



JUNIOR MONTHLY MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2023

Message from the Head

At our Harvest Festival we felt, once again, moved by the generosity of the Hymers community as a fantastic array of food parcels were collected for local charities. The focus of this year's Harvest Festival assembly was developing the children's understanding of farming life and giving thanks for the vital work that farmers do, in particular Hymers farming families. We were given a real insight into life on Will's and Sam's family farms as both spoke eloquently about the challenges they face, as well as their favourite parts of living and working on a farm.

Following distribution of the food parcels, we received a lovely e-mail of thanks from Hull Churches Home from Hospital Service, including the following paragraph:

'We wanted to thank you for our lovely harvest boxes. Clients of all ages appreciate receiving them. I delivered one to a family in half term. The biscuits were eaten whilst I was there, the young boy excitedly put all the food away for his mum! Everyone loves the letters and drawings which come with the boxes, especially the elderly clients!'

Thank you again for your kindness in donating so generously to our Harvest appeal.

Peter Doyle, Head of Junior School

Harvest Festival



On Tuesday 17th October, the whole of the Junior School gathered to celebrate Harvest Festival. Mr Doyle spoke about the importance of farming and interviewed two children who live on farms. The Year 6 Choir also sang *Carry the Light*. A huge thank you to parents for the donations which went to the Hull Food Bank and Hull Churches Home from Hospital Service.



Founders Day



On Friday 20th October, the school celebrated Founders Day. The children learnt about the Rev. John Hymers in an informative assembly given by Mr Doyle. As well as dressing up in Victorian costumes, the children enjoyed a carousel of activities including work about the Victorian Music Halls, making a thaumatrope, spinning tops and Victorian VR. Thank you to Miss Hammond for organising the day.

NASA Day

NASA Day in the Junior School proved to be very busy and educational. Our Year 5 pupils learned about resistance, surface tension, aerodynamics and also what astronauts eat and drink in space!

In the morning, we made space food (astronaut pudding with angel delight and powdered milk), had VR experiences, made hovercrafts and rockets and underwent astronaut training in the pool.

In the afternoon, we had an excellent presentation from Ram in Year 8 and launched our space rockets!





The Year 6 Dance Group took part in the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival held in Leeds. They took part in a workshop which involved Afro fusion dance moves before performing their routine which was entitled *Come Alive*. It was a performance full of energy and they received rapturous applause. Well done to all the dancers and a huge thank you to Mrs Marsden.



Year 3 have continued to explore drawing with charcoal and how they can use it to create dramatic atmosphere. They have enjoyed creating dramatic sets, considering tone, composition, texture and depth.

Year 4 explored wet and dry drawing materials to create atmospheric backgrounds. They are working to create richly illustrated concertina books.

Year 5 are developing their ideas through typography and building visual text to construct a personal map. There are some fantastic maps in progress.



Year 6 finished the half term with their installation, 'For the Love of Dogs'. They received lots of enthusiastic feedback from other year groups, who enjoyed interacting with them.



Year 3 Theatre Trip



Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see the author Alexis Deacon.

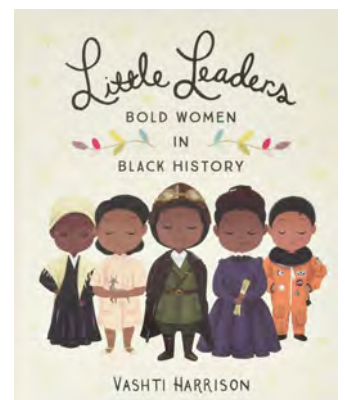
Thank you to Miss Clark for organising it.



Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison

In the book, it talks about black women who were famous a long time ago, their many talents and not to judge people because of their colour. I thought it was very interesting because I like history. My favourite part of the book was about Harriet Tubman which included information about slavery. I would recommend this book to people who like history as it would be a perfect book for them.

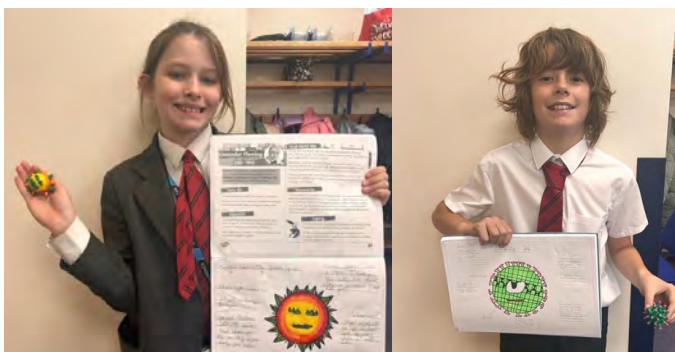
By Alys, Year 5



House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains who have been elected by the members of each House.

Year 6 enjoyed designing their own micro-organisms. They carefully considered their special features, environments and strengths and weaknesses.



U10 HMC Hockey/Rugby

Rugby

The U10A rugby team came into the HMC U10 festival at Bradford Grammar in good form, after some great performances against some strong opposition over the first few weeks of the season, including against Pocklington and St Peter's. They would be sternly tested in this festival, with another game against St Peter's, as well as QEGS, Bronte House, Ashville, Barnard Castle and Durham. The boys did magnificently in all their games, remaining undefeated throughout with some determined defence and exciting attacking play. This team have so much potential looking forward to Year 6 and they should be delighted with how they have progressed. Well done to you all!

Mr M Hodsdon

Hockey

The U10A hockey team had a fantastic day at Bradford for the U10 HMC festival. The first game was closely contested which resulted in a draw. By the second game against BGS they really began to grow in confidence and believe that they were capable of winning the tournament; this game resulted in a 4-0 victory. The different combinations in attack and defence demonstrated strengths in all areas of the pitch and they went on to play a further three games against St Peter's, Giggleswick and Durham, winning convincingly and not allowing the other teams to score one goal. In the final game of the tournament against Ashville, the girls had it all to play for, not knowing the scores of the other games. The girls wanted a strong win and did just that on the final whistle. Throughout the whole tournament they only conceded one goal. This team show so much promise for the future; they are really coming together and working well as a unit. Well done!

Mrs J Fillingham



Headteacher's Commendations



Well done to Lucas, Heidi, Fifi, Freddie, Trixie, Bronwyn, Niran, Alexa, Zara, Natasha, Shivani, Lily and Alaya who received Headteacher's Commendations for their outstanding work.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 15th November	Year 5 trip to the Space Centre
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 21st November	Year 3 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 3 Parents' Evening
Saturday 25th November	Michaelmas Fair—Year 5 Choir singing 12.30pm
Sunday 26th November	Year 5 and 6 Choirs, Hull City Hall with Hull Philharmonic Orchestra
Tuesday 28th November	4EG and 4W Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5th December	Junior School Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production
Thursday 14th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production
Tuesday 19th December	Charity Carol Concert—Year 6 Choir singing
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term, finish 12.05pm for Years 3 & 4, 12.15pm for Years 5 & 6

Editor T.J. Redhead

