



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 24th May 2024

Dear parents,

It is coming up to one of the most exciting terms of the year. Ourselves and the staff have planned a busy term with lots of learning and fun activities. Take a look at the dates on the next page so you know when events will be happening. Bring on summer!

Mrs Proudman and Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This term's focus is –

Adventures

Headteacher Updates

Transition

A few notes on transition, something we think carefully about at Newtown Linford and work hard to do well.

-We will write to Year R parents after half term regarding next year's Year 1 classes.

-Children will move to their new classes on Wednesday 3rd July. They will return to their original class for a party on the final day of term.

-Year 6 will finish the year with enrichment activities, memory writing, play rehearsals and a trip.



Colour Dash

My hands have only just returned to their usual colour! This was such a memorable day and something we hope to do again next year. The smiles say it all. Plus lots of money raised for a good cause.

Tyburn Class

Miss Young will continue to teach in Tyburn class for the foreseeable future. You will be informed in advance of any changes to this.

Olympics

We will be spending some time thinking about the Olympics at the end of term. On the off chance if you do have any connections to a speaker or have something to offer as a talk please do get in touch.

PTA



End of School Mini Family Festival

Newtown Linford Cricket Club

Wednesday 3rd July

5pm-7pm



It has been a busy term for the PTA, filled with exciting events and still more activities to look forward to!

Our recent Village Quiz was a huge success, with a great turnout and a remarkable fundraising total of £730 that will be used to benefit the school. Likewise, our school disco was a hit with £290.90 raised, and we're confident many children left exhausted after a night of fun.

As we look ahead to next term, we're already busy planning for our 'Class of 2024 Mini Family Festival' on 3rd July from 5-7pm at Newtown Linford Cricket Club. We would be delighted if all families could join us for what is sure to be a fantastic event.

Additionally, we have arranged a theatre trip for our Key Stage 2 children on 7th June, and are in the midst of organizing something special for our Key Stage 1 children as well.



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Office Team Updates

Our usual plea for parents to check the Lost Property box outside Reception which is full of coats, clothes, water bottles, lunch boxes... Thank you!

The government is introducing changes to the way unauthorised school absence and term time holidays will be dealt with nationally from August 2024.

The main change is an increase in the fine payable.

All parents have been sent an email setting out these changes, let us know if you haven't received this.

A reminder that BEP has introduced a new Charging, Remissions and Debt policy with immediate effect.

This requires all school meals to be paid for in advance. We would be grateful if you can make sure your child's meal account is settled before the end of the half term holiday and that it is kept topped up.

Please settle any other outstanding Arbor payments before the end of the school year.

Absence

All absences should be reported via email or phone call by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

BEP's Health & Safety Policy includes details of the recommended period of absence for various illnesses and this can be found on our website in the 'Parents' section. A summary is also being sent with this newsletter and you may find this helpful for future reference.

Dates for your diary - Summer Term

Monday 27th May - Half term week, School closed

Monday 3rd June - Back to School

Thursday 6th June - Drumming showcase afternoon (parents of drummers will receive an email)

Friday 7th June - Linford Class Forest School (weekly until last session on Friday 5th July)
- KS2 Theatre trip to The Curve

Tuesday 11th June - Sports Day 1pm - 3pm @Newtown Linford CC

Wednesday 12th June - Musical showcase afternoon 2.15pm (parents of pianists, guitarists and handbell team will receive an email)

Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th June - Old John residential

Monday 24th - Tuesday 25th June - Bikeability Level 2 (Year 6)

Wednesday 26th June - Sports Day (back up afternoon)

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June - Martin High Year 7 transition days

Monday 1st July - BEP Choral Spectacular (KS2 choir) 6.30pm @The Venue

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July - South Charnwood and Brookvale Groby Year 7 transition days

Wednesday 3rd July - PTA End of School Mini Family Festival 5pm-7pm @Newtown Linford CC

Monday 8th July - Year 6 Warning Zone (details to follow)

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July - Old John play (evenings - time TBC @ The Linford)

Friday 12th July - Last day of term and leavers' assembly (afternoon, details to follow)

Looking ahead

Thursday 29th August - Autumn Term - Back to School!

Term dates for 2024/25 are on the School website in the 'Parents' section.

Over the first few weeks of next half term we will also be adding information about after school clubs for the Autumn Term to the website.

Please remember to order any uniform in good time - Uniform Direct's order fulfilment times get longer as the start of the new term gets closer.



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Class Updates

Linford Class

What another busy half-term we have had in Linford class! We have focused on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears in English; retelling the story and writing a sorry letter from Goldilocks. We have also been writing instructions over the past couple of weeks, including how to brush our teeth and how to make a jam sandwich (of course we had to make and eat one first – yum!)



