



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 18th November 2024

## A message from the head teacher...

Dear parents, I am writing to you on a gloomy Friday here at Lewknor and I'm watching Upper Juniors having a netball session with Mrs Lomas and Miss Cleere. The teachers are very much getting involved and with the children all in mufti—it's got a nice Friday feel.

Thanks to all parents for your Children in Need donations, we raised £82.50. Children in Need have funded vital work for many years to make sure children thrive and be the best they can be. Children in Need supports local charities like Babies 1st CIC baby bonding sessions in Princes Risborough, Sparkles Downs Syndrome charity near High Wycombe and Action for XP near Lane End.

In Arts news, we have just booked a whole school trip for the 24th Jan to the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford to see an Oxfordshire Music Service orchestra's concert, this trip is funded by an Arts grant from a former pupil—so thanks to that family for their commitment and support of the Arts at Lewknor. For all children to be able to go a great theatre like the Sheldonian is an amazing opportunity.

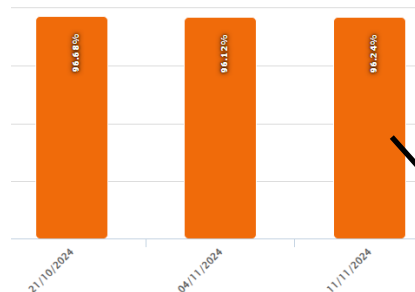
Have a great week.

Mr Powell



## Attendance

Attendance was 96% for last week. 96%+ is 'good'



Attendance is 95% for the whole year.

Attendance has been above 96% for 3 weeks.

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## A message from James Pearce (parent governor)

### LEWKNOR PUPILS KNOW THEIR ONIONS

As the days grow shorter and the weather turns colder, the growing season draws to a close – almost!

Just before half term, two groups of year 4 children helped with the last few allotment jobs. The final beans and prickly cucumbers were picked and the beds cleared. The one and only pumpkin was pulled up to be handed over to the ever-artistic Basia to work her creative, spooky magic on, alongside eager members of the after school club.

Our green-fingered helpers also planted a bed of onions. This test of horticultural skill and patience will of course be rewarded in the summer when they should be ready to harvest. Delicious break time snacks for all!! Who needs strawberries and tomatoes eh?

And on the growing front – this wasn't a bad first effort. Runner beans, strawberries, tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers, leeks, radishes, chives and spinach were all grown with varying success.

The peppers sadly didn't quite make it. They started well but the local wildlife had other ideas. These and some of the other vegetables were very much enjoyed by the slugs and snails!

Next season we can take what we have learnt; what works, what doesn't, and plan appropriately for each season for an even bigger crop. Flowers to help the bees will also be planted.

A HUGE thanks to all of those that have donated seeds, plants, loan of a lawn mower, wood for the planters, compost and your time. This community spirit has been a big part of why this was so successful. You know who you are.

If anyone else would like to get involved – parents, carers, grandparents etc then please get in touch, either via the parent what's app group, contact a teacher or me.

Let's make next year even better!

James Pearce,

Parent Governor



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**Lower Juniors finger puppets for role-play in French**

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**Upper Juniors children telling us all about Kilvrough  
in celebration assembly on Friday.**

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### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

We pray for all the support staff who play such an important role in creating a safe and welcoming environment for our children. We pray that they would be filled with compassion and grace, and that they would know the joy of making a difference in the lives of others.

Amen



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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**Luke 6:31** Do to others as you would have them do to you.

#### Aspire

Verb

*A strong desire to do or attain something.*





# DIARY DATES

## NOVEMBER

Monday 11th November—Remembrance service with war horses

Friday 22nd November— ‘Big Me’ day

## DECEMBER

December 3rd—Whole School Panto @The Oxford Playhouse—**funded by FOLS.**

Friday 6th December —Christingle Service

Wednesday 11th December—Nativity performance—1330

Thursday 12th December—Nativity performance—1500

Friday 13th December—1520 — Purchase Christmas arts and crafts made by children for FOLS

Tuesday 17th December — Whole School Christmas lunch

Wednesday 18th December —Last day of school for pupils, school finishes at 1330, no after school club on this day.

## JANUARY

Friday 24th January—Whole School to Music concert at Sheldonian Theatre Oxford—**funded by Arts grant from former pupil.**