



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 14th October 2022

Dear parents,

I can't believe it is half term already. It was lovely to see you all in school this week for parents evenings and it has been brilliant to get back to normal after Covid. We have been able to get out and about in the community again. We have been to the church for Harvest Festival, held our school fete as part of the village Scarecrow festival and we have lots more to come in the next half term. The children have been very busy learning about their various topics in school and we have already had chance to take part in several sporting competitions with great success. Our children continue to be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Mrs Proudman

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –
Individuality

Trips

Due to the rise in prices and in particular the cost of transport, trips are becoming increasingly expensive. We think they are a really important part of school life and add to the children's experience, so we would like to continue to offer these opportunities where possible. We will always try to ensure that the trips offer good value for money.

We only ever pass on the actual costs to parents (admission and travel) and this is often subsidised by a donation from the PTA. We are extremely grateful to the PTA for these contributions. Parental contributions are voluntary however, as school does not have a dedicated budget to pay for trips, if we do not receive enough in contributions then the trip would not be able to go ahead. We are able to offer some help to families who are in receipt of pupil premium. To try to assist families with budgeting we intend to get a list of planned trips for the year to you after half term.



Within school we will continue to offer, free of charge, a wide range of opportunities and activities such as Bhangra dancing, alternatives sports and guest speakers. We will also continue to fund the sports/breakfast club which we hope parents are finding useful.

Upcoming dates

- Wednesday 26th October 6pm: EYFS and Year 1 Phonics evening
- Friday 28th October: PTA Halloween Disco and Pumpkin Challenge
- Saturday 29th October: Inter-school cross country event at Prestwold
- Thursday 10th November: Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 15th November: Bhangra workshop
- Friday 18th November: Children in Need
- Wednesday 30th November: School photos
- Thursday 1st December: PTA Christmas event and village advent calendar
- TBC Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December pm: KS1 Christmas show
- Thursday 8th December: Christmas Jumper day
- Tuesday 13th December 2pm: KS1 Nativity service at Church
- Wednesday 14th December 2pm: KS2 Nativity service at Church
- Thursday 15th December 11.30am: Coffee and cake at the Village Hall
- Friday 16th December: Pyjama day and end of term





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House Winners

The house winners this half term are Oak, what a comeback! They can come in wearing non-uniform on Friday 14th October. Well done, they never gave up hope.

Linford Class

Wow what a first few weeks we have had! The EYFS children have settled into school life extremely well and have enjoyed learning about different animals, created repeating patterns and can confidently count and order numbers to 5. The older children have taken the move to year 1 in their stride and have worked on letter formation, sentences with adjectives, lists and labels. In maths they have been looking at place value, addition and numberbonds. All of the children enjoyed reading, writing and creating a scarecrow linked to the story *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*. In fact, the Tiger is still dining in our outside area but he is beginning to look the worse for wear! It has been an amazing half term and we are looking forward to next term.



Bradgate Class

Wow, what an amazing (and busy!) start to the year we have had in Bradgate Class! We have enjoyed our history topic on Florence Nightingale, and compared nursing in the Victorian Times to nursing today. We had a nurse visit us at school and we were able to make plaster casts, check our heart rate and oxygen levels, and experiment with bandages and slings! In English we have been focusing on writing simple sentences, ensuring that we have used capital letters and full stops in the correct places and using adjectives to add description. Our writing has been inspired by the stories 'The Day the Crayons Quit', 'Zog', and 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We have also been working hard in maths, ensuring that we use lots of concrete resources to support our learning. In Art we have compared the Spanish artists, Picasso and Gaudi.





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Tyburn Class

Tyburn have had a very exciting first term exploring our Ancient Egypt theme! The children have had lots of fun making pyramids, mummifying tomatoes and even handling 3000-year-old artefacts at New Walk museum. In Science, we have been learning lots about sound and have explored vibrations and how sound travels over distances. Tyburn have produced some excellent writing including writing their own chapter of our book "Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf" and instructions for how to mummify. We have been learning all about 3 and 4 digit numbers in maths and have begun to look at adding and subtracting them this week. Well done for all the great work Tyburn!



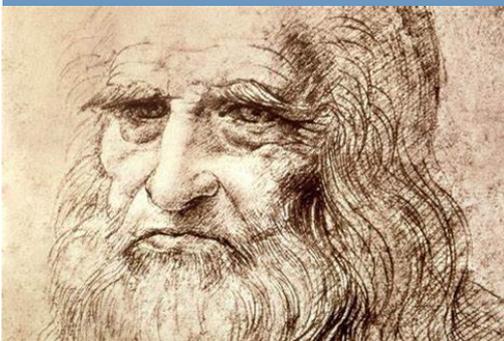
Old John Class

In Old John, we've had a half term focused on our topic: Heart & Health.

