



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 17th February 2023

Dear parents,

What a busy half term it has been, it feels as if it has gone by so quickly.

As you will see it is a long newsletter as there are lots of things to celebrate or upcoming events to tell you about.

The children and staff have worked really hard and it has been lovely to see and hear about the progress they are making in their assessments, parent's evenings and when we visit classrooms.

Next term will bring lighter evenings and fingers crossed some warmer weather which is always an exciting time of year.

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –

Excellence

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 1st March - KS1 trip to The Curve and KS2 Trip to ThinkTank

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March - Tyburn Forest School

Wednesday 8th March - Meet Tyburn's New Teacher Miss Langford

Wednesday 8th March - Year 2 SATs Talk @7pm

Friday 10th March - Spring Fling Disco

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief (more details to follow)

Thursday 23rd March - Massed Choir rehearsal (during the day)

Wednesday 29th March - Massed Choir evening performance

Monday 3rd April - Easter Holidays

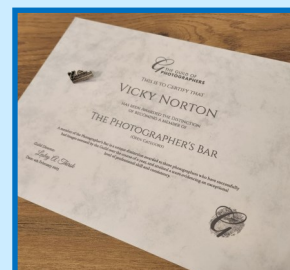


Our New Out of School Awards

Our new school 'Out of School Awards' assembly was a huge success. A big thank you to Mrs Hamm for leading this as I was in training. We are so impressed by the level of talent and commitment our children demonstrate in their endeavors out of school. We hope it built their confidence.

Congratulations Mrs Norton!

You may not realise but we have an award winning photographer in our midst! Miss Norton is now a member of The Photographers Bar after her entries this year. She has even shared her amazing Nebula photography with Old John as part of their topic on space.



Upcoming Trips

We are still awaiting quite a large number of payments for the upcoming trips on **Wednesday 1st March**. We have tried really hard to keep the costs down as much as possible but as a worst case scenario we may need to cancel if we do not receive enough. If you are struggling to pay, please do not hesitate to get in touch as we may be able to support at school.



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House Winners

The house winners this half term are **River Lin House**, well done everyone!

Linford Class

Well once again we have had a very busy half term! We have been learning about and recreating artwork in the style of Kandinsky, Mondrian and Rothko. In geography we have looked at the features of a map, found out about the 4 countries of the UK and their capital cities and discussed life in both urban and rural settings. We have enjoyed looking at objects and the materials they are made from in science and have tested a variety of objects to see if they float or sink. In maths we have done lots of counting as well as measuring and weighing. Our book focus has been Stick Man and we have been adding adjectives to make our sentences more exciting.

Also well done to the EYFS parents for doing your letters really well too! We are looking forward to next half term when we will be looking at transport, finding out about Easter and going on a trip to the Curve! Have a great break, the children have worked incredibly hard and are more than ready to relax for a few days!



Bradgate Class



We have had another busy half-term in Bradgate! In English we have written the story of Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, then innovated the story by changing the characters and setting to create our own story. We are really proud of the children's writing as they included lots of description, as well as remembering their neat handwriting, capital letters and full stops! We have also learnt about famous explorers (polar and space explorers!) and where these people's adventures fit into a timeline of historical events. Our science, computing, DT and history topics all came together as we designed our own rockets, considered the most appropriate materials to use, and went outside to blast them off! Our next half-term's topic will be geography focused; 'Magical Mapping', and we will be writing a recount about a walk around our local area. We are also looking forward to our upcoming theatre trip!



Here are some photographs of our recent Design and Technology project. Designing and making a fruit salad.

It was delicious!





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Tyburn Class

In Tyburn we have had a brilliant half-term.

We have all tried exceptionally hard in our writing this term. Everyone wrote a fantastic adventure narrative and had come up with such imaginative ideas.

Followed by our non-chronological report on the Anglo-Saxons which we included an extraordinary number of different language features. The Anglo-Saxons was our topic this term and we designed and created prototypes of brooches as part of our DT and Art lesson.

In our Maths, we've been developing our understanding of multiplication, division and fractions. The children have really challenged themselves and have developed resilience as we have worked through the term. Tyburn have managed to reflect back at their work, talk about their maths problems and talk to the rest of the class about their methods.

In school we have been very engaged and trying really hard with our timetables and spellings. As well as continuing to develop great social skills and working really well as a team.

Let's keep up the fantastic learning going and be ready for next half term!

- Mrs Ismail and Mrs Botterill



Old John Class

In Old John, we've had a fantastic half-term.

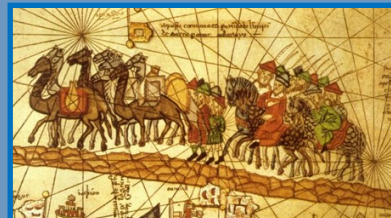
We've written a persuasive text about making our own British-made car, a 'time slip' narrative about falling back in time to meet Marco Polo, and created our own 'Teacher-Pleaser' machine to prevent Grumpy Teacher Disease! We've developed our understanding of complex sentences, powerful vocabulary and creating dialogue with purpose and meaning.

In our Maths, we've been developing our understanding of decimals, fractions, percentages and finding the area of various shapes. This has been particularly tricky this half-term but the resilience and persistence that the children have shown with their learning has been brilliant.

In our Theme lessons, we've been learning about the history of trade, whether trade is fair, and how FairTrade helps to even the odds for farmers at their end of the supply chain. In our Science, we've learnt about the Solar System, the history of geocentrism and heliocentrism, and conducted our own experiment using sundials to show the turning of the Earth on an axis.

