



Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 14th February 2025

Dear parents,

This half term the library has been my project. Many of the year groups will now be bringing home an additional book to their reading books. Our view is books should be read and not sat on shelves! I have linked an Amazon Gift Page with some non-fiction books we would love to have in our library if you would like to donate. Thank you.

Mrs Kennedy

School Values

Individuality

Excellence

Adventures

This terms focus is –

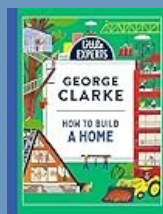
Individuality

Headteacher Updates

Non-Fiction Books

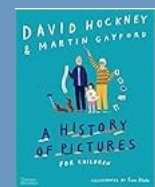


As a school we do update our books periodically, however over the last year or so we have invested in brand new reading books for KS1. Our non-fiction collection definitely needs a refresh.



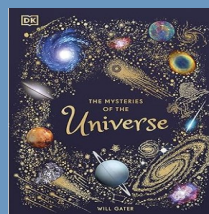
I have put together a list of the best and newest non-fiction books on the market covering a wide range of curriculum areas.

There is no expectation but if you feel you could order one for the school it would be hugely appreciated. These do not need to be brand new 'used' is fine and cheaper.



If you can order something please could you have it sent after half term so they are not left outside of school.

<https://amzn.eu/154AvlW>



World Book Day - 6th March

There will be **no** dressing up on World Book Day this year.

Please could all children bring a book to donate again for a school swap shop.

Linford and Bradgate— Curve Theatre Trip and class activities in the afternoon

Tyburn and Old John— Please bring in favourite book to discuss.

New Sports Kit!

An enormous thank you to the anonymous donor who has purchased the school new training and competition kits. They are amazing! Thank you to Mr Barley for liaising.



Chess

Our school chess tournament is progressing nicely. We are now at the semi-final stages. A huge thank you to Josh for organising and leading this. I cannot wait to see who the winner is next term! A big thank you to Francesca Parker for organising the donation of ten chess boards.

PTA

PTA members have been hard at work planning this year's calendar of events, and we have a lot to look forward to. On Friday, the children will be able to wear what they love to school, and we will be accepting donations to raise money for the school and for Falcon Support Services.

During March, we will be asking the children to create self-portraits, which will be used to produce school tea towel keepsakes for parents. The proceeds from this will be used to raise funds for the school, while also serving as a reminder of their child's school days.

We've also set a date for our Spring Fling disco, 4th April, and we can't wait to share more details about this event in the coming weeks. Our goal is to make 2025 a great year for our children, and we're eager to get started!



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Office Team Updates

Dates for your Diary

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| w/c 17th February | Half term holiday |
| Monday 24th February | Back to school! |
| Wednesday 26th February | Parents meeting about Tyburn residential 3.30pm (school Hall) |
| Tuesday 4th March | Old John trip to Thinktank Birmingham |
| Thursday 6th March | World Book Day |
| | Linford and Bradgate Classes trip to the Curve |
| Thursday 13th March | Village Coffee & Cake (Tyburn Class) |
| Friday 14th March | Forest School starts for Bradgate (4 weeks) Provisional dates TBC |
| Thursday/Friday 20th/21st March | Tyburn residential @Beaumanor Hall |
| Friday 21st March | Comic Relief |
| Friday 4th April | PTA Spring Fling (details to follow) |
| Monday 7th April | Parents' Evening (all classes) |
| Thursday 10th April | Parents' Evening (all classes) |
| Friday 11th April | Easter service @All Saints Church 2pm (whole school) |
| | Last day of term |



Arbor accounts

- Please make sure that meal accounts (for children in years 3-6) are settled before the start of next half term.
- Payment in full for the Tyburn residential is due by 2nd March so we can meet our payment deadline with Beaumanor Hall. Payments and consent for the Think Tank and Curve trips are due by 24th and 28th February respectively.
- As always, please contact the office, in confidence, if you are having difficulties with making any payments.

Music Tuition

Mr Green has asked us to remind parents that he currently has a place for a paired Y3/4 guitar lesson. Please contact Mr Green for further information:
matt-green@hotmail.com.

Are you having a clear-out at home over half-term?



Staff are working hard on refreshing the Linford classroom environment with defined and purposeful continuous provision areas, to enable the children to learn through play using high quality resources. A huge thanks to the staff that stayed late one evening as we sorted through all of the resources we currently have and decided on what we would like the children to access at all times, as well as which resources specifically link to our topics.

