

BRINGING THE CURRICULUM TO LIFE

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



This week students have participated in a variety of events and have represented the school proudly. From trips to the Space Centre, to STEM talks and raising money for charity, there has been a wealth of experiences for them to join in.

Trips that are being planned for further afield include our skiing trip and media trip to New York. This week, Ms Cheney has been fundraising for her netball trip to Malta in July.

We are currently working hard on our enrichment offer for all students and encouraging them to participate. We are looking to relaunch after Easter and hoping as many students as possible will take part in the wealth of opportunities available to them, from music to sport, computing, art, reading, games and many more.

Next week, we will also hold many activities for autism acceptance week. In our senior leadership meeting on Thursday, students from the Inclusion and Equality group spoke to us regarding how important it was to continue to raise awareness of diversity and we are proud to be holding assemblies, activities and fundraising next week to support autism acceptance.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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A UKRAINIAN APPEAL THANK YOU



A recent campaign to donate sanitary product to support women during the Ukrainian War has exceeded expectations. A message from a local coordinator reads as follows:

A huge thank you for all of the items you have donated for Ukraine - I am overwhelmed and extremely grateful. Rest assured this will make a very real difference. Hinckley School have responded very swiftly and generously.

May I also add that your Premises staff that helped me were extremely helpful - please pass on my thanks to them both.

Perhaps you would include that a Cake & Coffee Morning is being held on 29th April 10 - 12, at Hinckley Methodist Church Albert Rd LE10 1PL, to raise funds for Civilian Relief in Ukraine, in partnership with www.dec.org.uk. The proceeds from that event will increase the £5,400.00 already raised -I'm hoping to make it to at least £6,000.00 .

COMMUNITY FOOTBALLER LIAM PLAYS FOR LEICESTER

I was selected to play football for Leicester in the community during the February half term at the Leicester City training ground. I am a Goalkeeper. We successfully played 6 games of which 4 was in a group stage, and 1 in the semi finals and 1 in the final. We did not concede 1 goal throughout the whole tournament and all together as a team we scored 14 goals. I was the only player from the Hinckley area to be selected from all of the Leicester teams and 6 boys come together to create the team to play in the tournament. In the final we drew our game and we needed to decide the winners on a penalty shootout which we won 3-0 conceding no goal. I saved 1 penalty in the shootout as the opponent missed and hit the post. We were awarded a medal and trophy which will stay in the trophy cabinet in the King Power Stadium. We have got an upcoming tournament in July against other premier league teams at the Nottingham Forest training ground. I want to say never give up on your dream as you cannot catch your dreams if you do not chase them.

Liam , Year 10 Student.



SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 9



Last week, a group of students in year 9 were chosen to take part in a spoken word workshop run by Creative Learning services. The workshop looked at spoken word artists Keith Jarre, Sarah Crossan, Inja and Angie Thomas and how spoken word can be a powerful way to express your views through very different styles. Students were shown different techniques to use and had a go at creating and building on some ideas in some group work. Students fed back that they found the session really enjoyable and interesting.

BRIDGEPRIDE POINTS MEAN PRIZES!

Mr Stocks and his army of student leaders have revamped the PRIDE reward shop. This week students have been busy spending their hard earned rewards in their hundreds.

Mr Stocks is currently consulting the Year group on a celebration trip for students who have accumulated PRIDE points since September. There will be a series of challenges set amongst the year team to give everyone a chance to be eligible.



STEM—SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS PROJECT

On Tuesday morning, year 12 Engineering students and 11 year 9 students attended a Speakers for schools- A day in the life of an Engineer in aviation event. This event came, following National careers week and was part of British Science week.

Students were spoken to by a panel of Virgin Atlantic engineers. They found out about routes into careers in aviation, opportunities they could expect from a career in aviation and the all-important potential earnings. Students questioned the panel on what they could do right now to start to get hands on experience, as well as asking about what it is like to be a female in a male dominated environment. They were encouraged to get involved and not let anything stand in their way. Well done to all students who took

Any students interested in STEM are encouraged to find out about our new Robot Wars STEM club running after school on Mondays.



