



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, we wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate some of the fantastic learning, experiences and opportunities that have taken place across school.

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who worked incredibly hard in preparation for and during their SATs week. We were so proud of the maturity, resilience and determination they showed throughout the process. Thank you also to our staff and families for all of the support given to the children.

Year Group Highlights

Nursery

Nursery have had a fantastic, fun-filled half term, including:

- A Special Ladies Stay and Play session for Mother's Day
- An Easter Craft Morning with parents and carers
- A visit from the library with story time activities
- A Superhero Dress-Up Day as part of their learning theme

Reception

Reception have had a wonderful half term full of exploration and discovery. Highlights have included:

- Watching tadpoles grow and change as part of learning about life cycles
- Making fruit smoothies
- Taking part in Science Week activities including floating and sinking investigations, light and shadow exploration and junk modelling boats
- Growing beans and competing to see whose plant grew the tallest
- Exploring Stone Age cave paintings and creating handprint art
- Learning about St George's Day
- Watching a musical performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- Tasting different types of beans
- Learning about artist Yayoi Kusama and creating inspired artwork
- Celebrating World Book Day with dressing up, quizzes and book activities
- Going on a Spring Walk and drawing daffodils
- Exploring Easter, Ramadan and Eid
- Performing the song *Spring Chicken* to one another

Year 1

Year 1 have had a particularly creative and hands-on half term:

- Hosting an art exhibition showcasing their clay tiles
- Taking part in a stunning start involving a mystery nature box and creating large-scale land art
- Designing and making sliding mechanisms for Nursery children
- Carrying out a local area study on different types of housing
- Dissecting flowers in Science to learn about plant parts
- Taking part in the cricket festival
- A visit to Sherwood Forest

Year 2

Year 2 have:

- Visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Taken part in Forest School
- Designed and made vehicles in DT
- Conducted investigations into the best conditions for seeds to grow

RE Enrichment

We have been very lucky to continue working with Mr Darlington from the local church this half term. He delivered an Easter workshop with UKS2 and worked with Year 1 introducing them to different artefacts and objects from the church ready for their Summer 2 RE learning.

Across School

We are incredibly proud of the range of opportunities pupils have experienced this half term.



Clubs and Enrichment

A group of staff have run a very successful Girls' Yoga Club using mats purchased through the Tesco Stronger Starts Grant. We have also enjoyed:

- A Junk Modelling Club using the new 'Chompsaw' equipment
- A Magazine Club where children created their own magazines inspired by those purchased through the Tesco grant

Sports Highlights

This half term has been packed with enrichment opportunities and sporting events, including:

- KS1 pupils taking part in a Multi-Skills event at the college
- A group of Year 5 pupils completing Sports Leader training
- Weekly swimming lessons for Year 3
- KS2 pupils attending a Gymnastics Festival
- KS1 pupils participating in a Cricket Festival

Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Children across school have enjoyed Forest School sessions this half term, including:

- Year 2 exploring their 'Explorer' topic outdoors
- Year 1 beginning their Forest School sessions focused on growing and the natural world

Eco Group

Our Eco Group have been extremely busy:

- Creating labels for collection tubs used around school to raise money for charity through recycling milk bottle lids
- Planting potatoes, beans and onion sets in the allotment and greenhouse
- Preparing for the arrival of donated tomato plants
- Planting wildflowers and improving our school planters with donations from Severn Trent

We are excited to continue developing our outdoor spaces and sustainability projects next half term.

Communication

The school's main form of communication is through the school gateway app, please make sure you are signed up!

In addition to this there is lots of information about our school and diary dates on the school website:

www.asquith.notts.sch.uk/

Capital One

Some children from years 5 and 6 visited Capital One's headquarters in Nottingham.

Learning all about future careers, banking and business.

Year 6

Year 6 have a full summer term planned, just a few of the activities coming up:

- Friday 5th June is year 6 trip to Notts Trent Uni - linked to careers and aspirations.
- Next half-term year 6 will do the 'BREATHE' program which is linked to mental health and transition.
- The second half of year 6 will go to Capital One.
- Alan Darlington will be in to do a transition session with Yr6 on July 9th.

Thank you

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting final half term.