

Developing Our Outdoor Area

As you will no doubt have noticed, we have limited green spaces within our school site. We would love to be able to maximise the growing opportunities we have and are very grateful to Miss Attwood-Clarke who has applied for a small grant to help us do this! We would love to be able to set up a gardening group and to tap into any expertise our families may have to support us to create some planting areas and to develop these spaces over the next few months. It would be lovely if we could have an after school club dedicated to gardening running during the spring and summer terms. If you think you would be able to offer any help or advice we would be very grateful!

Forest School

Forest School Sessions for our Y4 children will start after half term. They will take place every Wednesday afternoon and be led by Mrs Hough. If any parents would like to help out then please do let us know. You will be very welcome to join us down in the woods. Don't forget your wellies and waterproofs! Here are a few pictures from the Y3 sessions which took place during the second half of Autumn Term.





Hose Herald

Your half termly newsletter about our School!
February 2026

We have had another busy half term and I hope you enjoy catching up on the news from each class. We have had a few changes in school too, the main one being the change to our wraparound care offer! The changes to the booking system and payments have all been implemented now and more details can be found on how to book and pay within emails sent out this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding, we appreciate it can take a little while to adapt to a different system but hopefully after the first couple of weeks of using the new club function it will run smoothly for everyone! Please do speak to us if you are experiencing any difficulties or need any more information.

We also have a lovely new website to share with you! It is much more user friendly, especially when looking at it via a mobile device. You might notice that the photographs are quite old, the youngest children within them have all now moved on to secondary school! Over the next half term they will be updated to show our current children, learning spaces and classes and give a flavour of what life is like at Hose Primary for anyone looking at our online presence. Don't forget you can sign up to sync our school calendar with your own digital versions so that you receive notifications of any updates and new events as they are added. Take a look here: <https://www.hoseprimaryschool.co.uk/>

All of the staff would like to wish you a very happy half term and hope you enjoy some rest and relaxation! Lets all keep our fingers crossed the sun makes an appearance and we see an end to the current record the UK holds of 42 consecutive days of rain!

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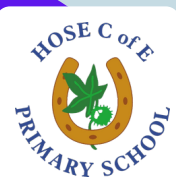
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Diary Dates

February

Friday 12th - Last day of half-term

Monday 23rd - School re-opens today with Little Oaks from 7:30am

Wednesday 25th - 1st Y4 Forest School Session (5-week block of weekly sessions)

March

Monday 2nd - Y5 Bikeability Training

Wednesday 4th - 2nd Y4 Forest School Session

Friday 6th - World Book Day Celebrations - Story time theme come in PJs and bring your favourite book & a teddy for some snuggly reading time in school!

Wednesday 11th - 3rd Y4 Forest School Session & Melton Prom at St Mary's Church in Melton Mowbray

Thursday 12th - Owl Class & Fox Class taking part in a dance workshop

Friday 13th - 2:00pm - 3:00pm - Stay and Play Session in Fox Class

Wednesday 18th - 4th Y4 Forest School Session

Thursday 19th - Y6 trip to Warning Zone in Leicester (details to follow)

Friday 20th - Red Nose Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 24th - Road Safety Education Visitor to EYFS, Y2 & Y5

Wednesday 25th - Final Y4 Forest School Session

Thursday 26th - Final Swimming Session for Y3, Y4 & Y5

Friday 27th - Last day of Spring Term.

April

Monday 13th - School re-opens today with Little Oaks from 7:30am



Owl Class News!

It has been a brilliant start to the new year for Owl Class, and I am delighted to share some of the exciting learning we have enjoyed this half term. In History, we explored the fascinating world of the Industrial Revolution. Exploring what life was like before modern machinery, what drove these changes, and the impact of child labour. Our lively debate on the Luddites was a real highlight and a great opportunity to develop our oracy skills.

In Writing, we crafted atmospheric dystopian settings that were wonderfully eerie, and the children delivered powerful persuasive speeches, stepping into the role of a Prime Minister with confidence, conviction, and reassurance.

We have absolutely loved our Art lessons this term. We explored monotype printing, experimenting with mark-making, textures, and layering. The freedom of the technique was a big hit, and the children produced expressive, imaginative prints, some messy hands, but very happy artists! It has certainly been a packed and productive term, full of learning, exploration, and achievement.