Of course, we've also been working (and having fun!) at Forest School – the children have created their own medallions, shelters, birdfeed and used creative knots and ties to make stars out of branches and sticks.

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Year 6 SATS Presentation

Please find attached slides from the talk.

Here is the link to last years papers. Please do **not** do these with your child, it is for information purposes only.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

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Sports

We want to thank the coaches at SH Active for joining us this last half term to run some different clubs and support our staff in delivering their PE sessions.

We will continue to work with Mr Barley from Football and Fitness as our sports coaches for taught PE in school and after school clubs.

We are exploring additional options for after school clubs to allow children to have the opportunity to continue to try a variety of sports.

Tyburn New Teacher- Miss Langford

We are very excited that Miss Langford will be joining us to cover Mrs Ismail's maternity leave.

She is currently working at another school within Bradgate Education Partnership and as well as

interviewing extremely well, she comes highly recommended.

We know how important it will be to get this transition right. Miss Langford will be in school for two days next term and will be available to meet parents after school on

Wednesday 8th March.

She will also produce a video for children so they can watch this over Easter.

Safeguarding

A reminder that if you are planning on someone different collecting your child you must let us know in advance. If you have people you are always happy to collect your child e.g. a friend, relative you can pass this information onto the office and we can record this on Arbor.

We will not be able to let your child/ren go if we do not have this information.

A useful link for parents on online safety—

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/young-people-keen-to-educate-parents-on-online-safety-as-more-than-a-third-of-carers-are-not-clear-on-where-to-go-for-support>

World Book Day

On **Thursday 2nd March** we will be celebrating World Book Day.

We will do this in several ways—

- Children can come to school in their pyjamas on World Book Day with their favourite book.
- We would love for all children to bring a book into school to donate, it does not have to be new it could be one they have grown out of. We will then set up a book shop in the hall so all children can choose a new book to take home.
- A sponsored reading challenge for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We really do not want any parents to feel under pressure financially so please feel free to ignore the sponsorship form if it is not possible right now. Any money raised will go towards books for the new library shelving we are having built at half term.
- Children will receive a book token

Trees

A big thank you to Jonah and Sally Shaw who represented the school, alongside Mum as Parish Councillor in planting donated trees in Bradgate Park.



Accelerated Reader

KS2 Reading Slides

Thank you to all the parents who attended the KS2 reading talk. Please find a link to the content below.

<https://www.newtown.bepschools.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2023/02/Accelerated-Reader-Presentation.pdf>

New Interim Chair of Local Authority Body (LAB)

Clive Rowe (former Vice Chair) will step up as Interim Chair of the LAB for the rest of the academic year. We have already benefited from his expertise, support and challenge over the last few years and we thank him for taking on this role for the school.

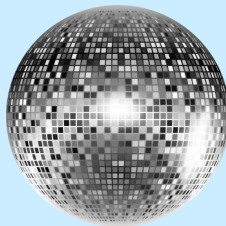
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PTA

A huge thank you to everyone for their contributions this week on own clothes day! We raised a fantastic £85.75, which will go into the pot which comes back to children throughout the year.

Make a note of **Friday 10th March, 5.30pm – 7.30pm**, for the Spring Fling disco. Entry is £6 for the first child and £4 for siblings. No spending money is required. The PTA would like to stress that all the overheads for the disco have increased (e.g. hall, disco, food and drinks) and they do try their best to keep costs down whilst also trying to raise a small amount for school funds. Any problems please let PTA or school know.



Please do inform us, via the school office, if any of your contact details have changed. Having a list of names with the emergency contact number makes entrance to the disco much quicker and easier.

Join the PTA!



We are looking for more volunteers to help with the PTA. On the whole, we tend to organise two discos a year, a Christmas and school leavers' event, a bake sale and collections for own clothes day. You will need to be DBS checked (the school office will organise this). Please contact the school office if you have spare time to help out on some of these occasions, ensuring that the PTA can continue to provide fun, memories and treats for all of our children.

Mrs Proudman and I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for the effort they put in so that children can have these extra special experiences and the funding they provide for trips. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the positive feedback from Parents' Evening. We are proud of how well our team know our children and how engaged our parents are.

Massed Choir—De Montfort Hall

A group of our children will be performing in a massed choir event at De Montfort Hall. They will attend a rehearsal during the day on **Thursday 23rd March** and the final evening performance will be on **Wednesday 29th March**.

Tickets are available to purchase from the DMH Box Office.

Further information will follow if your child is performing.



Bradgate Education Partnership INFORMATION: Turkey & Syria Earthquake

Many of our schools will be thinking about how they can raise money or support families affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey on Monday. Schools are encouraged to fundraise or support charities that are providing invaluable humanitarian aid. Several Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) charities have launched appeals and are supporting the response on the ground in Syria and Turkey. If you would like to help, we encourage you to donate to one of the DEC charities' appeals below:

Action Aid - Action Against Hunger - British Red Cross - CARE International - Christian Aid—Internal Rescue Company - Islamic Relief - Oxfam - Save the Children - World Vision

Local schools may also be interested in a message shared from Mangals, a Turkish restaurant in Syston: The following items are required:

Heaters - Thick blankets and bedding - Hygiene set - Women's sanitary products - Thick clean clothing - Coats/Jackets - Sleeping bags - Powerbank - Hats and gloves