

JUNIOR MONTHLY MESSENGER

MAY 2023

Message from the Head

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends on Friday 26th May for the children's 'Best of Britain through the Decades' presentations. There is always a special atmosphere in school during Theme Week as the children work in mixed-aged groups researching and preparing their exhibitions for the Friday. The staff felt very proud seeing the engaged and mature way in which the groups collaborated, showing resourcefulness, leadership and independence. The resulting presentations were a joy to watch, being creative, interactive, informative and visually impressive. We are passionate about developing the children's self-esteem, resilience and character, and presenting their showcases multiple times to varied audiences on the Friday was an excellent opportunity for this. Thank you for entering into the spirit so enthusiastically and supportively; it was lovely to see the Junior School community coming together in this way on a sunny afternoon at the end of the half term.

Peter Doyle, Head of Junior School

Theme Week



The children began Theme Week with a fabulous Wow Day, led by the staff. Maypole dancing, 1940s dance, bunting making, marines fitness and running from John O'Groats to Land's End were a few of the activities on offer. More Theme Week pictures and information inside this issue.



Best of Britain through the Decades



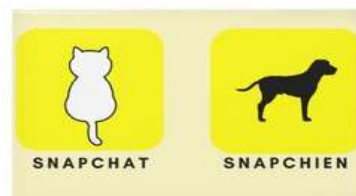
Each summer, we have a Theme Week in the Junior School in which the children work collaboratively off-timetable in mixed age groups studying a particular theme. This year, the theme was 'Best of Britain through the Decades' and the children researched a different aspect of a decade from: culture, inventions, discoveries and architecture, famous people or events. They then went about thinking how to present this information in a creative and informative way. The culmination of this was on the Friday, when parents were invited to view their presentations. Fortunately, the weather was in our favour and it was great to be able to use our fantastic school field. A huge well done to all the children!



The Coronation

As part of our Coronation celebrations, Mrs Rowland organised a portrait competition. Thank you to all the children who entered and well done to the winners.

MFL Joke of the Month



SPORT

National Finalists!



A huge congratulations to our U11 Girls who have progressed to the National Finals of the Independent Schools Football Association cup! The finals will be at the home of England football, St George's Park, in June. This is a huge achievement and very exciting!



Football Finals

The U11 boys made it through to the Hull Active Schools FA Cup Final. Well done!



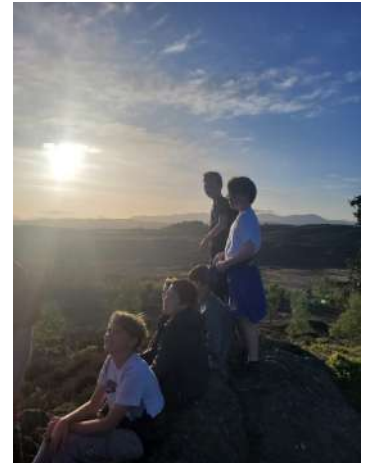
House Swimming Gala



Great racing, team support, fun and records smashed. What more do you want from a House Swimming Gala? Congratulations to Trinity who won both the Year 4-6 competition and also our first ever Hymers Hessele Mount Year 2 & Hymers Year 3 competition.

Windermere 2023

Children in Year 6 went on their residential trip to Windermere in May. Staying right next to the lake, they had a wonderful time enjoying a range of activities including raft building, kayaking, archery, nightline, fell walk, bush skills, zip line and a challenge course. They finished off with a camp fire where each group presented a song or rap about the week. The children improved their team building skills and were a credit to themselves, the school and their parents. Many thanks to the staff, Mr Bloomfield, Mr McLaughlin, Mrs Redhead, Mrs Julian, Mrs Fillingham and Mr Hodsdon, for taking them.





Music



Choral Celebration Concert



On the 3rd of May, the Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Choirs, along with choirs from the Senior School, took part in a Choral Celebration Concert held in Hull Minster. Over 180 children performed to a packed Minster with each choir singing two pieces. The evening ended with all the singers combined performing *This is Me* from the *Greatest Showman*. It was a fabulous evening; many thanks to Mrs Fong and Mrs Redhead for organising the event.



Chamber Concerts

This half term saw two Chamber Concerts: one for children in Years 3 and 4 and the other for children in Years 5 and 6. This was an opportunity for those who learn to play a musical instrument or who have vocal lessons to perform to their parents. Taking place in the Junior School hall, the concerts displayed a wealth of talent, from those children just beginning their musical journeys to those who have been learning for some while. There were some fantastic and memorable performances. A huge well done to all those who took part and also thank you to all of our brilliant music staff.





Dinosaur Project

Year 3 studied Dinosaurs in their Science lessons last term. They have been very busy at home making their wonderful dinosaur projects which we enjoyed seeing in school. Well done!



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8th June

The Great Big Dance Off National Finals, Oxford

Thursday 15th June

Year 3,4 and 5 Choirs, Cleethorpes Festival

Thursday 15th June

Junior School Summer Concert

Saturday 17th June

U11 Swimming team at ESSA National Finals, Ponds Forge, Sheffield

Wednesday 21st June

U11 Girls at ISFA National Finals, St George's Park

Friday 23rd June*

Sports Day (change to calendar date)

Saturday 24th June

Garden Party—Year 5 & Year 6 Choirs performing
Year 5 Choir 12.30pm and Year 6 Choir 1.30pm

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th June

Year 6 Production 'Alice the Musical'

Friday 30th June

Junior School Speech Day

Monday 3rd July

Year 6 into 7 Induction Day

Tuesday 4th July

Year 6 Choir travel to Llangollen

Wednesday 5th July

Llangollen International Eisteddfod

Thursday 6th July

Year 6 Leavers Party

Friday 7th July

End of year

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