



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 18th October

Dear parents,

We are very excited to announce that beginning next half term we will be introducing top ten leaderboards for TT Rockstars and a termly 'Spelling Bee' competition for Tyburn and Old John. More information to follow but get practicing!

Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –

Excellence

Headteacher Update

"The most important thing for me as a parent is to know that my child is happy at school and I can confidently say that mine is."

"A fantastic school which I couldn't recommend highly enough. Outstanding staff, and third party support staff (PE teachers, Music teachers etc) give the school such a wonderful protective and supportive atmosphere for the children to learn and grow."

You said, we did...

More information and feedback on the curriculum.

Our new curriculum is now on our website. We will also be telling you lots more about the curriculum on our wine and cheese evening on **Tuesday 12th November**.

More competitive and sports events.

From the School Journalists...

A few weeks ago, our village hosted a scarecrow festival. The theme for the scarecrows was music and there were lots of incredible scarecrows all around the village. Each class in Newtown Linford Primary School made a scarecrow which were entered in the competition. We made Boy George, Taylor Swift and heads, shoulders, knees and toes in English and a French version. We all had lots of fun making the scarecrows and we were really pleased that so many people visited to see them.

There was also lots of fun going on at the Village Hall. The school's PTA were busy selling home-made delicious cakes, donated by parents and my favourite was a fantastic brookie (a brownie and cookie mix). I volunteered to work at the glitter tattoo stall for the afternoon, which was very messy, but lots of fun. We would like to thank the PTA for putting together these amazing events each year to raise money for our school.

The whole festival was really fun and the best part for me was walking around and seeing everybody's amazing creations. I particularly liked the Brownies Hoedown Band which was made from traditional pumpkin faces. Also, the Dolly Parton and Grease scarecrows were very detailed too. I am really looking forward to the next scarecrow festival and we hope to see you there too.

By Sloane

Coffee and Cake is a local event that allows people in the community to get together and enjoy their Thursday morning. Once a year each class are asked to bake cakes or sweet treats to bring to the village hall. This gives us a good chance to interact with others in our area and helps us realise how nice our community is. If this sounds like something you're interested in Coffee and Cake is on every Thursday morning at around 11.15-12.00.

By Erin

Old John Coffee and Cake Morning

Our children in Old John class went to visit the Coffee and Cake morning in the Village Hall. They all helped gathering the Newtown Linford community together during it, bringing smiles to everyone who took part.

Old John class was asked to bring in some tasty cakes as well for the people taking part in Coffee and Cake to serve them to everyone there. The cakes included Chocolate Cake, Victoria sponge, Halloween Themed Cupcakes, Carrot Cake and much more!

Everyone enjoyed visiting and we hope to do it again.

By Oliver



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Office Team Updates

Absences

It's that time of year! If your child is poorly and will be off school, please let us know before 8.30am each day. For further details of the absence policy and information about how long your child should stay off school, depending on their illness, please see www.newtown.bepschools.org/parents/absence-reporting/



New menu

Caterlink are introducing a new menu after half term. Copies are available from reception and on our website: www.newtown.bepschools.org/parents/lunchtime/

Dates for your diary - Autumn 2

Back to school	Monday 28th October
Reading Information evening	Monday 28th October 7pm MS Teams (for Yr R/1 parents)
Bhangra dancing sessions in school	Tuesday 29th October
PTA Pumpkin carving competition	Thursday 31st October
Old John Forest School	Friday 1st November - 22nd November (weekly)
PTA Halloween disco	Saturday 2nd November 3.30-5.30pm
School photos	Thursday 7th November (school uniform please)
Cheese and wine evening	Tuesday 12th November 7pm, Village Hall (parents and carers only)
Children in Need	Friday 15th November
Flu immunisations	Friday 29th November
Winter Song Festival (KS2 choir)	Tuesday 3rd December
Village Christmas Event (including School Christmas Fete)	Thursday 5th December
KS1 Winter Play @The Linford	TBC
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12th December
KS1 Nativity @ All Saints	Monday 16th December 2pm
KS2 Carol Service @All Saints	Wednesday 18th December 6pm
End of term	Friday 20th December
INSET day	Monday 6th January



PTA News

It's been a busy start to the school year with lots of new members who have come to help, and we're very grateful. These fresh faces have brought new ideas and energy, and we're excited about what's to come.

The scarecrow festival was a real success, and it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our school community. Thanks to everyone's hard work and generous donations, we were able to raise just over £1,000. This amount will be used to benefit all of our children. We are so grateful and we can't thank everyone enough.

