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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### What's been happening in school?!

### The Holly Class (Y2) Puppets









The Y2s have been impressing us with their DT (Design Technology) skills! Their brief was to make an animal puppet which had ears, eyes, nose and a mouth in order to be able to survive! In the run up to the DT day, the children practiced their joining skills; glueing, stapling and sewing fabrics using a running stitch. Here are a few photos from the day. We were so impressed with the children's concentration! The Y2s enjoyed the experience and have now taken them home.



















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### The Rowan Class (Y5) with their Out of This World Experience







Last Monday, Year 5 travelled to Leicester to visit the National Space Centre as part of their learning around the Earth, the Sun, the Moon and the Solar System in Science and Writing. The children had a great time watching an immersive planetarium show, interacting with the innumerable displays and were amazed by the scale of the rocket display. Even after their return, the children can recall a wealth of fantastic details about their learning which they will be using to good effect in their classwork. They were well behaved throughout the whole day and a real credit to the school. Thanks to Mr Eaton, Mrs Thornhill, Mrs Torrington and Mr Tibbitts for taking the class on this very worthwhile educational visit.

### Y5 Writing

Please take a moment to look at the photo of some of the Y5s writing! Mrs Thornhill brought a group of children to me to show their writing and I was absolutely amazed with their handwriting, productivity, word choices and presentation! They have been learning about the features of biographies. They have researched and gathered information about Bede, a monk who lived in Anglo Saxon times. They divided the information into facts about his early life, what his life was like as a monk and what his legacy was. They have worked really hard to pack their biographies full of great facts and thought hard about how to organize their information.

















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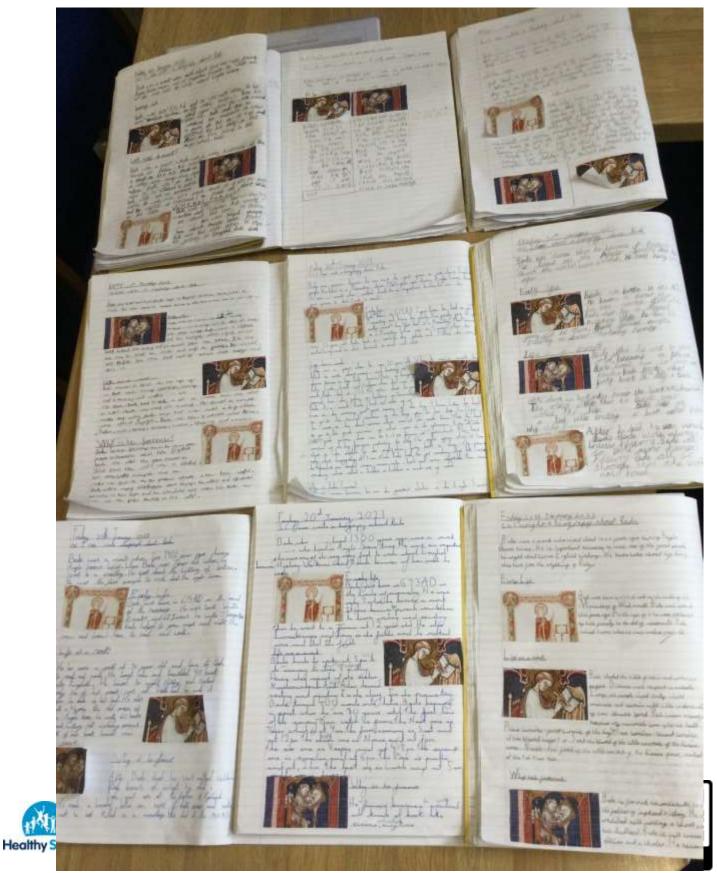






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### The Oak Class (Y1s) Castle Adventure





The Y1s, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Brookes, Miss Ruddleston, and the parent helpers had lots of fun at Conisbrough Castle! They made a timeline of events through the ages. The children found out that the castle was built 850 years ago. Some of the children were a little disappointed to hear their were no dungeons! Some of the Y1s dressed up as the King, Lord Hamelyn, Lady Isobel and some of the servants who would have worked at the castle. They retold the story of when the King went to the castle to visit. The children loved walking up the stone steps in the keep, finding lots of pigeon poo(!), looking through the arrow slit windows and discovering how many children could fit in a fireplace (not lit of course)!























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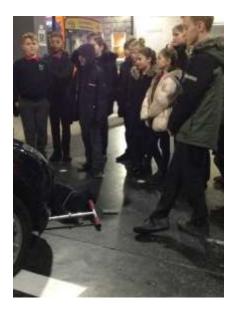


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### The Elm Class (Y6) had a Fantastic Day at Crucial Crew!









The Y6s spent a day at 'Crucial Crew' this week. Children learned about many life skills that will help them as they enter the next stage in their lives going up to secondary school. The day was led by various emergency services and the children engaged in many scenarios from first aid to keeping safe on the streets.

The children had a great time and learnt so much. The day ties in with PSHE learning done in school.

















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#### **World Book Day**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we are going to celebrate World Book Day. This year, we are asking the children to dress up as a word! It can be as imaginative as you like!

#### French Day

We are going to be having our annual French Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The children do not need to do anything for this (there are no costumes to wear!) however, it might be a great time for the children to brush up on their conversational French! To all those parents, grandparents and older brother and sisters out there...parlez vous Francais?!

#### **Sports Day Café**

It's a tradition now that we have a café in the Lodge on Sports Day, providing tea, coffee and some lovely bakes too! Unfortunately, as yet, we don't have anyone to run it. If you are able to give up some or all of your day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to the run the café, it would make the event so much nicer! Please have a think and maybe gather a few troups together if you can! If you are interested, please let either Mrs Helliwell, Mr Connolly or Mrs Thornhill know. Thank you!

#### Could you be a parent governor for the Loxley Primary School?

School governing boards are one of the largest volunteer groups in the country. Their main responsibilities are to support the Head teacher, and Senior Leadership Team at a strategic level to set the policies and targets for achieving the schools aims / objectives and to monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achieving these.

All governors attend the full governing board meetings that take place once or twice per term and sit on one of the committees that focus on specific areas of the school such as Finance and Staffing or Buildings and Health and Safety. Each governor also has a link governor role, which means they take a lead on understanding a particular area of the school improvement plan to ensure it is progressing as expected. We are currently looking to elect a Parent Governor here at Loxley. If you are interested in joining and feel you have the skills/knowledge/experience that will contribute to the Governing body, then please contact the school office who can provide you with an information pack and discuss next steps.

#### **IMPORTANT!** Personal Belongings

If you want your child to travel to school by bicycle or scooter, the bicycle or scooter must be accompanied with a lock. Please remind your child to either place their bicycle or scooter in the bicycle store, fixed to something that cannot be cut, lifted, or removed. Any other valuable personal items should be handed over to a member of staff for safekeeping.

















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Parents are responsible for their children's own personal property while they are on school premises or engaged in school activities, so please check that the bicycle or scooter and any other valuable personal items are covered under your household insurance. Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils and their property safe.

Kind regards

James Connolly and Margaret Helliwell













