



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 22nd December 2023

Dear parents,

This has been a long but very enjoyable term!

We know the children are really feeling it and are bravely fighting coughs and colds galore. The staff and children have been busy celebrating the Christmas season alongside working hard in class. We do not think we have ever seen so many nativities in such a short period of time!

We wanted to thank you for all the lovely messages given to staff and ourselves, we are so proud to be the Headteachers of this lovely school and seeing the children happy and make progress is the greatest gift of all. Cheesy but true!

We hope you have a relaxing, fun and festive time over the break.

See you in the New Year!

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –
Excellence

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy



School Council

Our school council have been taking their responsibilities very seriously by holding lunchtime surgeries where the children can offer suggestions for what they would like in their school. Due to their hard work, we have restocked our library with their book requests and started a challenge club. Sadly, we haven't been able to supply everything they have asked for, e.g. trampolines for the playground, but the children have learnt so much deciding what is practical and what isn't.

Celebrating Music!

We are very proud that music is now a very important part of our school. 50% of our children sing in the choir or play an instrument and we have been busy making sure they have opportunities to perform. The choir have sung in Leicester at a massed choir event. They have also sung in our music assembly, with the village choir and are now busy practicing ready to sing at Young Voices in Birmingham. We also have guitar and ukulele lessons, piano, drumming and even a hand bells group.



Festive Season

Our Key Stage 1 children have been superb in their nativity performance of 'Humph the Camel', the dancing and songs were so well done. KS2 have also held their annual carol concert, they performed pop songs, a nativity and the whole church sang carols together. The 12 days of Christmas involved a lot of standing up and sitting down but we did it! Finally, our Year sixes took part in the 'Apprentice Challenge' in which they were given some starter money in teams. They had to try and raise as much money as possible on a Christmas stall at the Newtown Linford Christmas Fayre. Between all the teams they raised a whopping £570! There were games, baked goods and a variety of bought or handmade products to buy. Half the money will go towards the PTA and the half has gone to the winning team to decide on something to buy for the class.





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House Winners

The house winners this half term are Oak, well done everyone!



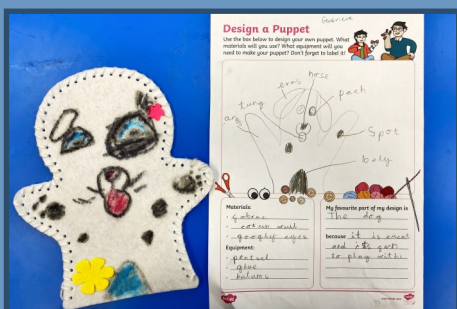
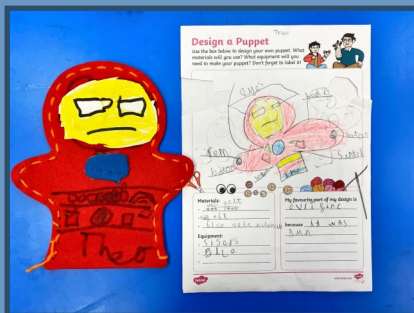
Linford Class

Wow, what a busy half-term! We started off by reading and writing all about 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' fairytale in English. EYFS have continued their enthusiasm for learning new sounds in phonics and they will be coming home with some new sounds to practise over the holidays. Year 1s have been working super hard in maths, exploring 2d and 3d shapes, including creating tangram images and pentomino arrangements. In Geography our topic has been 'our school' where we have been drawing maps, discussing how to look after the local environment, and investigated the loudest place in the school using a decibel meter (it was the hall at lunchtime!) The past couple of weeks have been a flurry of Christmas activities - making Christmas cards and calendars, enjoying our trip to The Curve to see The Owl who came for Christmas, Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day, and of course the nativity at the church, and the absolutely amazing performance of Humph the Camel! We are so proud of the children and they all deserve a fun and restful break!



Bradgate Class

What a great term it's been! Children have been busy doing a range of things from glove puppets in Art to addition and subtraction in Maths and innovation stories in English! They have worked very hard perfecting the KS1 Christmas play! Practising with smiles on their faces it's been a delight to watch them flourish! And they had a brilliant time at the Curve Christmas performance seeing The Owl who came for Christmas!



Crib Service

Join Fred in his search for the true heart of Christmas

For all ages, but primary age children and younger will particularly enjoy it, with carols, craft activity and take-away treat

Come as your favourite nativity character!

