



Sophie
Year 9 Coloured Pencil Drawings

THINKING OF TRAINING TO TEACH?



Thinking about Training to Teach?

Join us for a
**Get into Teaching
Experience Morning**

14th March
The Hinckley School
9.00am - 11.30am*



*Booking required via email:
itt@futuresteachingalliance.org.uk



We are delighted to share with our community that on Thursday 14th March 2024, we will be hosting the next Futures Teaching Alliance 'Get into Teaching Experience Morning'.

This free session will allow guests to speak to professionals about a career in teaching and get an insight into how rewarding it is to be building brighter futures. We invite any parents, carers or member of the local community who are interested in a career in teaching to come along to find out more.

This is a completely free experience session and booking is required to attend.

To register, please email:

itt@futuresteachingalliance.org.uk

We look forward to meeting you and supporting your first steps into teaching!

SEVEN YEARS OF NETBALL COMES TO AN END

The girls played their final game of the season verse Lutterworth College this week, winning 22 goals to 11. Some dominant performances across the board with sharp shooting from Sophie and Tilly and great connections down the court from Isla and Charlie, who also demonstrated incredible fitness levels. At the back Lucy and Hannah shut down many opportunities forcing the opposition to shoot under pressure. Holly supported at the back at WD - she played out of position, but you would not have known!

It was a great game to finish on and extra special for Lucy and Hannah who have played for our school since Year 7. It has been a joy to coach these girls on their 7 year netball journey, they have been excellent role models and have always displayed our school values both on and off the court. The netball teams from all year groups wish them the best when they leave us in the summer. **Good luck girls!**
I know you will be successful – keep playing netball! - **Mrs Cheney, PE Teacher**



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SIXTH FORM

SAVE THE DATE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Year 11 Tutor Evening - 12th March 2024**
- **Post 18 Destinations Evening (Year 11, 12 and 13) - 12th March 2024**
- **Matilda—Have you got your tickets yet? - 14th, 15th and 16th March, 7:30pm**

Don't forget that tickets for Matilda are available to purchase on the door each night too! Doors open at 7pm each night. Programmes and refreshments will be available for £1. Cash only. Please note that dry ice machines, flashing lights and strobe lighting will be used in the show.



MATILDA - HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

We can't wait to welcome audiences to see **Matilda**, our school show next week! Have you purchased your **tickets yet?** Our incredibly talented, cast, crew and Performing Arts Team have been hard at work perfecting the show and rehearsals step up even further next week with their technical run through and dress rehearsal in front of an audience of very excited Year 5 pupils. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved already and know the shows will be truly unforgettable.

Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts said, "The cast and crew have amazed us with their commitment, drive and raw talent with this show. We couldn't be prouder of them all and are so excited to be bringing Matilda 2024 to The Hinckley School community."



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ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th &
Saturday 16th March 2024, 7:30pm

Adults: £10 Under 18s: £8
Tickets on sale NOW from Main Reception and ParentPay

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CREATIVE GEOGRAPHY MODELS

Mrs James asked our Year 7 Geography students to create a model to represent the structure of the earth as part of their latest Geography homework project. The class showcased their hard work to each other this week and we were incredibly impressed. Their final pieces were not only accurate and full of creativity, but some even tasted amazing too! Well done Year 7!


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EASTER SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE

We will once again be running Easter School this year to support our students in Year 11 and 13 as they approach their examinations. Easter School will run from Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th April and is planned to offer drop in sessions between 9am-1pm. A letter containing more information will be going out to parents and carers shortly, this will also contain booking information. If you have any questions please contact your year team.

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