



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 23rd May

Dear parents,

What a short yet busy term!

We are now heading into a busy and exciting time of the school year.

There will be shows, a sports day and hopefully lots of sun.

We have also planned a 'Folklore Fortnight' for the transition weeks, which we think will be really exciting.

Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –

Adventures

Headteacher Updates



Spelling Bee

We will be holding our second Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee on **Thursday 12th June.**

Those children who would like to take part will have brought home word lists from Mr Brierley.

We would also like to invite any Year 2 children who would like to join to let the office know.

National Assessments

Well done to Year 6 who demonstrated calmness, resilience and embraced the challenge of SATs.

Year 1 Phonics Screening - Children will be completing their phonics screening check the week commencing the 9th June. If you can please continue to practice your reading regularly.

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check - Children will be completing their Year 4 Multiplication check during the week commencing the 9th June.

Reading Success

We have recently been counting up how many words our pupils in Key Stage 2 have read and quizzed on so far this year. This week they received their badges.

A huge congratulations to Kiaan in Tyburn who has reached one million words! Melody, Bella and Ellie have all hit over 500,000 words, well done. Plus 25 children received a 100,000 badge.

Top tips to support media literacy at home!

Look at news together
Explore different news sources. Talk about the pictures and headlines – do they tell the full story?



Chat about the news
Ask your child what they've heard in the news. What do they think? What questions do they have?

Share your values
Talk about what matters to your family and how to treat others with respect – even when people have different views.

Talk about facts and opinions
Help your child spot what's fact (something true) and what's someone's opinion (what they think or feel).



Think about the purpose
Is the information trying to inform, entertain, sell something, or persuade us?



Encourage curiosity
Ask: Who made this? Why did they make it? Can we trust it?

Be a role model
Show your child how you check information or talk about news in a thoughtful way.

From the School Journalists

Year sixes recently completed SATs. In SATs they finished their 3 maths tests, 2 grammar tests and 1 English paper. During SATs, they were allowed to bring in snacks like Krispy Kremes and chocolate to share with the other Year 6's and extra break.

In the meanwhile, the year 5's were learning about musical theatre and writing letters to the king which was very fun for them.

The week before, it was VE day, which is a national celebration around Europe. Some children were asked to go to read and speak at the village hall. There, they got to read some poems and lots of cake! Some people were very scared but it turned out a lot better than expected and they were allowed to dress up as refugees. As an unexpected turn up, a man who wrote one of the poems being read was actually there!

By Sloane, Erin and Oliver.



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Office Team Updates

Forest School: Linford

Linford Class will have Forest School sessions on 6th June, 13th June and 4th July. Children should come to school dressed for an afternoon outside with sturdy footwear, raincoat/coat/sunhat as appropriate. They will get dirty :)

Trips and residentials

Please remember to give consent for your child to attend upcoming trips asap. Remember that all trips can be paid for in instalments in amounts and at times to suit you but if payment is a problem, the sooner you let us know, the sooner we can find ways to help. The deadline for the deposit for Old John's residential to be paid is 31st May.



Congratulations to Miss Pearce who is getting married today! When she returns to work after half term she will be known as Mrs Flint.

Lost Property

The bin is overflowing! Please check to see if any of the items belong to your child.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd June	Back to school
Wednesday 4th June	Sports Day , 1pm-3pm, Village Cricket Ground
Friday 6th June	Forest School starts for Linford Class
Wednesday 11th June	Music concert for guitar/ukelele players and their parents
Friday 13th June	KS2 trip to Curve Theatre
Wednesday 18th June	Back up Sports Day
Monday 23rd-Tuesday 24th June	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 25th June	Massed Choir event pm (KS2 choir)
Friday 27th June	Year 2 sleepover @School
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition fortnight begins (Folklore Fortnight)
Monday 7th July	Warning Zone trip (Year 6)
Tuesday 8th-Wednesday 9th July	Old John play @Village Hall (evenings, time TBC)
Friday 11th July	Leavers assembly
	Last day of term



PTA

In this short term, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has been buzzing with activity! One of the highlights was the successful village quiz night, which not only brought the community together for a night of fun but also managed to raise just under £1,000 for the school and for Falcon Support Services. It was great to witness such generosity and support from everyone involved, contributing to the betterment of our school community.