In our writing, we've written a narrative based off our class book, Pig Heart Boy, and tried to fill it with plenty of suspense and tension to keep the reader eager to read on about what happens next.

We've also written an explanation text about our favourite topic. We've had fantastic writing about Bollywood, Anne Frank and the British Empire, as well as other amazing topics!

In our Maths, we've been coming to grips with our knowledge of Place Value, and building upon our knowledge around multiplication and division, as well as adding and subtracting larger numbers and using negative numbers, too.



In our Theme, we've been learning about the human body – specifically, the circulatory system – as well as the development of medicine over the time in Britain. We've learnt all about the Black Death, James Lind and scurvy, as well as the creation of vaccination by Edward Jenner (a hero, or a villain?) and Florence Nightingale's legacy.

For our art, we've learnt about Leonardo da Vinci and sketched some of our own amazing inventions to help in the classroom.

Of course, we had an amazing Harvest Festival and Scarecrow Festival, in which we created the ghoulish, terrifying, tragic Frankenstein! We also sung our Harvest Shanty, which the children only had a few weeks to learn and did brilliantly in. We're incredibly proud of all the hard work Old John has done this half term and can't wait to see what we can accomplish next.

Mr Brierley and Miss Hammond

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Dark nights and Winter

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child comes to school with suitable clothing such as a coat and gloves. Please ensure you are wearing reflective coats if you are out and about in the evenings as the nights are getting darker and that your child has lights and reflective clothing if they are riding their bikes to and from school. Did you know that the school office sell school woolly hats which incorporate reflective threads?



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.



Phonics Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers of our Reception and Year 1 children to attend a phonics and reading workshop on Wednesday 26th October from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the School Hall. During this workshop, we will demonstrate how we teach phonics, activities, share resources and explain the reading book system used to teach phonics and reading. We value parental support and encourage you to join in!



Music

The children are loving their piano and drumming lessons and our Hand Bell band is up and running. We can't wait to perform for you. We are also planning to start a choir for KS2 that will run on Tuesday lunch times. We will let the children know so they can come along and sing if they want to.

Year 6 Secondary School Admission information

The closing date for secondary school admissions is 31st October 2022 and offers will be made available by 1 March 2023. Please ensure you meet the deadline and use your three choices. Any late or incomplete applications may not be successful. See the Council's webpages for more details: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Breakfast/Sports Club

We would like to offer the children opportunities to take part in different sports before school. However, because sometimes the children aren't arriving until close to school registration time this is making it difficult to organise. Mr Barley has requested that children are dropped off by 8.00am at the latest to allow time for a proper sports session to take place.

Forest School



Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are no longer running Forest School sessions so we have been busy looking for a new provider. We are pleased that Bradgate Park now have their own trained instructors so we are working with them to organise sessions for later in the year. We thank you for your patience while we get this sorted.

PTA update

Make sure you've read the latest PTA update (sent out earlier this week), where you'll find further details about our Pumpkin Party Disco, and new for this year, our Pumpkin Challenge - both being held on the 28th October. Also our Pre-loved Uniform has a new home – <https://uniformerly.co.uk/>. See the update or our Facebook page (@NewtownLinfordPrimarySchoolPTA) for further details.

Finally we're also busy planning some exciting things in the run up to Christmas...more to come on that after half term! Enjoy the break!



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Charnwood NOW.



Latest news from Charnwood Borough Council

Mayor of Charnwood's Christmas card competition



A competition is being held to find artwork that will become the Mayor of Charnwood's Christmas card for 2022.

Children aged 11 and under and living in Charnwood can enter the competition.

Entrants have total creative freedom as long as the design is Christmas themed, and by entering the winner is agreeing that the artwork can become the Mayor's Christmas Card for 2022.

The winner will receive:

- A framed copy of the Christmas Card along with the original entry
- A £50 gift token
- A presentation for the winner and their family in the Mayor's Parlour

A number of highly commended entries will be displayed at Loughborough Town Hall throughout December.



Guidelines for entry:

- The piece must be the child's own work.
- The design should be on A4 paper, with a 10mm border.
- Any media can be used, but no glitter or other embellishments.

Entries should be sent to: Mayor's Office, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2TX, and should state the artist's full name and age, along with the contact details for a parent/guardian (phone and email).

Deadline for entries is Friday October 28, 2022