

HARBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - LINK LETTER*Expanding horizons, exploring potential, embracing faith*

*"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*
Proverbs 22:6

*This Link Letter contains news,
forthcoming events and information,
helping you to keep in touch with school.*



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Peace, Endurance, Friendship, Compassion, Thoughtfulness, Koinonia

Assembly Focus

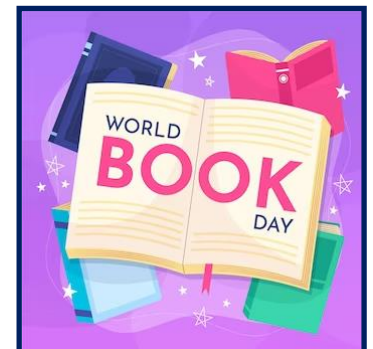
This week we have been thinking about the character strength of SELF-CONTROL. The ability to show and use self-control can be difficult at times. This is about the ability to be able to control our feelings and emotions - and our reactions to these. How we respond can be different depending on the circumstances - such as where we are and who we are with and what the impact of our responses may be. We may need to adapt our responses and show greater self-control in situations such as in public and where safety may be compromised. This can be challenging at times when faced with temptation or impulses and sometimes we need strategies to help us to manage our feelings and be able to maintain self-control - such as walking away, changing activity or asking for help. Self-control is important in helping us to maintain friendships and relationships and achieve our goals.

Well done to **AIR** who was the winning team this week.

Cumulative Total – Spring Term 2024			
Earth	Air	Fire	Water
32	43	29	19

World Book Day

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Friday 8th March which will include book vouchers for the children to take home. We will be writing to you before the half term to explain what our celebrations will involve as we will be setting a task linked to characters and props from your favourite book! Look out for a message soon!



Cross Country

Super running this weekend by Gracie, Willow, Matilda, Ellie, James and Denis. You all represented Harby really well and we are very proud of you!



Illness

Where children have been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they must remain away from school for 48 hours after their last bout. This is in line with NHS guidelines. Further useful information about childhood illnesses, whether your child is well enough to be at school and other useful health advice can be found by following this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Exploring
mass in
Class 1,
using our
balance
scales.



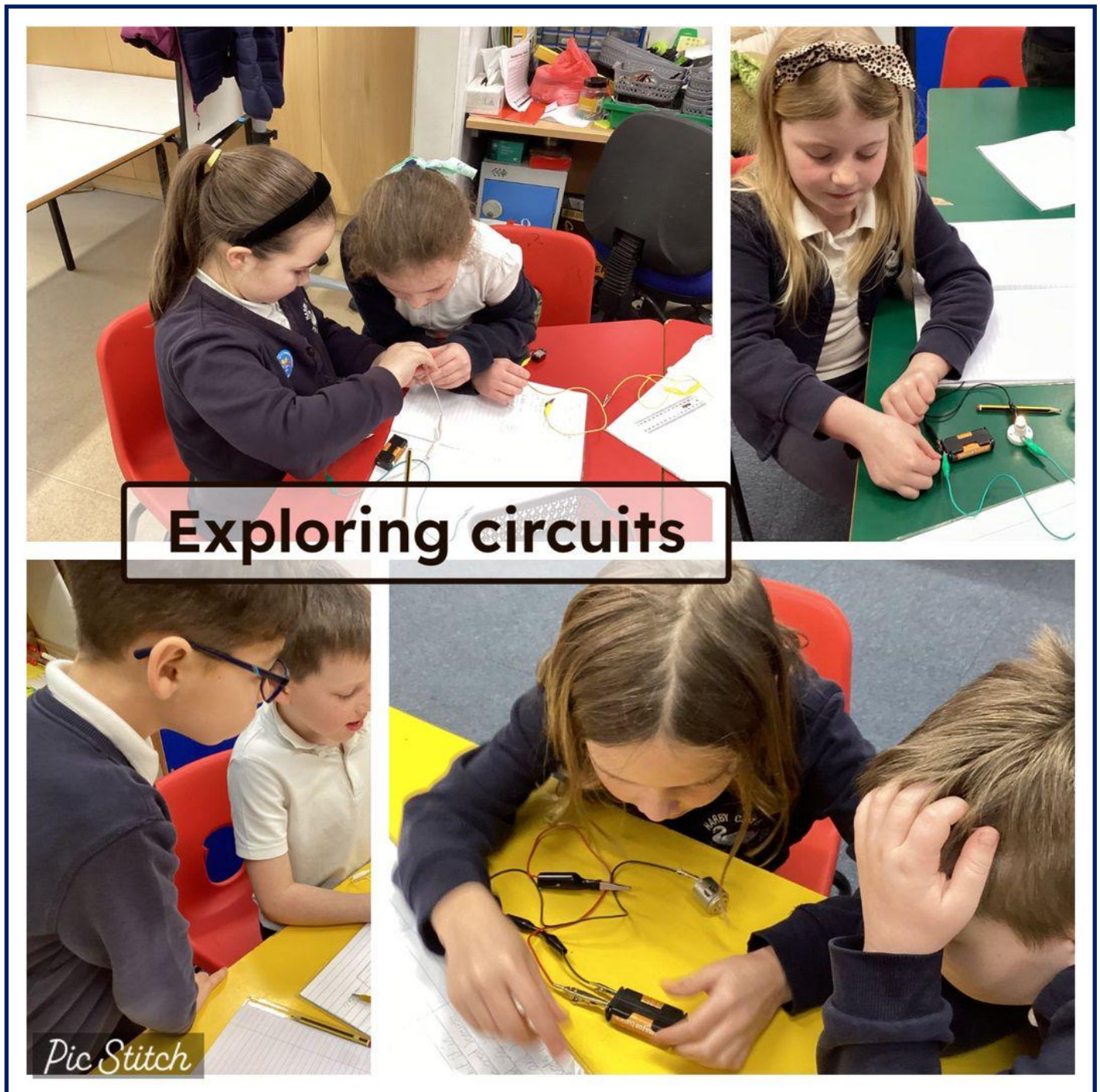
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Reporting absence