Looking ahead to the next half term, the PTA is gearing up for our upcoming Year 6 leavers event. While details are still being finalised, including dates to mark on your calendars, rest assured that the PTA will work hard to ensure it is a memorable experience for our students and families. Stay tuned for more updates and get ready for more exciting events and initiatives from your PTA!

Thank you for your continued support!





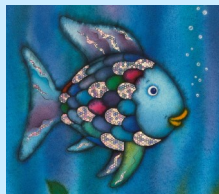
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Class Updates

Linford Class

We have squeezed so much into this short half-term. Our topic has been 'By the Sea' with a geography focus. We have enjoyed seeing each other's seaside holiday photos, located these on a map of the UK, and compared different coastlines. We have considered how humans



can affect a beach environment and its sea creatures. In English our stories have linked to our theme—'At the Beach', 'Clean-Up', and 'Rainbow Fish' and it has been amazing to see the progress that the children have made in their sentence writing. We have continued to demonstrate our creativity by making colourful sea scene collages,



and Year 1s have designed a print to create a seaside themed tote bag—the finished products look great! In maths, EYFS have been working on their number bonds to 10, and Year 1s have focused on 'position and direction' and have begun looking at 'time'.



We can't wait for our Forest School sessions after-half term and we will be continuing our seaside topic through History (get those seaside photos from the past ready parents and grandparents!)

Have a lovely half-term everyone!

~The Linford Team

Bradgate Class

Bradgate Class have had a fantastic and fast-paced term!

In English, we became creative writers and produced some fantastic leaflets all about visiting the seaside. The children used a wide range of exciting adjectives and powerful verbs. They took great ownership of their work by editing with purple pens and proudly creating a final version of their leaflets.

As part of our theme, we have been learning all about the seaside. A big thank you to all the adults who shared wonderful seaside pictures with us — they are proudly displayed in our classroom! The children explored atlases to locate beaches across the UK and worked collaboratively to plot them on a map. They also enjoyed discussing their own seaside experiences and sharing what they discovered.



We have also been focusing on teamwork this term. Children have been working in pairs and small groups, often with new partners, to develop their collaborative skills. One of our favourite activities has been creating photo stories. The children began by planning a story map, then worked together to capture and evaluate photos, thinking carefully about composition. They have explored basic motion and editing techniques, including cropping.

We've made the most of our outdoor space too, especially in our work on verbs. The children loved playing action games that brought grammar to life in a fun and active way.. It's been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning

As we head into our final term, there's lots to look forward to. Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break!

Mrs Ismail and Miss Pearce



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Tyburn Class

We have had another lovely half term in Tyburn Class. This term, our topic has been the Vikings. The children have enjoyed learning about the Viking's raid on Lindisfarne and investigated the 'treasures' the Norsemen wanted.

In science this term, we have been learning about states of matter. We have been investigating how water changes state and have applied our learning to the water cycle.

The children have worked hard in English this term, they have produced some fantastic Viking myths and have been writing newspaper reports.

In maths, we have been learning to tell the time. Year 3 have also been developing their understanding of mass and capacity. Year 4 have been working on decimals. We have also been working really hard on our times tables.

Well done again for this half term and thank you to parents and carers for your continued support.

The Tyburn Team

Old John Class

What a short but eventful term in Old John!

Of course, our main highlight was the Year 6 class completing their SATS for this year. Some of their papers were very challenging, but they approached them with calm and patience and came out of nearly all of them feeling confident. They were very proud of themselves, and I and the rest of the class are equally as proud.

Our theme for this term has been 'Darwin's Delights', and the class have been learning all about Charles Darwin, the Galapagos Islands and the theory of evolution. In their English writing, the class have completed a 'dual text' narrative with a diary, based on Darwin's travels on the *HMS Beagle*, and have looked at the debate around 'sustainable tourism' and whether it is achievable in the modern-day Galapagos Islands. We have explored evolution in the scientific sense by looking at inheritable traits, adaptive traits and how evolution occurs through genetic mutation, but how it can also manifest through genetic conditions such as albinism, dwarfism, gigantism and Down's Syndrome.

In our Maths, we have been recapping areas of the curriculum, especially around decimals, which some of our children have found especially tricky. The Year 6s, prior to SATS, were able to get to grips with problems around algebra, which they have enjoyed!

Also, a big welcome to Kaney, who has joined our Year 5 cohort—we hope you enjoy your time in our class! - Mr Brierley and the Old John Team