In Science we have been investigating the parts of plants, and in History we have been comparing homes from the past and in the present. In Art we have made observational drawings of plants and sculpted houses using clay.

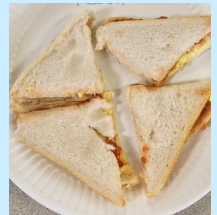
In Maths, EYFS children have been focusing on shape patterns and Year 1 have been learning about money; counting coins in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have all been investigating ways to make amounts to 10 in Mastering Number sessions with the help from our 'Numberblocks'

friends.



We hope you have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you for the final half-term of the year (it has come around so fast!)

~ The Linford Class Team



Bradgate Class

As we reach the end of Summer Term 1, we want to acknowledge the incredible hard work of the Bradgate class. Year 1 students have been fantastic, staying focused and allowing Year 2 students ample time to prepare for their SATs.

Everyone in Bradgate class has put in a tremendous effort and achieved so much. This week, their enthusiasm and engagement in learning were evident as they made yummy vanilla cupcakes and delicious chocolate cookies. They measured their own ingredients, mixed everything, and kept track of baking times, eagerly checking if their goodies were ready about ten times!

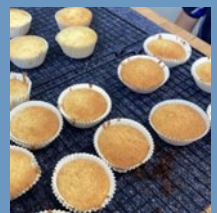
Our writing skills have flourished. The children crafted detailed recounts of their visit to Beaumanor Hall, followed by imaginative fantasy narratives which included rich with adjectives and adverbs.

In maths, Year 2 students have tackled fractions and telling time. Despite initial difficulties, their dedication has paid off.

We have been fortunate to have Miss Hurst, who has worked exceptionally hard. We will continue to have Miss Hurst for half of next term.

We are excited for the upcoming summer term!

Mrs Ismail and Mrs Hammond





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Tyburn Class

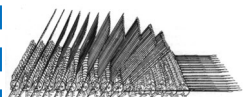
Tyburn class has had a fabulous half term, filled with hard work, enriching experiences, and memorable learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to the Botanical Gardens in Leicester, where they put their recent Geography learning to good use, finding out about various of Biomes. They were delighted by the variety of plant species, and the hands-on experience deepened their understanding of different ecosystems. Some highlights included the Latin dancing and the 'punching tree'. This trip linked seamlessly with our art topic on printing where we used leaves as an inspiration, resulting in beautiful finished projects that the children were proud of. In English, they demonstrated their motivation and commitment to excellence by writing persuasive letters to a café, urging the owners to stop using single-use plastics. Their investigations revealed the alarming prevalence of microplastics in the oceans and even worse, in some of the fish we eat, motivating the children to strive for environmental advocacy. The half term has been both enjoyable and productive, fostering friendship and collaboration amongst all. Wishing everyone a happy half term and a well-deserved rest!



- Mrs Young

Old John Class

This half term was dominated by SATS, of course, and our class were nothing but troopers. They all faced the papers with determination, a collective spirit and an iron will to devour as many snacks as they possibly could afterwards! (Don't worry- I did try to stop them over-indulging!). In all seriousness, I'm incredibly proud of the efforts that everybody made and you all made me extraordinarily proud. We can now focus on some of our fun activities we've got coming up!



Our Theme this term has been all about **Ancient Greece**, which is a favourite of Mr Brierley's because of his love of ancient history! The children have discussed and debated whether the **Trojan Horse was real, a myth or a legend**. Most of them settled on it being a 'legend' – partly true, but probably exaggerated – but what do you think? Ask the kids and see what they learned!

In our English, we've enjoyed writing our first **dual text** – a daring tale of Theseus and the Minotaur in the Labyrinth – as well as a **personal letter** from Odysseus to his wife, Penelope, after his encounter with the minotaur Polyphemus. We had a heated discussion text about whether it would have been better to live in Ancient Athens or Ancient Sparta. I think you can guess where our sportier types might have preferred!



In our Maths, we've looked at position and direction and statistics, working on our knowledge of graphs and pie-charts and other ways of collecting information. Can you still translate and reflect shapes? Sometimes it can be a bit of a puzzle to figure it out and there's some pitfalls to navigate – luckily, the children did really well at these bits of learning.

We've now got all of our end-of-year activities to look forward to next term, which are well-deserved for the whole year for working so hard. Of course, we also still have learning to do as well – which I'm looking forward to! Roll on the remainder of the summer term! Μπράβο! (that's 'Bravo!' in Greek!) - Mr Brierley