As we look forward, we can't help but feel excited. We have lots to plan and prepare for, such as the pumpkin carving competition and Halloween school disco as well as the Christmas fete. We're eager to see what kind of support and enthusiasm we'll receive for these upcoming events.

Don't forget to check the PTA section of the school website for information about events and how you can get involved!
www.newtown.bepschools.org/parents/parent-fundraising-group/



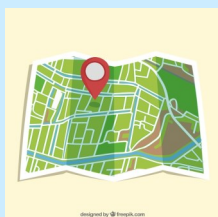
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Class Updates

Linford Class

In Linford class we have had a fun and busy start to the academic year. The new children have settled in so well and you would not believe they are only in Year R based on the work they are completing! Our Year 1 children have grown in confidence being the 'eldest' and we are loving hearing their voices and seeing them take the lead.



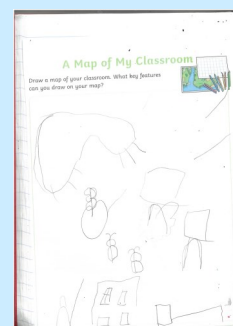
This term has been a creative one with a particular focus on geography.

Year R have built and collaged their own houses. They have drawn maps and talked about who is in their family.

Year 1 children have been writing about Leicestershire and learning about famous landmarks.



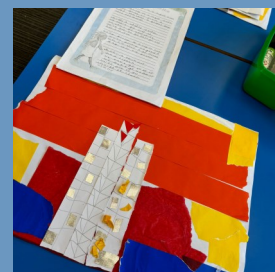
All children have been engaging well in daily phonics and we ask you continue to practice reading regularly over the next week.



Bradgate Class

Bradgate have had a great start to the year. The children have been doing lots of fantastic learning and trying hard this half term.

We had really successful story writing this term and an excellent showcase to the parents and adults; a big thank you to those who came, the children really appreciated it. Following this, we went onto writing all about ourselves and creating another piece of writing about our friend. We used lots of amazing adjectives and children created some fantastic portraits of their friends.



Children have been learning to count up to 20 and up to 100. Children are learning to use lots of different techniques and representing the learning in lots of different ways. We've been learning that maths is not just about numbers but also about solving problems. We have created real life problems and looked at how we can solve them. We really need to focus on reading the question carefully and children are starting to be a lot more independent with their questioning.

We enjoyed our walk around Newtown Linford. It was great to have so many adults and children bringing in lots of resources which helped to make a fantastic lesson. Children discussed within their group and were able to show different areas of Leicester as well as areas in our local area and further afield.



Children were really engaged practising for the harvest assembly as well as preparing for the scarecrow festival. We hope that you're able to access the QR code and watch the beautiful singing of their song in French.

All the staff in Bradgate would like children to continue to read at home. Staff around the school have mentioned how brilliantly our children's learning and reading has come on. Would like to encourage you to read a couple of nights over the next week and hope you have a lovely break.



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Tyburn Class

We have had a brilliant first half term, all of the children have settled into Tyburn quickly and have made a fantastic start to the year. This term we have been learning about Ancient Egypt, particularly focusing on the structure of society. The children have also spent some time learning about the role of a pharaoh, scribes and Howard Carter's famous discovery. As part of our topic, we went to Leicester Museum and Art Gallery and learnt some fascinating facts all about life in Ancient Egypt.



In English this term, we have been writing warning stories, instructions and recounts. We looked carefully at the past tense and using conjunctions to expand our writing. The children were able to create some fantastic stories, using some really powerful vocabulary and ideas.

In maths, we have been working on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. The children have done some brilliant work representing, partitioning and comparing numbers to 1,000 and 10,000 (Year 4).

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

Old John Class

What a terrific start to the year! Well done, Old John.

Our theme this term has been "Medicine Over Time," and of course, we've learnt about it in grisly fashion. The kids should now be able to tell you how some sailors used to deal with scurvy using some natural remedies, what some people did to try and cure the Black Death, and what Florence Nightingale thought was London's biggest health problem and not the dirty water! Despite the grisly details, the children should now understand the meaning of 'life expectancy' and why it increased over the years, but very very slowly!

In English, we've written a letter to our future selves, a narrative with an 'escape' theme (we used the Sick House during the Black Death!) and written a balanced argument about the creation of the first vaccine. The children have also had their own opportunities to write their own 'invented' stories of each of these, and their creativity is amazing!

In Maths, we have been working on our place value, four operations and more. This has been challenging but the class are doing some fantastic work.

Of course, well done to Old John for representing the school so well during Coffee & Cake—both socially and in the baking department!