



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 20th March 2023

NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

I am delighted to announce that we have two new parent governors. Sarah Bonner and Chris Full have now joined the team, and I would like to give them a very warm Lewknor welcome!

POLICE OFFICER SAYS LEWKNOR IS THE BEST!

I was extremely proud of the children in the Upper Juniors (Years 5 and 6) when our local PCSO Claire Keogh popped in for her termly chat. Claire, who covers 120 primary schools in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, said she had never been in a school where the children are so well-behaved. She added: "Mrs Cole this really is a wonderful school with the loveliest of children. "They listened to my every word with no interruptions and they asked really good questions." I can't say I am surprised because I think they are just lovely too!



Headteacher's Welcome

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS MOTHER'S DAY POSIES



Mia, Mel and Harvey



Sonny and Catherine



Above: Holly and Pip, Henry and Lisa

There were treats galore for our mothers on Mother's Day. Firstly, every mum received a daffodil posy made by their child at our Mother's Day assembly on Friday. Then on Mothering Sunday our mums will have received something extra special. The children in the Upper Juniors class (Years 5 and 6) had produced a comic book story about each child's Supermum. They had also made tokens to present to their mums promising how they were going to help them, for example, by emptying the dishwasher, setting the table and tidying their bedroom.



Right: Charlie and Sarah, Wyatt and Sam, Austin and Jessica, Lily and Emma, Rosie and Clare

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The children in the Upper Juniors class with their comic Supermum storybooks. Taylor and Jake had already given theirs to their mums at the assembly

Children in the Lower Juniors class (Years 3 and 4) made their mums lovely Mother's Day badges—see photo below, while the children in the Infants class (Years 1 and 2) made 'Tea-rrific' teapots for their mums (which included a tea bag). And the children in the Reception class made their mums hand 'bouquets'. Instead of flowers there were hand prints so that the mums will always remember just how small their child's hands were.

All the mums will receive a Mother's Day card too, which the children had made in class.

So a very Happy Mother's Day to all our lovely mums at Lewknor Primary!



The children in the Lower Juniors with their Mother's Day badges

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Left: The Infants with their 'tea-rrific' teapots



Amy and Clare



Georgie and Sophie



Charlie and Sarah



Some of the Reception children with their hand print bouquets

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Francis and Kim, Tilly and Janna, Laura and Claire, Austin and Jessica



Kit and Leandre



*Left: Miles and Sara,
Charlie and Samantha,
Harry and Jake with Nic*

*Right: Harley and Archie
with Amie, Jasper and
Felix with Susanna,
Rubie with Sophie*



*Left: the children sang three
Mother's Day songs during
the assembly — the
traditional My Mum's One
In A Million, When God
Made You My Mother, and
Mother's Day Funny Song*

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Left: Molly and Immy



Right: Preparing the posies



A huge thank you to all the lovely ladies who helped the children make their posies. It was great to see former Lewknor mum Claire, who has always helped out in the past. Claire brought along her daughter Daisy, who is now at secondary school, and it was lovely to catch up with her. Glad to hear you are doing so well, Daisy. Thank you also to Aliz, Zaydn's mum, Basia and Emma.

Thank you to Gemma for sorting out the daffodils and to all the parents who donated greenery.

Left: Some of the Reception children with our adult helpers

Right: their last Mother's Day assembly at Lewknor! Our Year 6 pupils with their Mother's Day posies.





*Right: the next big event—May Day!
The children in the Lower Juniors class practise maypole dancing*



HEIDI HITS THE RIGHT NOTE

I really do enjoy hearing about the achievements of our children outside school, and here is Heidi pictured left about to go in for her practical grade piano exam. It was no surprise to me to hear that Heidi didn't just pass but she passed her Grade 1 exam with a merit. Heidi had to play three pieces including 'Down by the Sally Gardens', which is an upbeat traditional Irish folk song, 'A Toy' and 'The Detective'.

She then had to answer theory questions on chords and notes, and take part in an aural observation (watching the examiner play and then answer questions).

When Heidi arrived at her grading, she thought it was very cool that she got to play on a big black grand piano. She learns on an electric piano and it was her first time playing a concert piano with such heavy keys which are further apart—much trickier for small hands but it didn't phase her!

The examiner commented on her three pieces:

A bright opening, both in tone and in tempo, you gave character to this solo.

You played with some pleasing legato lines and it flowed along at an effective tempo. Flowing lightly, this enjoyed a clear and gentle momentum reflecting the relaxed mood of the music.

The rough timescale is completing one grade per year so Heidi will likely sit her Grade 2 exam around Christmas. Do let us know, Heidi, how you get on and WELL DONE SUPERSTAR!

PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the parents who took time to feedback their thoughts about school during the recent parents' evenings. This is what you had to say...

Very happy with how nurturing Lewknor is—the care and kindness that the children get here is fabulous. Thank you all!

We are very happy with the progress being made by our children. XXXXX has shown real progress both socially and academically. His speech and interest in reading is great to see. XXXXX continues to show a real interest for learning and takes real responsibility for completing homework and reading homework. We are both very happy.

Very happy that the sports clubs are up and running again. The children are looking forward to running club starting again.

(Yes, I thought it was interesting that so many more children wanted to join our tennis club compared to football. I thought the children at Lewknor were football mad, and some no doubt are, but it looks like tennis is the more popular sport! Mrs Cole).

XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXX have really flourished since joining Lewknor School. They have grown in confidence, English and maths and have had a lot of fun along the way!

Parents' evening was a smooth operation. It was lovely to hear how well XXXXX and XXXXX are doing. They enjoy school so much.

Good to have online booking for parents' evening and the teacher was on time, which was very much appreciated.

Thank you all for being a wonderful school. You continue to show why we were so keen for our child to come here. Keep up the good work. A*

Lewknor School has been such a delightful school for both my children to attend.

All good. Very happy.

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.

Thank you to all the staff for all their hard work in making Lewknor Primary such a special school.

Could we have heaters in the church? (That's a good question! The heating has been turned off in the church and so we have been running our assemblies in the classroom. The children meet in Miss Baker's classroom for assemblies including singing assembly. We only use the church for our Friday celebration assembly but once the weather gets warmer we are hoping to hold all our assemblies in the church. I noticed at the Christmas service that Peter had put in enormous portable heaters but it was still so cold that we could see our breath as we sang. I think the church and school have to watch their budgets carefully. School can afford to keep the classrooms warm but it would stretch our budget to heat the church. We can review this annually but I am pleased to report that the children are enjoying the whole school assemblies in the classroom. Mrs Cole).



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

Grant, O lord, your protection, and in protection, strength, and in strength, understanding, and in understanding, knowledge, that we may use this to keep ourselves and others safe.

Amen



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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
FOR SPRING 2023**

HEALTHY ME

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Psalm 23: 1-4

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Parliament

Noun

The parliament of a country is the people who make the country's laws.

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

MARCH

Tuesday 21st and 28th March: Art Club.

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

Thursday 23rd March: National Height and Weight measurements for Year 6 and Reception children only.

Friday 31st March: Easter Egg Hunt.

Friday 31st March: End of term, 1.30pm finish.

Tennis club runs after school every Thursday throughout the spring term until the Easter holidays.

Science club runs every Friday until the Easter holidays.

APRIL

Friday 28th April: May Day. The celebrations will begin at 1.30pm.

MAY

Wednesday 17th May: Inflatable footy lunchtime club starts.

JUNE

Friday 9th June: Father's Day Assembly. This assembly will start at around 9am.

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