



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 16th February 2024

Dear parents,

We are excited to announce our new reading ambassadors; Sienna P, Lily M-H, Ahsan M, Sloane H-C and Lainey H.

They are already having such a positive impact and we are so impressed with their maturity, enthusiasm and dedication.

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –
Individuality



Gardening at Newtown Linford

It is that time of year when we need to get planting (so we are told, we do not have a clue!)

We are extremely lucky that Mrs Patel and our new gardening volunteer Virginia Toon will be taking the lead on this. Excitingly Mrs Patel is looking for Plant Parents who will take seeds home to grow for the school garden, please let the office know if your child would like to take part. We think this is an excellent opportunity for children to see how plants germinate and will get the garden off to a super start. We are also asking for more donations of compost. Please let us know if you can support us.



Red Nose Day - Friday March 15th

We are asking that for Red Nose day please could families donate £1 through the usual route.

Children can also have 'crazy hair' on Red Nose Day if they choose.

School Council

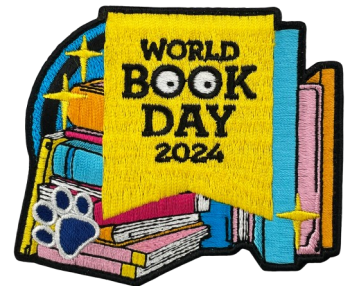
The School Council is now meeting on Monday lunch with Mrs Hamm.

We are excited to the impact on our school.

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school in the following ways -

- Children can come to school dressed as a book character or a favourite book theme.
- Children are challenged to send their class teacher a photo of them reading somewhere interesting!
- Please could all children donate a book for our annual book swap. The children really enjoyed this last year.



Parent Talks— Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

As you may be aware Year 6 children will be taking part in the statutory assessment tests this May.

We will be offering a talk on these assessments virtually on
Wednesday 28th February at 7pm.

We will show you what they will look like, how you can help your child prepare and you will have the opportunity to ask us any questions.

Wednesday 28th February @ 7pm- Year 6 SATs talk virtually



Falcon Support Services

PTA– Thank you everyone for your kindness and generosity at our Wear What You Love non-uniform day in aid of Falcon

Support Services. Over £100 cash donations were received on the school gate, along with an abundance of Pot Noodles, toiletries and other items and further direct online donations! We estimate the total amount raised was close to £200! Absolutely amazing!



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House Winners

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

Linford Class

We have thoroughly enjoyed our Geography-based topic this term, all about London. The children are now experts at naming and locating famous landmarks in the capital city, and after looking at aerial view maps to compare London and Newtown Linford, we thought about where we would prefer to live and why. Continuing our theme of London, in English we have been listening to and retelling the stories 'Katie in London' and 'The Queen's Hat'. We have produced some wonderful artwork too, using watercolour and printing skills to create a London landscape.



Our Linford Year 1 children have been taking part in fortnightly Relax Kids sessions, and have also been exploring programming on the Scratch Jr app on the iPads, creating their own animations.

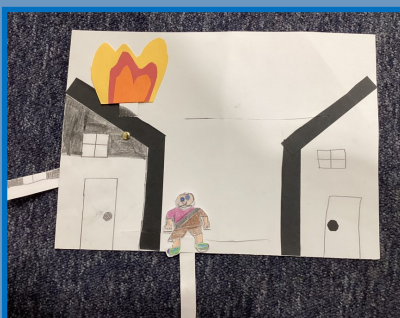
This week has been full of celebration as we learnt about Shrove Tuesday 'pancake day', Chinese New Year and wore clothes we love for Valentine's Day. The children particularly enjoyed watching and performing a Chinese lion dance around the classroom!

Bradgate Class

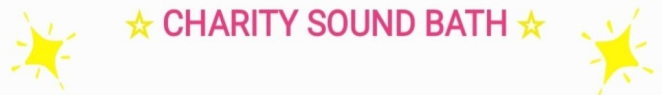
This half term Bradgate have been transported to London where we have loved learning about some famous places and a huge event from 1666, The Great Fire of London. The children are now experts on this topic and have produced some fabulous work telling stories about the fire and non-fiction texts about London today. The fire has also been our inspiration for some fabulous design technology work using sliders and levers to make a moving picture, all of which have turnout to be colourful and to move effectively.

We have been having a focus on times tables in our maths and are working very hard to learn our 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. Keep practising!

In science our study of materials has seen us testing and comparing materials to see which are the most suitable for different tasks.



After such a busy and wonderful half term, we are all excited for a holiday and then our new learning focus – where does our food come from?



Be You Wellbeing is hosting a charity sound bath to raise funds for Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre (registered charity) after the recent floods.

