



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 6th November 2023



We would like to invite you to the **Annual General Meeting** of the Friends of Lewknor School. This will take place tomorrow (Tuesday 7th November) at 8pm at the school.

This is a great opportunity for you to find out more about what FoLS has been doing over the last year, what we plan to do in the future and to build a sense of community. I do hope you can come.

FoLS makes such an important contribution to our amazing school – let's keep it going!

Yours sincerely,

Louise

Chair of FoLS

FoLS is always keen to welcome new members to ensure that all of the good work that the FoLS team has done over the years can carry on, and that the children continue to benefit from the valuable resources and educational trips etc, that FoLS funds each year. If you are interested in more information, please contact Gemma at the school office. Thank you.

Headteacher's Welcome

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The children learned about Black history and celebrated the contributions Black people have made to society during Black History Month (October).

Pictured above are the children in the Reception class. They looked at the book *My Hair* by Hannah Lee and they made some fantastic portraits that showed different hairstyles.

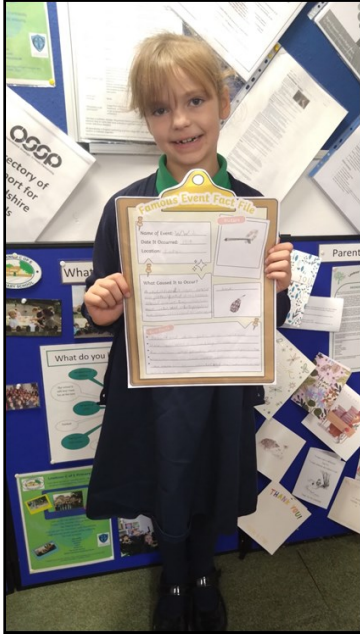
Pictured below are the children in the Infants class (Years 1 and 2). They had read the book *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin and they completed some artwork to mark her journey from Trinidad to Britain as part of the Windrush generation.



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Black History Month continued

Pictured left is Si-Si, who is in the Lower Juniors class (Years 3 and 4). The children are studying World War 2 and they learned about the contribution Black people made to the Allied forces. They produced fact file sheets full of information like the one Si-Si is holding.

Children in the Upper Juniors class (Years 5 and 6) talked about all they had learned at a Friday celebration assembly. The children looked at the work of many historical figures such as Rosa Parks and then they produced biographies about their chosen figure. They spent time researching and producing very interesting PowerPoints.

The children also led the assembly and introduced each class so that they could show what they had learned.

LEXI RIDES TO SUCCESS...AGAIN!

Here are some fab photos of Lexi competing on her pony Bailey at The Pony Club's Area 12 Eventing Championship. Lexi came third in eventing and was awarded a green rosette. She also came fifth in the dressage competition and was presented with a pink rosette. Lexi's pony Bailey is 19 years old and she has been riding her for only one year.

Lexi said: "She can be a bit frisky but she always behaves at competitions. I think she enjoys competing. She likes the jumps and some are quite high at 70 centimetres. We just knocked one over at the very end."

I am sure we will be hearing lots more about Lexi's and Bailey's triumphs in the eventing world very soon.



GENEROUS DONATION BUYS NEW BOOKS FOR SCHOOL



A big thank you to all the parents of last year's Year 6 children for their very kind and generous donation. We asked the current Year 6 children, pictured above, what books they would like to read and they gave us their list. We are promoting 'reading for pleasure' at school and are encouraging the children to read lots at home. We thought if the children picked their own books then they would most certainly read them! And our theory proved to be right!

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ASSEMBLY

There will be no Friday celebration assembly on Friday 10th November. Instead everyone is welcome to join us for our Remembrance Day Service assembly, which will take place in the school playground shortly before 11am. The Chinnor War Horses will once again be joining us — it would be a good idea for parents not to bring dogs to the assembly as it can make the horses jittery. The Year 6 children will also be helping out with the Poppy Appeal. They will visit all the classes every day this week to sell poppies. Please would children make a donation if they would like a poppy. Thank you.



PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the parents who filled out parent feedback forms at our recent parents' evenings. I do not have the space to list all of the lovely comments but here are some.

Both XXXX and XXXX love school life at Lewknor. As parents we couldn't be happier with the loving, nurturing environment.

We love how the school values our boys' behaviour as much as their academic progression. The teachers in-depth understanding of their current maths and English levels means their support is individualised. The extra-curricular assemblies and unique events give the boys a broader understanding of life and possibilities.

We feel so lucky to have found Lewknor school—our child couldn't be happier. We love the warm, nurturing atmosphere and the excellent teachers.

Thank you all for being a wonderful school. You continue to show why we were so keen for our child to come here. 'A' star!

I feel my daughter is incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and caring learning environment. We are so grateful to Lewknor school for making her school days so enjoyable.

The care and kindness the children get here is fabulous!

My child could not be in better hands. XXXX has benefitted from the tight knit Lewknor community. XXXX and his friends at Lewknor all seem to be kind and caring children, with excellent manners. We have been extremely grateful for the communication, help and guidance offered to us when needed.



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

**Celebrating Difference
(accept that everyone is different)**

Lord

Thank you for making all the people in the world perfect in your eyes. Help us to accept and celebrate our differences and appreciate all the beauty you have created in each and every one of us.

Amen



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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
FOR AUTUMN 2023
CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Junction

Noun

A junction is a place where roads or railway lines meet or cross.

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

Creation Station Art Club runs every Monday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

NOVEMBER

Friday 10th November. Chinnor War Horses and the Remembrance Day Service.

Monday 13th November. Partnership of schools tag rugby tournament. Years 4, 5 and 6.

Thursday 16th November. Transformation Evening.

Friday 17th November. Children In Need mufti day—wear something dotty!

Tuesday 28th November. Christmas Big Sing (Oxfordshire Music Service).

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DECEMBER

Friday 1st December. Christingle service.

Wednesday 6th December. Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Oxford Playhouse.

Saturday 9th December. Lewknor school and pre-school Christmas Fair. 10am to 2pm—Jubilee Hall

Tuesday 14th December. Nativity and Christmas carol concert.

Friday 15th December. Christmas dinner at the Lambert Arms (courtesy of FOLS).

Tuesday 19th December. Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm.

JANUARY

Tuesday 30th January until Friday 2nd February. Travelling Book Fayre.

MARCH

Monday 4th March. Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5pm.

Wednesday 6th March. Parents' evening 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday 7th March. World Book Day.

Friday 8th March. Mother's Day assembly starting around 9am.



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