Parents are requested to notify the school office, no later than 8.40am, that their child will be absent. This can be done via email to the school office, telephone call / message on the answerphone, message left on ParentMail, or in person to the school office if dropping off a sibling. ***Thank you to parents who have done this so well this week if needed – it is very helpful.*** Where pupils are absent and we have received no message, we will ring ***all*** contact numbers given for the child and email parents. If we have not received any response, despite messaging in all ways available, we may then complete a home visit as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Further information about attendance and our full policy can be found on the school website: [Harby C of E Primary School - Attendance \(harbyprimary.org\)](http://harbyprimary.org)

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.



PE Kits

A reminder that on days when children are having PE outside they need to be wearing trainers, or bring them to school to change into, so they are able to run and move safely. Earrings should be removed where possible and long hair tied back. Thank you for your continued support.

Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is provided by the Government to local authorities to support families with children and individuals most in need. For more details about what Leicestershire County Council can offer please click [here](#) or speak to Mrs. Bye in confidence if you would like support with an application. Thank you.

Special Menu on 8th February

To celebrate Chinese New Year we will be having a special menu on Thursday 8th February. This will be:

Chinese Chicken Curry or Vegetable Chow Mein
with
Boiled Rice and a medley of Peas and Sweetcorn

Dessert is Ma Lai Gao
which is a Chinese sponge cake

Jacket Potatoes with
Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna
will be available too!

***Please order on the day as usual
during morning register.***



Next week in school: Children's Mental Health Week

Please note: *Most clubs are cancelled this week due to staff being away on residential.*

Monday 5th February: Year 5 and 6 Residential Week!
Tuesday 6th February:
Wednesday 7th February:
Thursday 8th February:
Friday 9th February: Library Club at lunchtime

Dates for the diary for the next half term. For further dates and events please see the calendar on the school website.

New / updated dates in red

13th February – Friends of the School Meeting at 7pm – everyone welcome!

16th February – School Closes for the Half Term Holiday

26th February – School Opens after the Half Term Holiday

28th February – Class 1 RE visit to Leicester Synagogue – ***a letter has gone out this week***

2nd March- Belvoir Challenge!

4th March – Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

7th March – Sky Dance Event at Melton Theatre

8th March – World Book Day celebrations in school

11th March – Parents' Evenings this week

11th March – Science Week

22nd March – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

We hope you all have a good weekend!