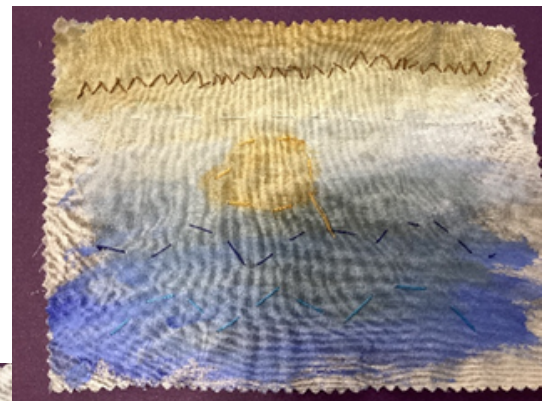


Squirrel Class News!

This has been a very busy term with lots of events happening in and out of the classroom. All the children have eagerly started their swimming lessons and have all shown great attitudes to their lessons and determination to improve.

In Science this term, we have been learning all about the human body. The children have discovered what is needed to eat a balanced healthy diet and the importance of each food type. We have also investigated how we are not blobs due to our amazing skeletons which support our frames, protect our organs and help us move using our muscles and bones. We also investigated different animals, discovering there are 3 different types of skeletons including the liquid filled hydrostatic of worms and jellyfish.

During our art lessons, the children have been using several mediums to create a landscape based on the book *The Wild Robot*. Initially, the children looked at the work of two artists, Hannah Rae and Alice Kettle, who use cloth, thread and paint to create textural pieces of art. The children then painted backgrounds on cloth to depict the different landscapes of the Island. Finally, the children have been using their sewing skills to develop their landscapes and provide another layer of texture to their work.



Wraparound Care Club



Congratulations to Molly S who won the competition to name and design a new logo for our wraparound care club. The School Councillors voted for her design, liking the way she had incorporated each of the class animals into her work. We then took Molly's hand drawn design and used it as inspiration for the digital version above. It got Molly's seal of approval and, I'm sure you will agree, looks fantastic! It really was such a hard decision to select a winner as the amount of thought and effort that went into the entries was outstanding. A huge well done to everyone who took the time to enter.

As emailed out earlier this week we have now got the club booking system set up on ParentPay with sessions from the 23rd of February live and ready to book.. There are written instructions within the email as to how to book and pay for sessions and also a link to this video which also goes through how to book a session: <https://parentpay.wistia.com/medias/f7e9af1mga>
You will need to book at least 7 days in advance of the session required. Any changes outside of this timeframe will need to go through the office.

TO BOOK A SESSION FOR MONDAY 23rd OF FEBRUARY YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR BOOKING BY MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY!

Lunch

Just a reminder that lunches are available to book for next half term on ParentPay. Following a discussion with Coombs we will now be getting cheese and beans as a jacket potato topping each day rather than one or the other! Tuna will still only be served on it's own.

Sports Club

You can now book before and after school Sports Club in the same way as Little Oaks using the Clubs section of ParentPay. You only need to book and pay for a session if your child is NOT already attending Little Oaks. If they are booked in Little Oaks when sports club is running they will be able to attend at no extra cost.

PTA

Events Update

Last half term was a busy one for events with the highlight being the end of term DisGlo Party! The children had an absolute blast and it was the perfect way to finish the Autumn Term. We raised £194 from this event. We also raised another £65 in donations at our Nativity and Christingle where we served mulled wine and mince pies. Thank you to everyone who helped us out, and an extra big shout out to all those parents who helped to tidy up at the end of DisGlo - we were out in record time! What a team.

Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting events which are being planned for the next term and a half! Do let us know if you would like to join the team, we always welcome new members and fresh ideas.

Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Jenny Harby who has just stepped down from the role of Secretary. Her hard work and support has been very much appreciated by the whole team over the last year.

Uniform Shop

We are now half way through the school year (!). If you are finding that your children have been out growing their school uniform, don't forget we run a pre-loved school uniform shop. We currently have a large selection of items with the school logo. Please get in touch via our email: PTA@hose.leics.sch.uk or chat to one of the team in the playground. All we ask is for a donation for the items you take and this can be done by bank transfer or cash, depending on how you prefer to pay.



Fox Class News!



This term has been jam-packed with Science! Our focus for this half-term has been learning what animals and humans need to be healthy and survive.

The Red and Arctic Foxes have loved learning about exercise and good hygiene. We have predicted what types of movement would raise our heart rates and tested them out, finishing with the best type of exercise... a good old-fashioned dance off! We learnt about how easily germs are spread when we don't wash our hands, using glitter to represent the microscopic germs and practise effective handwashing! Did you know the length of time you should wash your hands is the same amount of time it takes you to sing Happy Birthday twice?!

Meanwhile, our Fox Cubs have learnt about how we need to fuel our bodies with healthy foods. They have been learning to classify by sorting foods to show which are healthy and which are unhealthy and best keep for treats! They have tried and tasted lots of delicious fruits and vegetables and practised their cutting skills to create their own healthy lunchboxes.