If you are having a clear-out and are willing to donate some of the following items for our children in Linford class, we would be really grateful;

- Role-play clothing rail
- Small world buildings, preferably wooden
- High quality resources linked to these topics: By the Sea, London, Kings and Queens, Explorers, Space, Geography (e.g. globes), History (of toys/homes)
- Nice baskets for storage
- Painting aprons
- Battery powered fairy lights





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Class Updates

Linford Class

We have had another wonderful half-term in Linford Class. Our topic was all about 'People Who Help Us', including a visit to school from a nurse and some fire fighters. We asked them lots of questions about their job and role-played these professions in the classroom. In English, we wrote facts about a nurse from the past (Florence Nightingale) and we enjoyed describing the characters in the fiction text 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'. EYFS sequenced and retold the story and Year 1 did a fantastic job of writing the story using the conjunction 'and' to join their ideas.



In DT the children chose a character from a story about people who help us and have created a puppet (year 1) or a collage (EYFS) of this character. They thought carefully about the materials they will use and how they will join them.



In Science we have been learning about different types of materials, and in RE we have been learning about different religions, with EYFS focusing on Christianity and Year 1 focusing on Islam. Mrs Ismail very kindly bought in some Muslim artefacts for Year 1 to learn about and talked about why these are special to Muslims. Have a lovely break! From the Linford Team



Bradgate Class

This term has been filled with lots of learning and exploration here in Bradgate. We've had the chance to dive into exciting topics and activities, and we can't wait to share what we've been up to!

Our theme this term was "How did a nurse become famous?" We kicked off the unit by exploring the life of Florence Nightingale. The children learned about her incredible contributions to nursing and healthcare. We then compared Florence's work to modern-day nursing and were very lucky to have a special visit from Nurse Sue. The children had the opportunity to ask questions, explore nursing tools and equipment, and engage in hands-on activities with their peers. After the visit, they wrote recounts to reflect on what they had learned from Nurse Sue.



In music, we've been learning about pitch and tempo. The children created their own mini patterns using three high and low notes, either to invent a superhero name or build on one from a previous lesson. They enjoyed singing and playing along with their melodies, developing both their creativity and musical skills.



In maths, we have been working on division, focusing on the concept of grouping equally. Through various hands-on activities, the children learned how to divide into equal groups and visually understand the division process.

Bradgate students have worked incredibly hard this term, and we're so proud of all the progress they've made. We look forward to another exciting term ahead!

Best wishes,
Mrs. Ismail and Miss Pearce



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We have had another lovely half term in Tyburn Class. This term, our topic has been the Anglo Saxons. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about settlements, the discovery at Sutton Hoo and how the Anglo Saxons influenced the name 'Newtown Linford'.

The children have worked particularly hard in English this term, they have produced some fantastic 'defeating the monster' narratives and some very interesting non-chronological reports. This week, we have been writing letters from an Anglo Saxon child's point of view, I have been so impressed with the children's use of exclamation sentences and conjunctions.

In maths, we have been working on length and perimeter. The children have been challenged to find equivalent lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres! We have also been working really hard on our times tables.

Finally, the children have had an absolutely fantastic time at Forest School this term. It has been wonderful to take learning out of the classroom and to see our children flourish.



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

Old John Class

Happy new year to all of our parents! This term, our theme has been all around the mysterious civilisation of the Maya. We've spent our time learning about the Maya, their culture, the modern day legacy of their people and how archaeologists and historians navigate the tricky situation of understanding the past with so little evidence. The children have really responded to this topic which has been great to see.

In our English, Old John have written a set of instructions to travel to Guatemala (they were all particularly enchanted by the giant bronze hand at Hobbittenango) and have written a 'Time Slip' narrative where their characters get transported back to the time of the Maya! They have worked hard on including and perfecting their use of dialogue this term and it has gotten better and better every time.

In Maths, we have been working on percentages, area and perimeter. We're making great progress in this area so far and will continue our work after the half term.

Well done to our Reading Competition winners, the Tigersharks! Well done for your hard work, Old John.

Journalists

In January, our school was lucky enough to have a dance teacher come in and teach us all a new dance type. It was called the Charleston. When we learnt it, we were taught several dance moves including the Egyptian walk (which everyone enjoyed). Also, we were told about the origin of the dance. Did you know that it originated in America all the way back in the 1920s? We can all now give our thanks to the school for arranging such a fun experience. **Sloane**

Lately, Tyburn have been going on the past few Fridays to Forest School. Forest School is a fun 3 hours that each class does every year for 4 weeks. This term it was Year 3 and 4's turn to go to Bradgate Park. Some children from Tyburn (Grace, Beau and Will) have been telling me that they've been doing river dipping and long nature walks. So if you want to be part of these adventures then ask to be one of the next volunteers. **Erin**