



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 3rd October 2022

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Coffee and cakes were served in Mrs Wakefield's class after the Harvest Festival. Thank you also to all the children and parents who donated cakes. School raised £160 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you also to Mrs Wakefield who organised the event.

BIG ME DAY

On Friday we will be holding our fun Big Me Day. Children should come to school dressed up as they want to be when they grow up. In the past we have had children dressed as astronauts, police officers, doctors, scientists, chefs and even teachers! We also invite parents to come dressed in their work 'uniform' to talk to the children about their jobs.

KILVROUGH RESIDENTIAL

The Upper Juniors class will be heading to the Kilvrough Manor residential centre from 12th to 16th June. Check out their website on oxfordshireoutdoorlearningservice.co.uk



Headteacher's Welcome

HARVEST FESTIVAL HAMPERS FOR ELDERLY



There was a wonderful turnout at our Harvest Festival service on Friday. Thank you to all parents who donated produce. Hampers will be made up, which the Year 6 children will deliver to the elderly in our local Lewknor community.

Pictured above are some of our Reception children with the super scarecrow masks they made.



Charlie and Heidi in the church with some of the donated Harvest produce

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The Lower Juniors (Years 3 and 4) had made very striking African Tribal masks because they were studying Harvest and foods grown in Africa. They are pictured above during the church service and below with and without their masks in the school playground.



Mollie



Felix



Archie

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And here are some of the Upper Juniors children (Years 5 and 6) with and without their very colourful masks. The children learned about the Day of the Dead Festival because this marks the end of Harvest and the start of the rainy season in Mexico.

The children showed all their artwork at the church service and sang some songs very beautifully. We had the traditional Cauliflowers are Fluffy and Autumn Days. Miss Baker, the Upper Juniors teacher had taught the whole school choir a new song called I Watch The Sun Rise, which I think is my new favourite.

Peter, our vicar, said some very kind words about our school and led a Harvest prayer.

And not forgetting the Infants (Years 1 and 2) pictured right. They used plasticine and crepe paper to make bunches of grapes, a fruit that is harvested in Europe and elsewhere. I noticed that Miss Thornton was wearing a rather fetching bunch of grapes pair of earrings during the service. And that leads me nicely on to Basia, who took time to make all the staff some rather spectacular fruit and vegetable earrings for us to wear at our Harvest Festival.

Thank you, Basia. I will save my apple earrings for next year too!



DRAMA LESSONS HELP UPPER JUNIORS WITH LITERACY SKILLS



Hattie and Camille

Children in the Upper Juniors class (Years 5 and 6) have been learning how to describe emotions without stating the obvious. For example, instead of saying a character was annoyed, they were encouraged to describe the physical traits that someone would show if they were irritated. One child wrote, "Arms folded across his chest, the brother stared intensely and in disbelief at the gardener before stomping off."

They had been reading a story called *Firebird* in class and had based their descriptions on how the characters felt at a particular point in the book.

The children took part in some drama activities before they got down to writing to help them think about how people show their emotions through body language.

I thought it was a tricky concept but the children came up with lots of wonderful ideas and some really sophisticated description.



Left: Jake and Lexi



Right: Holly and Elexia-Rose



Left: Stanley

Above: Charlie and Jack

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SISTERS ARE A SHOW JUMPING SUCCESS



Here are two smashing photos of sisters Si-Si (above) and Lexi (below) taking part in the national show jumping championships held at Hickstead, West Sussex, earlier this month. Lexi competed in the 55cm and 65cm jumps on her pony Brie, while Si-Si competed in the 40cm jump on her pony Fabian. Both girls were competing against children who were much older than them (14 years and under). Si-Si and Lexi both won a special rosette for a clear round.

I think the girls are fearless when it comes to show jumping. I'm sure we will be seeing more photos of them competing in the future.





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 (care about other people's feelings)

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us knowledge, talent and ideas. I pray that I can use all that you have given me to help others reach their potential and flourish in our school community.

Amen



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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
FOR AUTUMN 2022**

HOPE, COURAGE and ENDURANCE

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers and sisters, if someone is committing a bad act, you should help that person gently. But watch yourselves or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Dawdle

Verb

If you dawdle, you walk slowly, taking more time than you should.

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Mondays: Cookery Club from 3.15pm to 5pm.

Wednesday 5th October: Face-to-face parent evenings – information to follow soon.

Wednesday 6th October: Face-to-face parent evenings – information to follow soon.

Friday 7th October: Big Me Day – information to follow soon.

Friday 14th October: Open Day.

NOVEMBER

Friday 11th November: Remembrance Day Service at 11am. Chinnor War Horses to make an appearance in the playground.

Wednesday 16th November: Inflatable Footy to start at lunchtime. This will run over six weeks.

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd December: Christingle service in the church after morning registration.

Thursday 8th December: Whole school trip to see the Oxford pantomime Cinderella.

Wednesday 14th December: Afternoon performance of the Nativity and Christmas concert – time to follow.

Thursday 15th December: Evening performance of the Nativity and Christmas concert.

Friday celebration assemblies will start again on 23rd September at around 9.10am in the church. FOLS (Friends of Lewknor School) are hoping to set up a weekly coffee get together after the assemblies. Everyone is welcome.

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Come along and see our beautiful school. Open to parents of Reception starters September 2023 and in-year transfers.



Join us for our open morning on
Friday 14th October 2022 at 9am.

No need to book.

You will get the chance to meet the friendly
staff and our lovely pupils whilst enjoying
tea and a biscuit.



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