



# Newtown Linford Primary School

## 27th May Newsletter

Dear parents,

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the children, staff and parents for making me feel so welcome in my first half term at school. We have been so busy over the last few weeks and we have had to fit so much in this term that the time has just flown!

I have loved getting to know the children and enjoyed spending time with them in their classes and through different activities.

It has been lovely chatting to the parents at the gate too; I hope

to meet more of you in person and please contact me if you would like to discuss anything. I can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings as I know we have a lot of exciting events planned! I hope you have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all after the break. Mrs Proudman

### School Values

*Individuality*

*Excellence*

*Adventures*

This terms focus is –  
Adventures

### Parking

We are now opening the gates at 8.30 in the morning meaning that parents no longer have to queue near the road. It is important that parents wait with their children in the school grounds until teachers open their class doors at 8.40.

Please can I remind parents to park only in designated areas around our school to help ensure we keep all of our children safe. You may park in The Bradgate pub car park, but please do not park in the space at the front of the pub as this obscures the view of cars pulling out on to the main road. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

### Upcoming Dates

#### Old John Residential

Old John residential will be from the 13th to the 15th June.

Residentials are an amazing opportunity for personal growth, having adventures and making lifelong memories. We know they will love the experience. Both Mrs Patel and Ms Bunting will be attending alongside Miss Podgers and Mrs Proudman.

#### Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on the cricket ground on 20th June starting at 1.00pm. The children will have opportunity to take part in a range of competitive sports and also some fun races too. Our back up day if the weather is not suitable will be 27th June.

#### Times table tests

Our year 4s will be completing the times table test on the week beginning 6th June. These are tests that children across the whole country are required to undertake.

#### 'Alternative Sports' days

On 22nd/23rd June the children will have opportunity to take part in some alternative sports ranging from balance bikes to Zorb Football. They will need to wear their PE kit on these days.

#### Leavers' Party

The PTA are currently very busy organising a leavers' party on the 1st July. All parents and children are invited and more information about how to get tickets will be available soon.

#### Leavers' Play

Old John class have been very busy practising their end of year play. We will let you know dates for their performances soon.



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### House Winners

The house winners this term are Fallow Deers, what a comeback! They can come in wearing non-uniform on Friday 10th June. Well done, they never gave up hope.

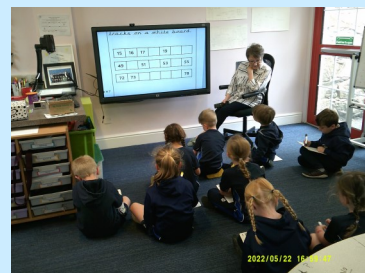
### Class Updates

#### Linford Class

Linford class's topic this term is 'The Secret Garden'. They have loved their role play area which has been turned into a garden centre and they have been investigating how plants grow. In literacy, we have read a book called Handa's Surprise and learned all about different fruit and where it comes from. We are really excited about some new visitors that have come into class! Some caterpillars have arrived and we can't wait to watch them turn into butterflies. We can't believe how quickly they have grown in just a week!

In art, the children studied Van Gogh and had a go at recreating his Sunflowers picture. As you can see, we have some talented artists in the class.

They have all been working exceptionally hard with their maths, reading and writing. It is always a treat to go into Linford class as they are always so enthusiastic in their learning.



#### Bradgate Class

Bradgate class have thoroughly enjoyed their topic of The Great Fire of London this term! They started the topic with a Tudor day where they dressed up and they even managed to write using a quill pen. The children have combined their history topic of The Great Fire of London with their DT topic of Moving Pictures (sliders and levers) and created some amazing artwork showing the historical event! They even had a go at making their own bread!

The year 1s have been working very hard on learning their phonics and we are very proud of the year 2s who have just completed their SATs. They worked really hard and they all did really well.





