

# Sharing Our Successes from the Spring Term

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We have had a busy term with lots of exciting learning experiences taking place. We are sharing some of our favourite moments with you in this newsletter.

We hope you all have a lovely break and wish you all a very Happy Easter!

## Reception

There has been lots of amazing independent learning in reception this term! We used our phonics to decode instructions so we could make pancakes. The children did a great job and enjoyed eating them afterwards! They were very excited about our new arrivals in the classroom- caterpillars! We have been watching them closely and learning all about the butterfly life cycle. We can't wait to watch them turn into butterflies!



## Skylarks

The Skylark children are enjoying our new topic of spring, learning about new life in nature and on the farm. We are hoping to visit the farm later in the spring.



## Doves



The Doves loved dressing up as their favourite characters for World Book Day. They enjoyed writing and telling their own adventure story, creating a character description, recommending their favourite book to a friend and making a dinosaur using art straws. I was really impressed with their fantastic storytelling! Well done Doves.



## Heron



This term the Herons have learnt all about different creatures and their habitats. We spent some time researching different designs of habitats to find out which would be the sturdiest and the best to provide shelter so that we could build our own. Then we worked in groups to build our habitats using natural resources as much as possible. We went back later to discover which habitats had survived and some of them even had creatures still living in them!



## Kingfishers

We have been exploring fossils and Mary Anning a female palaeontologist in theme lessons. As part of art, we had to create a background and foreground of where Mary Anning would find her fossils. We know that fossils would mainly be found along the coastline. For the background we used paint and a dabbing effect with sponges. For the fossils, we engraved an ammonite shape into a foam tile and then printed this onto our backgrounds. We had lots of fun creating our masterpieces.

## Kestrels



Kestrels made some fantastic pointillist creations during the Spring term. The children learnt about the pointillist technique and how to recreate the technique in their own work. The class decided to choose an animal to base their creations on. The creations came out brilliantly and the children were presenting strong character muscles of determination and resilience during their work. Well done Kestrels!



## Kites

This term, Kites went to visit the Islamic Centre in Leicester. They enjoyed listening to the Imam explain the five pillars of Islam and asked some brilliant questions! They had the chance to look around the mosque, learning about what each room was used for and the significance of the decorations.



## Ravens

This term year 4 have been exploring pointillism and produced final pieces inspired by aboriginal art! They first developed their skills in pointillism with pens and then progressed their skills with paint. The children needed lots of patience and perseverance with this art but really enjoyed the process.



## Owls



Owls class really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this year! Everyone dressed up in brilliant outfits based on books they enjoyed. We had a day based on our reading book where we immersed ourselves in the world of Narnia. We enjoyed creating 3D paintings of Narnia through the wardrobe and writing descriptions about Mr Tumnus.



6S have been working hard in PE to develop their volleyball skills. They have demonstrated resilience, perseverance and team work by actively encouraging one another to improve. The pupils developed a good understanding of the skills needed and also used a range of different techniques to improve their performance.



During PGL, 6W children showed their fantastic balance and co-ordination by taking part in stand-up paddle boarding. The children got a feel for the boards on their knees first but then moved onto to standing up and navigating the lake by themselves. They were also challenged with paddling from different positions on the board, which led to half the children being semi submerged in water!

## Year 5



Year 5 had a brilliant experience learning archery. All children developed their skills, focusing on coordination, accuracy, and teamwork. The whole class enjoyed the session and can't wait to try similar activities.





Are you interested in finding out more about training to teach in the local community?

We offer primary and secondary school-based teacher training programmes in the area.

If you are interested in finding out more, join us at one of the upcoming events.

**Wednesday 19 April** – 6-7pm – A virtual Achieve with TELA information event.

**Saturday 20 May** – 10-12pm – Meet providers from across Leicestershire at an event at Thomas Estley Community College (LE9 6PT)

**Wednesday 24 May** – 6-7pm – A virtual Achieve with TELA information event.

[Book your place here](#)

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## Parking

Parking around the school at the start and end of the day continues to be a significant issue for parents walking to and from school, as well as for our neighbours and local residents. Parking across driveways and access points is both inconsiderate and dangerous and once again we would politely ask that if you have to drive to school, please park away from the school entrance, do not stop on the yellow zig-zag markings and be considerate of residents needing access to their homes. The Village Hall is a convenient place to park with only a short distance to walk the remainder of the way to the school. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Our Facebook page is the place to keep up to date with all of our events!

Follow us today so you don't miss out!

Search 'Friends of Cosby School'

Don't forget your Easter Bunny competition!

Drop your entry to the Bunning Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> April by 2pm to enter – details of an alternative drop off will be shared on Facebook soon!



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## Sporting News



Year 5/6 footballers have taken part in some incredible matches this term. They have developed their skills and team play fantastically. We cannot wait to see what they achieve for the rest of the year!



## Summer Term Dates

Week of	Key Dates
17th April	18th Class Photographs
24th April	
1st May	1st—Bank Holiday 5th—Coronation event
8th May	8th—Bank Holiday 9th - 12th Y6 SATS
15th May	
22nd May	
<b>29th May HALF TERM WEEK</b>	
5th June	
12th June	13th Saffron Lane Athletics 15th—New Parents Meeting
19th June	23rd —Sports Day
26th June	26th TECC Leadership & Character Awards 28th & 29th KS2 Performance
3rd July	6th & 7th—Transition Days 7th Reports distributed to parents
10th July	12th July Celebration Assembly 12th July End of Term

## Term Dates 2023-24

### Autumn Term

School Opens: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

School Closes: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Spring Term

School Opens: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half Term: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

School Closes: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### Summer Term

School Opens: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

School Closes: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July