



Caythorpe Chronicle

The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

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Building Learning Power

Building Learning Power is an approach to helping young people to become better learners, both in school and out.

Positive effects of developing pupils learning behaviours include raised achievement, improved behaviour, increased motivation, established habits of lifelong learning, increased enjoyment in learning and enhanced creativity.

We introduced Building Learning Power last academic year and it has been well received by both staff and pupils. It has had a really positive impact on how children learn in school and we hope these 'learning powers' will stick with them as they progress through life.

To help consolidate Building Learning Power in school we recently held a **Learning Heroes Day**. All staff and children came to school wearing a **Learning Hero Cape** which demonstrated key learning powers and throughout the day the whole school took part in a variety of activities to show how the different learning powers support and enhance learning.

Throughout the day, children were encouraged to 'think outside the box', persevere, work collaboratively and reflect on their ideas. It was amazing to see children working creatively and enthusiastically on a range of activities! We even had a visit from Spiderman in assembly who showed the children some amazing tricks and explained to them how much hard work and training he had to do to develop and perfect his skills.

Resourcefulness

In Enchanted Forest the focus was on **resourcefulness**. The four main strands of resourcefulness are questioning, making links, imagining and reasoning. Children engaged in a variety of activities including throwing and catching a ball without using their hands, making models out of recycled materials and making a rollercoaster out of straws and plasticine.

Reciprocity

In Neverland the children focused on **reciprocity**. The four main strands of reciprocity are collaborating, listening, imitation and interdependence. The children were put into 4 groups and their class picture was divided into 4 pieces. Each group became experts on one aspect of the whole picture as they were given time to study it and talk about what they could see. They then went into their 'jigsaw' group where they had to describe their part of the jigsaw to create the whole picture!

Resilience

In Narnia the children were learning about **resilience**. All children were shown a clip to initiate conversation about what "Resilience" is and what it could look like. They then discussed the four main strands of resilience; managing distractions, absorption, perseverance and noticing. Children were then given a series of challenges including building a tower that was one metre tall, passing a hoop around a circle and a variety of maths problem solving activities.

Reflectiveness

In Hogwarts the children were looking at **reflectiveness**. The four main strands of reflectiveness are planning, revising, distilling and meta-learning. Children were tasked with working in teams to create a bridge using only marshmallows and toothpicks. This proved to be tricky as after time the marshmallows became soft so the children needed to plan ahead before rushing into their work. The children also had to decide what worked well and what didn't with their bridges which in turn lead to them having to revise their models at different times in the session.





The Book People are excited to be launching Big Book Boost, a brand new fundraising scheme to help schools earn free books for their classrooms and library.

Every time you place an order over £10 online with The Book People, they will donate £1 to OUR school to spend on books.

Please share this exciting news with family, friend and neighbours!!

How does it work?

1. Make an online purchase over £10
2. Select your chosen school at the checkout
3. The Book People will do the rest!!

Outdoor Gym

We are delighted to have been awarded £10,000 from The National Lottery Awards for All Scheme to develop our outdoor provision and can't wait to have our new outdoor gym equipment installed next week!



Voluntary Contributions Towards Trips & Visits

First hand experiences really do support and enhance children's learning but without parent's voluntary contributions we cannot provide these valuable trips and visits. We ask all parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of trips and visits to enable us to continue to provide the very best opportunities for all of our pupils.

Money raised by the FSA and other school fundraising activities and events is used to help with the cost of trips and visits but we still need to ask for voluntary contributions to enable these memorable experiences to go ahead.

We would never exclude a child from an organised school trip or visit but if we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions then it may have to be cancelled. If at any time you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to make a contribution, please do not hesitate to come into school to talk to us.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



Flu Vaccine

Flu vaccines took place last week for those children whose parents had completed the form online to request this. The flu vaccination team will be returning on 2 December to vaccinate those children who were absent so if you would still like your child to have the vaccine it is not too late to complete the form online.

Diary Dates

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| Thursday 21 November | Max Respect Assembly |
| Thursday 21 November | NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Assembly |
| Friday 29 November | KS1 Diwali workshop |
| Tuesday 3 December | FSA Present Room |
| Friday 6 December | FSA Coffee Afternoon 2-3.30pm |
| Monday 9 December | Rocksteady Performance 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 10 December | Christmas performance - Dress Rehearsal 9.30 am |
| | Christmas Performance 6pm |
| Wednesday 11 December | Hogwarts to SWRA - Into the Woods |
| | Christmas Performance 6pm |
| Monday 16 December | Pantomime - Cinderella |
| Tuesday 17 December | Christmas lunch |
| Wednesday 18 December | Christmas parties |
| | Movie Night - Christmas Film |
| Thursday 19 December | Carol Service 2pm |
| | End of Term 2 |

Harvest Festival

It was great to see so many people in church before half term for our Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully and Canon Valerie shared some very wise words with us all. Grantham Food Bank were very grateful for all of the donations we sent too.

