

FENLAND FEDERATION



Marshchapel Infant and Grainthorpe Junior Schools

WELCOME BACK!

We've had a very successful fortnight in schools, settling back in to the routines and for some of our youngest children, starting full time education for the first time.

There are lots of exciting projects planned to keep everyone interested in their learning and as the term progresses, we will share the dates for everything up until Christmas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) would like to invite you after school on **Wednesday** to a catch up with plans for the coming months. The group is very friendly and you are all invited to attend. Why not come to listen and find out what is happening. There will be tea and biscuits, so please join us! The meeting starts at 3.45pm at Marshchapel Infant School.

READING CAFÉ FOR MACMILLAN AT MARSHCHAPEL FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm

Marshchapel Infants are holding a reading café on Friday afternoon. From 1.30pm, please come to share cakes, drinks and a good story or three. All proceeds from the sale of cakes and drinks will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Grainthorpe will be hosting a Macmillan afternoon on Friday 29 September at 2pm. There will be a chance to look round the classes and enjoy a drink and some cake!



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MARSHCHAPEL NEWS

The children have all quickly settled back into school life and are getting used to new routines. They are enjoying playing with their friends, old and new! We have hit the ground running, getting straight back to swimming for Skylarks and Hartbeeps for Lapwings, as well as continuing to offer our Make and Bake club and Multisport club.







Lapwings have been working on the life skills of sharing, turn taking and working collaboratively. The children are learning about 'Our Community' this term and what better community to start with then their school community!





Skylarks have welcomed the YI children into the class and have begun their learning journey about

'Childhood'. They have created self portraits and have thought about emotions, representing them in playdough. The children are eager and ready to learn and can't wait to see them blossom!

All the children, throughout the school, have enjoyed using their new school water bottles. Lots of the children are competing against each other to see who can drink the most! The adults are joining in too!





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GRAINTHORPE NEWS

Kestrels are continuing their project honing their brush skills and experimenting with watercolours. Their work has been inspired by the jungle paintings of Henri Rousseau, linked to their English work on *The Explorer by* Katherine Rundell. Fred, Con, Lila and little Max's plane is on the way to Manaus when it falls out of the sky. Now, lost in the Amazon rainforest, they must figure out the basics of survival: water, shelter, food. Do they wait for rescue, or find a way to rescue themselves?...





Our stars keep shining! Well done to Tommy and Kian for making everyone so proud! Starting in a new school can be daunting but it feels like our Year 3 group has always been here, so mature and ready to learn.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you have any safeguarding concerns to do with children in our community and you want to tell someone about them, the Federation has a designated safeguarding lead professional, Mrs Turner and deputy designated safeguarding lead professional, Mrs Manders. Please telephone school on 01472 869075 (M) or 01472 869035 (G).

If you have a safeguarding issue to discuss, you can contact Children's Services directly on 01522 782111.



COMING UP SOON - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12.10.2023 Years 2, 3 and 4 are participating in an exciting dance project with the Royal Opera House. To kickstart the project, children and parents will be invited to Grainthorpe School to watch a livestream of "The Nutcracker" - more details will follow.

13.10.2023 Individual photos will be taken by Wrates Photographers at both schools.

- 20.10.2023 Term One ends
- 31.10.2023 Term Two starts for children (please note this is a Tuesday!)
- 07.11.2023 Open evening for Grainthorpe
- 08.11.2023 Open evening for Marshchapel