



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 27th February 2023

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is this Thursday, 2nd March. This year the children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas or dressed as their favourite book character. They should also bring a favourite book from home. We are focusing on a 'love of reading' at school and we will be setting up cosy corners in the classrooms for the children to snuggle down to read a book. We want the children to feel books are a great way to relax, and that reading should not be a chore.

Do not worry if your child does not want to bring a book from home, we have plenty at school that I am sure they will enjoy.

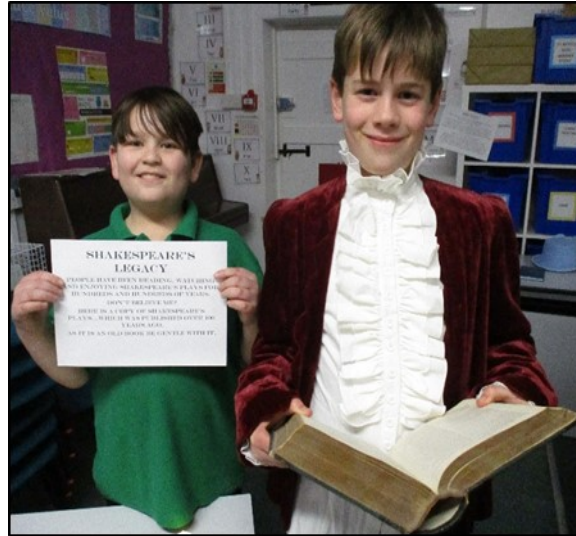
BOOK FAYRE BONANZA

Our recent book fayre raised a whopping £640. This is a huge amount considering we are only a small school with 77 children. Not only did the children get to buy some really beautiful and interesting books, but school will benefit from a 60% commission.

And it looks like our children are serious bookworms, which is the best news of all!

Headteacher's Welcome

TRANSFORMATION EVENING FOCUSES ON A LOVE OF READING



There was an excellent turnout at our recent Transformation Evening. This year we were promoting a love of reading in each classroom. Some of the children came dressed in costumes that linked to their class theme. Stanley is pictured left dressed as Shakespeare because the Upper Juniors (Years 5 and 6) had been studying Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and The Tempest. Jake, also pictured left, was able to explain how Shakespeare's plays are relevant to modern day stories. For example, did you know the Lion King has many similarities to Hamlet?

Meanwhile over in the Infants class (Years 1 and 2), Mrs Hopkins was reading spooky stories round the campfire — see picture below. The children, some dressed in pyjamas and onesies, tucked into marshmallows and made shadow puppets for their own spooky tales.



Children in the Infants class pretend to toast marshmallows round the campfire

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Some of the children dressed up as the three witches in Macbeth and delivered the 'Double double toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble' rhyming couplet on a makeshift stage in the Upper Juniors classroom. Charlie is pictured left having just delivered his speech.

Izzy had made a worksheet with a list of common phrases we use today that originated in Shakespeare's works such as 'neither here nor there' and 'wild goose chase'.

Plays the children had written were displayed around the classroom too.

The theme was traditional tales over in the Reception class. Mrs Lomas is pictured right with Aria and mum Sara. They are sitting by the beanstalk in the Jack and The Beanstalk story. Aria made her own beanstalk by carefully threading green Cheerios cereal onto a pipe cleaner (excellent fine motor skills!)

There was also a display of Little Red Riding Hood's House in the classroom and Morgan is pictured below with his craft picture of the Big Bad Wolf!



Left: Morgan with his picture of the Big Bad Wolf

Right: Aria makes a beanstalk at the craft table in the Reception class



Right: Mollie and mum Lorraine make a character from a traditional tale.



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Mrs Wakefield had arranged many activities in the Lower Juniors (Years 3 and 4). Her theme was the importance of picture books. Some children think picture books are only for the very young but there are very many beautifully illustrated and written picture books that should be read by all ages.

One such book on display in the classroom was *The Book of Bees* by Piotr Socha. Rubie and Lily, pictured left, made honey bees at *The Book of Bees* craft table.

Flotsam, a wordless picture book by David Wiesner, was also on display. It's about a boy who finds a vintage camera washed up on a beach. The film reveals all sorts of photographs and it encourages children to use their imagination and think creatively.



Ned and Bill are pictured left looking at *The Tin Forest*. This book by Helen Ward tells the story of a lonely old man who tidies the rubbish in a junkyard and dreams of living in a better place.

Mrs Wakefield uses it to teach creative writing and there were many examples of beautiful descriptions written by the children in her class on display.



Other books on display included *The Invisible* by Tom Percival. This is a very moving and powerful story about a young girl who feels invisible but who actually makes a difference and shows that we all belong. And lastly, *Have You Filled A Bucket Today: A Guide To Daily Happiness For Kids* by Carol McCloud and David Messing encourages kindness to others. It really is another beautiful read and I would recommend it to all.



Violet and Amy draw characters from a book

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Zlata



Sonny and Izzy

We ended the evening by gathering all the children together in Miss Baker's classroom where they sang the lovely song Sing by Gary Barlow. The children love performing this joyful song and I thought it was a very fitting way to end the evening.



Miles and Cally



Violet, Harriet, Amy, Clark and Morgan



Left: Clark, Morgan, Sonny, Henry and Ned



Every week in our school newsletter, we will include a prayer and a Bible reading. These are taken from our new Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RE (Religious Education) and are shared with the children in class and at whole school assemblies.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord

Thank you for the choices available to us. Help us to always remember that looking after ourselves is our responsibility. Let us take time to pause and think of which choices are the best for us and will keep us happy and healthy. In your name, Lord.

Amen

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.



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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
FOR SPRING 2023**

HEALTHY ME

WORD OF THE WEEK

Maverick

Noun

A maverick is someone who is independent and has their own way of doing things.

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 28th February: Art Club.

MARCH

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day. Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character or in pyjamas.

Monday 6th March. Parents' evening— face-to-face meetings from 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday 9th March. Parents' evening— face-to-face meetings from 3.30pm to 5pm.

Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March: Art Club.

Friday 17th March: Mother's Day Assembly.

Monday 20th March: Junior Citizens (Year 6).

Friday 31st March: Easter Egg Hunt.

APRIL

Friday 28th April: May Day.

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