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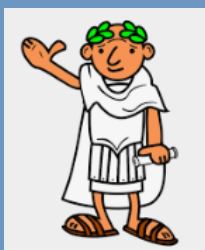
### Tyburn Class

This term, Tyburn have thoroughly enjoyed their topic called 'Botanical Brilliance'. They have produced some beautiful work based on different artists, including Rousseau. In science, they have undertaken several investigations where they have explored what plants need to grow, including standing celery in coloured water to see what happens. They looked at Biomes and described their physical features and have written adventure stories based on the Min Pins. In maths the y3s have been working on telling the time. This is a very tricky skill to learn so please could the children carry on practising this at home. Music has continued to be a hit with the children and this term, Mrs Proudman has begun teaching us how to play the ocarina.



### Multiplication Times Table Check

The children in year four have worked extremely hard to improve their tables facts recall in recent months. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children with practice. It is very important for them to have rapid recall of their tables, as it is the foundation for many aspects of number work. The national test for us will take place during week beginning 6th June. Please help your child by continuing to practise in the next couple of weeks. Here are two more good sites to try for practice: [www.timestableme.co.uk](http://www.timestableme.co.uk) [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)



### Old John Class

This term, Old John have been finding out all about the Ancient Greeks. They have been busy drawing and painting Greek masks in Art. Their literacy work has been based around a book called 'Who Let The Gods Out' and they have done a lot of writing based around the story. Mrs Proudman has had a go at teaching them how to play the recorder, which has been good fun, even if a little noisy! In science they have been learning about how light travels and what makes shadows.



### YEAR 6 SATs ARE OVER—HOORAY!

We are so proud of our year 6s who worked so hard in their SATs. We were all very impressed with the attitude and effort they put in. The children loved their afternoon at Forest Schools, which was a nice treat for the year 6s after completing their tests.

They are now very busy starting to practice their leavers' play. I know it is going to be a fabulous performance. More information will follow soon on when these will take place.

I know the children are really looking forward to their residential at Willesley Castle. There are a wide range of exciting and fun activities to take part in.



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### Forest School

This term, the children have loved taking part in Forest School. Our children have demonstrated our school value of 'Adventures'. I was really impressed with their enthusiasm and how keen they were to take part in the activities. They had opportunity to take part in a range of activities, including making nettle fritters and dandelion tea, build dens and start fires using a flint.



Friday 10th June is Bradgate Class's turn to attend Forest School.

### Gardening Club

This term the pupils have been busy growing a vast array of different vegetables. They are all growing really well and we can't wait to sample some of their produce.



### Queen's Jubilee



Thank you to the PTA who decorated our school, arranged a variety of activities and gave the children a delicious cup cake as a delicious treat.

Here are our winners of the design a crown competition

1st



2nd



3rd



4th



### Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, due to the lack of numbers in breakfast club, Mr Barley will no longer be able to provide this service after half term. We do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### Cheerleading Club

After half-term, Miss Podgers will be holding a Cheerleading club for all children. The club will run on Wednesdays from 3.15—4.30 If your child is interested in taking part, then please contact Mr Barley.





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### Congratulations

We are so fortunate to have so many talented children in our school. We would like to say a huge congratulations to Zara who has won several badminton competitions playing in the Under 13s tournaments. A huge achievement. Well done Zara.

### Sharing and Donating

I would like to say a big well done to Maddison and Aspen, who made a very kind and thoughtful gesture. They donated most of their Easter eggs to poorly children at the Rainbows Hospice. What a lovely thing to do.



### Sporting News



Congratulations to our Year 2&3 children who played in the football tournament at Wreake Valley. They won 3 matches, drew 1 and lost 1. Mr Barley was very impressed with how well they played and also their attitude and behaviour towards the other teams.



### The Circus has come to Town

A huge Thank you to Miss Mitchell who was a circus performer before she decided she would like to become a teacher. She has held circus skills sessions with all the classes in the school and the children have absolutely loved it!



### Piano/Keyboard Teacher

We would like to be able to offer our children more opportunities to learn an instrument in school. Therefore, we are looking for an independent piano/keyboard teacher that would be able to come and teach lessons to our children in the school day. If you are interested then please could you let the School Office know.

