



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 11th October, 2021

BUBBLES BURST!

I know many of you will be delighted to hear that we are relaxing the 'bubble' system at school during early morning break, lunchtimes and afternoon break.

The children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are now playing with children in the Reception class. Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) are also playing together. We are hoping to start using the church for lunchtime eating so that the children can again come together. From Monday, children in Key Stage 1 will eat with the Reception children, while children in Key Stage 2 will eat together at a different time.

DIARY DATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:
October

BAGS2SCHOOL: Tuesday 12th October—see page 5 of this newsletter for more information

OPEN DAY (for prospective parents and children):
Thursday 21st October

FLU VACCINATIONS: Friday
12th November



Headteacher's Welcome

AGENTS OF CHANGE ADOPT A PANDA



BE THE CHANGE

As part of the diocesan Be The Change campaign to help children become agents of change in responding to the climate and environmental emergency, the pupils in Upper Juniors (Years 5 and 6) organised a whole school mufti day for their class project to help protect pandas. They talked to all the children at school and suggested they wear a black and white costume instead of uniform and donate £1 to help their class adopt a giant panda.



Left: Riley, Jasmine, Sophie and Jayden with their panda information posters

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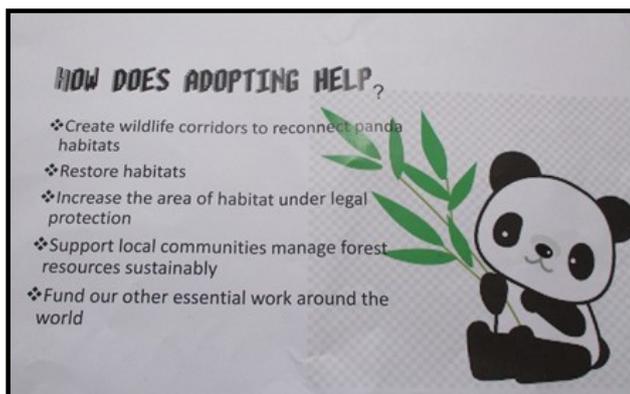
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These photographs show the Upper Juniors children teaching the Infant class about the plight of the giant panda. Though they are not considered endangered, they are threatened and the World Wild Fund for Nature works with the Chinese government to set up protected areas to keep more panda habitat intact. The children have learned that the giant panda is found in the wild in just six isolated mountain ranges in Gansu, Shaanxi and Sichuan Provinces in south-central China. Pandas that live in isolated mountains are especially vulnerable to climate change - as they already have small ranges that could shrink and fragment further. Roads and railways are increasingly cutting through the forest, which isolates panda populations and prevents them from breeding. The children produced posters and information sheets (*see photos below*) to show how adoption can help protect these wonderful creatures.



Left: Livvy in her panda costume!

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Right: the Reception class dressed in their black and white 'panda' outfits. From left to right: Amy, Aila, Laura, Austin, Clark, Faith, Violet and Henry

We are adopting a panda!

- We will be giving £20 every month
- We need £240 for the whole year!



As the poster on the left says, the children need to raise £240 to adopt a giant panda for a whole year. And the multi day was hugely successful with the children donating a total of £85.30

The Upper Juniors will receive regular updates and information from the WWF to show how our school's donation is helping to support their vital work in China.

The children will also give feedback to all the other children at school too!



Above: Charlie, Hattie and Freddie in their panda onesies

Why are pandas going extinct?



99% OF THEIR DIET IS BAMBOO

LOSS OF FOOD SUPPLIES

In some places, grazing livestock, harvesting bamboo and collecting medicinal herbs is still a threat to pandas.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Pandas that live in isolated mountains are especially vulnerable to warming, as they already have small ranges that will shrink and fragment further.

50% DECLINE

TOURISM

Tourism in the region is increasing and this is putting additional pressure on giant panda habitat.

HABITAT FRAGMENTATION

Roads and railways are increasingly cutting through the forest, which isolates panda populations and prevents them from breeding.

The children have researched the plight of the giant panda in class and have produced a number of posters that are now displayed around the school so that other children are aware of their campaign as well as the good work that will be completed because of their generous donations.

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Some Upper Junior children were so excited about their class giant panda campaign that they organised a cake sale off their own bat.

Here they are pictured left with their cake stall just outside school.

Camille, Thea, Heidi, Hattie, Holly, Isaac and Freddie baked dozens of cakes and cookies. They managed to raise a whopping £101 from the sale. Two further donations of £20 came through on Facebook making a grand total of £121.

Well done, children. You are proving to be great agents of change as well as intrepid entrepreneurs!

Right: Jasper, Archie, Freddie and Charlie enjoy their panda cakes



HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated food items for our traditional Harvest hampers. The hamper boxes, which were decorated beautifully by the children, are now being delivered to the elderly in Lewknor this week.



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BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS
(THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

***The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

**Collection Point:
Lewknor Village
Hall**

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 12 October 2021 BY 8:45AM

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 www.bag2school.com

 helpdesk@bag2school.com



OPEN MORNING

Thursday 21st October 2021

9.00-11.00am

(for in-year transfers and Reception 2022 starters)

We invite you to come and have a look around our wonderful school. Our head teacher Mrs Cole will be available to accompany you on your visit.

"Leaders and governors have high expectations for pupils at Lewknor. They are passionate about what they do and want the very best for every pupil." (Ofsted, 2020)

"Pupils thrive at this school. They love learning and are curious and confident learners." (Ofsted, 2020)

- ◆ Rated **OUTSTANDING** by Oxford Diocesan Board of Education
- ◆ Rated **GOOD** by OFSTED
- ◆ **Daily Breakfast Club** from 8.00am
- ◆ **After-School Activity Club** daily until 5.30pm
- ◆ **Childcare Vouchers** accepted
- ◆ **Nurturing and caring** environment
- ◆ **Outstanding SATs, Early Years and Phonics Results** (well above national and local averages)
- ◆ Tours of the school also available on other dates at a mutually convenient time.

Please e-mail office.3184@lewknor.oxon.sch.uk or call 01844 351542 to book a place at our Open Morning or arrange an alternative time to visit our school

We look forward to welcoming you!

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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

Being Me In My World - Choose to follow the learning charter

Dear God

Thank you for making each of us different and giving each of us unique gifts. Thank you that when we work together we can make a team and achieve great things. Please help us to be thankful for the role we have and the role others play. Amen



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WORD OF THE WEEK

Emerge

Verb

If someone emerges from a place, they come out so that they can be seen.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Matthew 7:12

The Golden Rule

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Mrs Cole