☆☆ Sound Bath with the option of an epic nourishing Grazing Table ☆☆

☆☆ Newtown Linford Village Hall ☆☆

☆☆ Tuesday 16th April 6pm-8pm ☆☆

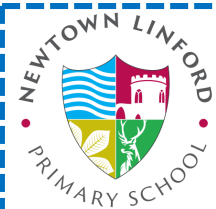
Grazing Table 6pm-7pm £10

Sound Bath 7pm-8pm £20

Message Hayley on 07989 385231 to book

Full payment required at the time of booking which is non refundable.





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Tyburn Class



We have had another great half term in Tyburn! This term we have been learning about 'Rivers', the children have enjoyed following the course of a river and describing the features of each stage. In science this term, we have been learning about the digestive system! We have had great fun following the journey of food and finding out some gruesome facts.

The children have worked particularly hard in English this term, they have produced some fantastic adventure stories and some fascinating non-chronological reports. I wonder if the children can tell you something about their creatures?

In maths, we have been continuing our work on Multiplication and Division, we have also started learning about Length and Perimeter. The children have loved the challenge of finding equivalent lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres!

Finally, the children have absolutely loved our Forest School sessions this term. It has been wonderful to take learning out of the classroom and to see our children flourish.



Old John End of Spring 1 Half-Term Review

We're at the end of our first Spring half-term! I hope everyone has a wonderful break.

This term, our big topic question was: **Why was winning the Battle of Britain so important?** The children have done lots of research and learning around this question, and they have really enjoyed learning more about WW2 Britain and what the high stakes were for the British government in our war against Nazi Germany. The children still have so many questions about WW2, which I wish I had the time to answer, so don't be surprised if your kids ask you extra questions about the time period!



This term, we've continued to strengthen our Maths knowledge with multiplication, division and expanded our learning around decimals and percentages. I've been really impressed by the children's climbing arithmetic scores and how many of the class are getting onto our "Dip & Pick" challenge cards. Well done, Old John!

In our writing, the class have written their own explanation texts about the evacuees and a topic of their choice, and have also written a newspaper article about Dunkirk, as well as their own fictional/non-fictional news item of choice! Finally, the children will be finishing the term with a narrative of their choice. Our writing is going from strength-to-strength.

I hope the children have a fantastic break and recuperate some energy for next half-term!

Thank you for all your hard work and support!

- Mr Brierley, Miss Hindocha and the rest of the Old John team

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Child Protection and Safeguarding

Childline Survey

Childline are looking for children to complete their most recent survey on what children would like from the service. If your child would like to complete the survey the link is below.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-involved/share-your-views/>

Children's Mental Health

Research shows that more children are experiencing adverse mental health. An analysis of data from NHS Digital finds that over the past four years, psychiatrists and their teams have seen a 53% increase in the number of children in mental health crisis, who need emergency support.

There is support for parents, particularly if you feel you are in crisis.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Buddy Reading

We work hard to encourage positive relationships and a love of learning across our school.

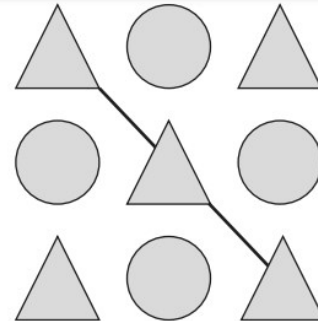
On Thursday the teachers came to get to me to have a look and the lovely paired work going on between Bradgate



and Tyburn. It really was a 'wow' moment.

Bradgate had been working hard on writing their own story and had produced some excellent work. Yet, stories need an audience and the children had the opportunity to share their work with children in Tyburn. Tyburn children were so encouraging, positive and helpful. We really hope it has built all children's confidence and encouraged them to write more.

Parent Maths Challenge

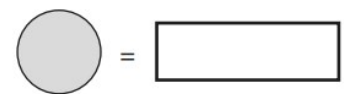
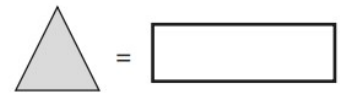


Each shape stands for a number.

The total of the shapes on the diagonal line is 48

The total of all the shapes is 200

Calculate the value of each shape.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Thursday 14th March – Coffee and Cake Tyburn

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

18th and 21st March – Parents Evenings

W/B 18th March - Book fair

Friday 22nd March – School closes for Easter

Monday 8th April – School opens

Monday 15th April - Bradgate Victorian Trip

Wednesday 17th April – Class/Leavers Photographs

Thursday 25th April - Choir - Massed Choir Performance at De Montford Hall

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