Christmas Eve, 3pm



All Saints' Newtown Linford





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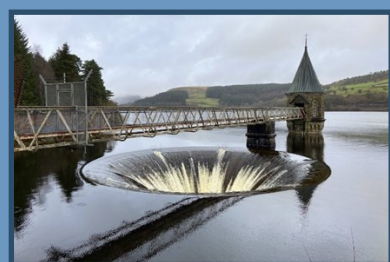
Tyburn Class

We have had another brilliant term in Tyburn! This term we have been learning about the Stone Age, particularly focusing on how life changed for Britons throughout the different periods. We went on a fantastic trip to Beaumanor Hall for their Iron Age and Celts day, the children absolutely loved getting stuck in and finding out about what life was really like.

We have been extremely busy with English this term, we have written warning stories, instructions, holiday brochures and winter poems! It has been brilliant to see the children's vocabulary developing, they have created some truly stunning pieces!

In maths, we have been continuing our work with Addition and Subtraction and have begun working on Multiplication and Division. The children have done some excellent work sharing, grouping and multiplying by 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4! Year 4's have even been exploring the 6, 8, 9, 7 and 11 times tables!

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



Old John Class

We're at the end of our Autumn Term! Merry Christmas, everyone!

This term, our big question was: "**What's the most precious resource in the world?**" The answer (did you get it?) was **water** – the children learnt about reservoirs, the importance of clean water, and how Birmingham solved its cholera problem during the Victorian Era. The children had lots of opportunities to study different types of maps and understand what makes a good reservoir and where they should be located. Ask them some questions about Elan Valley!

Our Maths has centred around the much-beloved fractions. This has been a great opportunity for Y5/6 to refine their knowledge and build on what they have already learned. Some have found this tricky but have shown great spirit and effort to understand these tricky concepts. Remember, hard work and marvellous mistakes help us to learn!

In our writing, the children have written some poetry around Remembrance, wrote a balanced argument of their choice, a persuasive text about 'the most important invention ever made', and are currently writing a Christmas-themed narrative to finish off the year! The kids have all been responding really well to feedback and have been super-invested in pushing their writing to the next level. I'm really proud of them – well done, Old John!

Christmas is a great time to cozy up under some fluffy blankets and connect with loved ones and take a little bit of time away from school learning – I, myself, will be treating myself to a hot chocolate or two! I hope you all get what you want from Santa this year and have a wonderful Christmas break.

Thank you for all your hard work and support!



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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?



Charity

Thank you for raising money for our Poppy Appeal we raised £139.09.

Christmas Jumper Day raised £88 for Save the Children.

We know things can be difficult at the moment so we appreciate the donations you have made to help others in need.

Community Spirit

There has been some wonderful community spirit demonstrated this term.

A huge thank you to Cook's Farm for the Christmas tree at the front of school. It looks fabulous. Following the less than stellar placement of the tree by the teaching team



(see left) we were luckily helped by Bradgate Trees with Christmas tree stand and Charlotte Miller led an expert team made up of James Booker and Sam Alton for erecting and decorating the tree to the standard it is at now. Thank you all! We also want to thank Reverend Trethewey for supporting our nativity and carol services. He is such a support to the school and made these events particularly special. We also want to thank the team at The Linford for the use of their function suite for our KS1 Christmas play performances. No doubt their team know 'Humph the Camel' off by heart now.

The Christmas lunch was made all the more special by the addition of crackers for each child. These were kindly donated by the Watts family. Thank you so much, the children loved sharing these with their friends, telling the jokes and wearing the hats!

Safeguarding

We wanted to particularly emphasise online safety as we are aware some children be gifted with devices or may have more time on technology.



- Please check on your children's communications. Make sure they are not communicating with strangers and their communications with one another are appropriate.
- Ensure your children are protected online, to find out more on parental controls you can visit, <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- Make sure your child knows they can always talk to you about online worries, do not presume they know.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th January—Return to school

Friday 19th January—Forest School for Tyburn to begin (Volunteers welcome)



Forest School

Tyburn will begin their Forest School next half term.

We are able to run Forest School due to the amazing parents and grandparents who volunteer each week. If you would like to spend some time in the outdoors getting involved in nature on a Friday afternoon please contact the school office.



Parent Maths Challenge

13 A box contains 2.6kg of washing powder.



Jack uses 65 grams of powder for each wash.

He uses all the powder.

How many washes did Jack do?

Show your method

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washes

2 marks