

# Ashby Hill Top Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks here at Ashby Hill Top Primary School, with lots of exciting things happening.

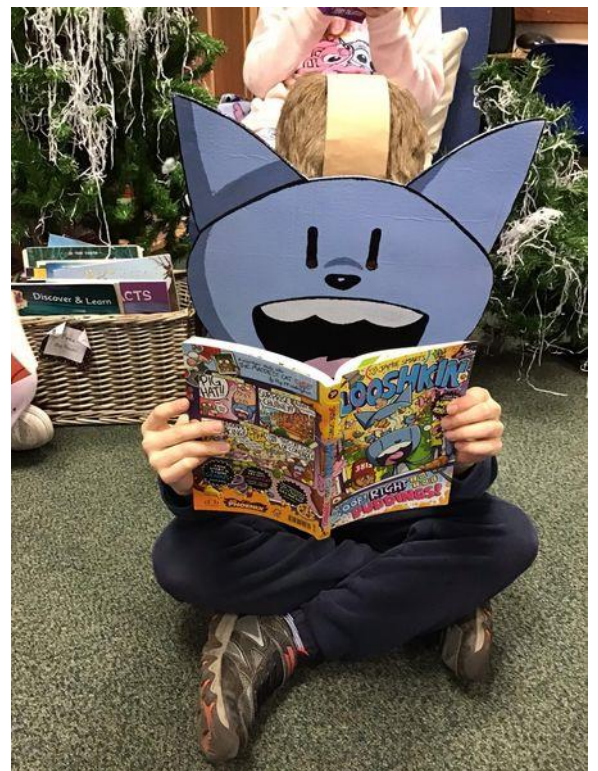
## World Book Day 2024

Last week we celebrated World Book Day. Our school transformed into a magical land of literary wonders as children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters, or came dressed in their comfortable clothes, ready to read. From Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland, the creativity and enthusiasm was simply outstanding. It was a day filled with imagination, adventure, and a whole lot of fun!



## Junior Speak- Rotary Club Event

Wow!!! Well done to the fantastic Key Stage 2 children who participated in Ashby Rotary Club's Junior Speak event this week. Three of our children gave a speech on a chosen subject in front of an audience of peers, children and grownups from other schools. We were absolutely blown away by their confidence! Well done children!



## Sporting News from Mrs McMahon

This may be a very short half term but that hasn't stopped us enjoying lots of sport. Our Kurling team have competed twice and finished third overall in the North West Leicestershire Championship.

The swimming team competed last week in the Development Gala and after some brilliant races we finished first overall thanks in particular to some amazing relay results.



Last week saw a victory in our first Rose Bowl Football fixture with two more matches coming up over the coming weeks. Our girls have their quarter final football match in their competition next week and we wish them luck for this.

We took two teams to the Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament this week with one of our teams finishing runners up. Let's hope our Year 5/6 teams can do as well next week when it is their turn.

We have also entered a team of Year 6's in an Orienteering competition next week ... a great event and something a little bit different from our usual sporting competitions.



Finally, next week we have our annual " Matthew Drummond Football Tournament". This is an inter merit team competition and we're keeping our fingers crossed the weather is kind to us.

Our cross country runners have worked really hard this season- we had huge turnout of runners with great placings at all the School Cross Country Races on Saturday mornings. Some of our children ran last weekend representing North West Leicestershire at the Cross County Championships which they'd qualified for following the School Cross Country Races.

We are extremely proud of all of the children who have represented Ashby Hill Top for sport this term.



### Time keeping

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increasing number of children arriving late for school in the mornings. This is incredibly unsettling for the children and does not allow them to enjoy a smooth start to the school day with their peers.

We always give any late comers a warm welcome, but it can be upsetting for children to enter the classroom after everyone else. It also means that the reception area can become very congested and busy first thing in the morning. Please be aware that teachers often focus on some of the most important things for children early in the morning because research shows this is when they are at their most receptive. If your child is regularly late for school, they will consistently miss this important part of their learning!

**Remember, gates shut at 9.00am!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. It is your involvement and encouragement that make Ashby Hill Top a truly special learning environment for our children. Remember, if you ever have any questions, please phone school or email [office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher



## Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Date	Event	Time
<b>18 March</b>	EYFS Book Talk meeting for parents	3pm
<b>19 March</b>	Y3/4 Hicks Lodge Trip	All day
	Y5/6 Orienteering	am
<b>20 March</b>	Class Photographs	
<b>21 March</b>	FoHT Easter Bingo	5-7pm
	Y5 trip to "Matilda" at Ivanhoe	Pm
	Matthew Drummond Cup	pm
<b>22 March</b>	Break up for Easter	3.25pm
<b>1-3 April</b>	Beaumanor Residential Y4	
<b>w/b 13 May</b>	Y6 SATs week	
<b>17 May</b>	FoHT Rainbow Run	
<b>21 May</b>	FoHT Summer Plant sale	3.25pm
<b>22 May</b>	Sports Day	am
<b>24 May</b>	Break up for half term	