BWKNOR C of E Primary School Newsletter



A BIG WELCOME TO MISS THORNTON

Miss Kim Thornton will be teaching the Infants class (Years 1 and 2) from Monday 28th February. The children have already met their new teacher, who will be covering for Mrs Lomas while she is on maternity leave. I would like to welcome Miss Thornton to the team and our school. I know she is going to love teaching at Lewknor.



MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Last week I made a bit of a slip up when I wrote that our May Day celebrations were on Friday 29th May. They are actually going to be held on Friday 29th **April** starting at 1.30pm.

The children will start practising the Maypole and country dances after the February half-term.

Headteacher's Welcome

READING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS



I love this photo taken by Mrs Lomas. It shows a bunch of very happy Year 1 and Year 2 children who were allowed to bring a special cuddly toy to school for the day. Mrs Lomas has set up a reward system in the Infants class for those children who can show they have read at home three times a week and completed a comprehension homework.

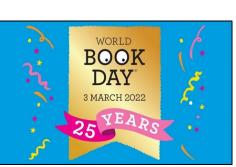
Those that win the reading raffle are allowed to bring in their favourite toy from home for a special treat.

Pictured here are: Iris, Florence, Ned, Francis, Amelie, Lucy, Raffi, Isla P, Amber, Sonny, Ariana, Felix, Isla W, Si-Si and Miles.

WORLD BOOK DAY PLANS

This year the whole school will be looking at the book, 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. All classes will be doing lots of exciting activities based on the book.

Rather than dressing up in full costume, pupils should bring in one prop that represents the character they have chosen, ie



boy, mole, fox or horse. The rest of the school will try to guess who the character is.

Don't forget World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March.

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BASIA'S LATEST BRILLIANT BRAINWAVE





It is so good to see all the children playing together in the playground at long last! The favourite game at the moment is Chicken or Hero, which is organised by the children in the Upper Juniors class but all are welcome to play.

But then Basia had one of her bright ideas. She found rolls of thick paper which she pinned up along the fence, got some paints and paintbrushes and before long there was a small army of artists from all age groups engrossed in their painting. It certainly made playtime quieter! I loved the artwork and I loved watching the children get on so well together.



YEAR 6 SATs SUPERSTARS!

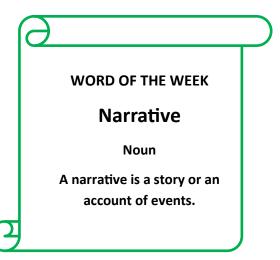
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We held a mock SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) week at school for the Year 6 children so that they could get a feel of what it is like to sit the papers. All children in Year 6 throughout the country sit a number of tests every year in May. The tests include: reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar, and three maths papers (one arithmetic and two problem-solving/ reasoning). Our children are always well-prepared for these tests and end up performing extremely well (school always achieves well above national and county averages).

I often think the parents are much more worried than the children ever are when it comes to sitting SATs though it does help to have a lovely teacher like Miss Baker, who bakes special treats for the children to have after each test. And here they are pictured with a delicious brownie treat after their last test on Friday. Miss Baker was a little disappointed though that I had not managed to capture her speciality cupcakes on camera. I guess she will just have to make some more!

Anyway, well done to our Year 6 superstars. Pictured here are: Lily, Wilfred, Noah, Livvy, Bill, Tristan, Laurence, Jayden, Sophie, Riley and Ellena.



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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

Dreams And Goals: Working Hard To Achieve Their Own Dreams And Goals

Dear God

Thank you for our dreams and goals. Give us the perseverance and courage to press on towards our dreams and goals like St Paul did. Help us to understand that hard work and effort help us grow and become the people that we have the potential to be. We just need to do our best and trust in you. Amen





THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Philippians 3: 12-14

I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Mrs Cole

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Friends Of Lewknor School

Who are we?

A 'Friend' can be anyone with an interest in helping raise funds for Lewknor C of E Primary School. Currently we are a group of parents who give their time to arrange a variety of events with the aim of raising money to enrich the educational life for our children at school. For example; Bags2School clothes donation, Bingo nights, Quiz nights, mufti days, a Christmas Disco, an annual Summer Fun Day, the Spring Music Festival, after school Cinema evenings, cake sales, ice cream fridays and many more including new ideas from you!

What is the fundraising for?

All money raised is used to enrich the educational life for the children at Lewknor C of E Primary School. In previous years we have donated amounts between £3000 and £7000 to the school. This money is used to pay for a variety of licenses for computer programmes used in class each week, class trips, the whole school trip to a Pantomime and recently one of the new touch screen white boards.

How can you help?

There are so many ways that you can help fundraise for our school; Join the school lottery- www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play, shop through the easfundrasing app which gives donations back to the school from the companies you buy from,

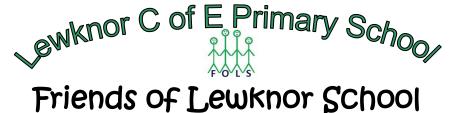
help prepare for an event, run a stall, bake a cake, donate a raffle prize, support events by attending, spread the word to advertise events,

organise and run your own event in aid of the school and many other ways! All of these are very much needed to continue the excellent record of fundraising we have.

What next?

Well, now you ask...... we are hoping to involve many more families from school in the fundraising and events. We are hoping to increase the committee membership, especially to parents of children lower doen the school. Owing to the pandemic we haven't been able to meet and get to know you as we would like to. Come to the AGM to meet us and hear more.

> Please look out for the notice of the AGM coming soon or email friendsoflewknorschool@gmail.com for more information



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We understand that this is a very difficult time for many, but we want to take this opportunity to remind you about Easyfundraising.

You can use Easyfundraising to raise money for Friends of Lewknor School, without spending a penny! It's simple to set up an account and when you shop through the website or app, you earn valuable money for us, at <u>no cost</u> to yourself.

If you haven't already registered, please take a look on the following page to see how shopping with the companies registered with Easyfundraising can boost our fundraising pot!

CARD READER NEWS!

We are very excited to tell you that FoLS now have a card reader! Over the coming months we will be able to use this at many events, which we hope will make it easier for parents and the committee.





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BANK DETAILS

We are keen to support the school as much as we can financially, although this year our fundraising will be lower than usual due to the current situation. This may mean that we will be unable to fund all the trips and licenses we usually do. We appreciate that many families are struggling financially, but for those who would like to support us by donating money that they would usually have been spent at our fundraising events, and are in a position to do so, we are providing our bank details.

Wishing every child and family at Lewknor School well.

Friends of Lewknor School Committee





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