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

As a school we work very closely with our Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) representative Hollie Gallantree. She helps us fine tune and deliver our careers program to ensure the students at The Hinckley School and Sixth Form get the best possible support and guidance. Their aim is to lead and drive economic prosperity across Leicester and Leicestershire and we always strive to promote aspirational local employment opportunities. This was the first meeting with our new Enterprise Adviser and champion Nicola McCluskey HR Business Partner from Bleckmann, a large international logistics company based at Magna Park. As part of our partnership, we are planning student experiences at Bleckmann as well as developing industry links across the diverse work sectors that surround the Hinckley area. In the process improving our students' access to the local labour market as well as inspiring them to be our leaders and entrepreneurs of the future. We are lucky enough to have our very own in-house careers advisor Helen Thompson. Any student in the school can request an interview with Helen to discuss their future career plans. They can do this through their form tutor or by contacting Helen directly at hthompson@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



YEAR 7 VISIT THE SPACE CENTRE

A small selection of Year 7 scientists were invited to an “out of this world” adventure to The National Space Centre by The Night Sky Trust charity. Pupils explored the curiosity of our universe through exciting talks in the planetarium and interactive activities across the centre.

Our Students said the following about their experience:

Amazing !!!

I felt like I was in space in the planetarium

The astronaut suits were so cool

I wish we could stay longer. It was so fun and I want to go again.

The rocket ship was huge and the controls for the Mars robot were amazing (JT)

The planetarium show was so realistic and amazing (JT)

I liked the rockets on the second floor. There was more fun stuff on 3rd, 4th and 5th level and it was 144 steps to the top!! (MA)

It was really interactive and there was so much to see (SA)

The gift shop was amazing and I enjoyed spending my voucher (BJ)

There were lots of new facts that I learnt about space and the planetarium was outstanding

Thank you to the school catering staff for preparing 48 packed lunches for us to take with us, they were lovely (ST)

A special thank you to Miss Pratt for organising this trip and we hope to take more scientists on the



REMOVING BARRIERS TO LEARNING

RED NOSE DAY FUN AND FROLICS

On Friday 17 March, the School supported Red Nose Day by participating in a range of activities. There was a Mario Kart time trial which saw staff and students go head-to-head on the Moo-moo meadows racecourse! Mr Taylor came out victorious with the fastest lap, with students Brandon Burman and Joe Bradbury second and third fastest respectively .

Students also enjoyed Just Dance in the Drama Studio under the lights, and Mr Barnacle and Adam Plowman, our student PE and Sport Student ambassador, ran basketball tournaments for KS3 and KS4 teams.

Alongside the activities, students were invited to enter their own designs for a new Mr and Mrs character. We received some amazing entries and selecting winners was incredibly difficult. However joint first place goes to Eva Morely, Y9, who baked a variety of cakes which she also sold at lunch raising £33 for the charity.

Layla-Rose Pritchard, Y8, is also awarded first place for her incredible 'Mr Fame' character which she designed, 3D printed and painted! Both students will receive a £10 Amazon voucher.

Overall, The Hinckley School students raised over £90 for Red Nose Day and we thank them all for their contributions.



Autism Acceptance Week

27th – 31st March

We are all different



Brains are all different



People are all different



Autism
Education
Trust



National
Autistic
Society



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

Next week The Hinckley School will be raising awareness for Autism Acceptance Week. Get involved in lots of different activities in the library every lunch!

Thursday 30th – Lets all wear bright coloured socks with our uniform! All money raised will go to the National Autistic Society.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

31ST MARCH—BRIDGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

END OF TERM 3PM FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

RETURN FROM EASTER HOLIDAYS MONDAY 17TH APRIL

YEAR 8 PARENT EVENING TUESDAY 16TH MAY