



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 7th December, 2020



FOLS CHRISTMAS JUMPER FUNDRAISER

It's time to don the Christmas winter woolies. Children can come to school on Monday 14th December dressed in Christmas jumpers to help raise funds for FOLS. The FOLS team is asking parents to donate £1 per child per jumper. A member of the FOLS team will be appropriately dressed and armed with a bucket to collect the money as the children come into school.



The teachers have organised a range of Christmas activities in the last week of term to help the children get into the festive spirit. And we have even made a festive stable that the children will use for this year's Nativity. Look out for the photographs in next week's newsletter.

Headteacher's Welcome

HOLY SMOKE! IT'S THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON



Above: the children in the Infants class brace themselves for the inferno

Mrs Lomas knows how to get a child's undivided attention - by starting a fire at school! The children in the Infants class had been learning all about The Great Fire of London in 1666. They had made cardboard houses and buildings to replicate Pudding Lane, where the fire started in a bakery. The lesson demonstrated how the fire spread so quickly. The children could see that because the buildings stood so close together and were made of wood, the fire was able to cause so much devastation. I think they will remember this history lesson for some time to come!



Above: the Reception class gather to watch too



Left: the children's artwork is reduced to ashes.

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SCIENCE LESSON IS SUCH A GAS!



Above: Zofia, Theo and Jasmine measure the ingredients for the yeast mixture



Above: Kiran and Sophie measure the water carefully



Above: Ellena, Ewan and Charlie add the water to the yeast mixture

The children in the Upper Juniors class have been looking at Living Things and Their Habitats, which is part of the science curriculum. They have been learning all about plants and fungi, including yeast. They knew yeast needed nutrition to grow but they wanted to find out what 'foods' yeast preferred. Some children prepared a mixture of yeast and sugar, some prepared a mixture of yeast and flour, while some mixed yeast with a banana puree. Balloons were attached to the tops of bottles containing the mixtures. The children then compared the results.

The by-product of growing yeast is carbon dioxide and this gas makes the balloons blow up. The children could tell which was yeast's favourite food by seeing which balloons grew bigger.

The children then wrote up their science reports showing their observations and conclusions. And they discovered that yeast prefers...sugar!



Above: Jayden, Kiran and Sophie observe the effects

Right: the mixture releases carbon dioxide which makes the balloons blow up



Above: Theo, Jasmine and Zofia



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OLIVIA IS AWARDED A BLUE PETER BADGE FOR ARTWORK



Above: Olivia with her artwork, Blue Peter badge and letter

Olivia is pictured left wearing her new Blue Peter badge and holding a letter from the editor of Blue Peter, Ellen Evans.

Olivia was awarded the badge of honour for sending the Blue Peter team her 'brilliant optical illusion picture'. Ms Evans added: 'We can see that you've put a lot of work into it and we like it so much that we're awarding you a Blue Peter Badge, which we hope you'll enjoy wearing.'

Olivia also received a Blue Peter Badge Card which will give her free access to over 200 Blue Peter Badge Attractions throughout the UK.

The letter also included best wishes from the team: Lindsey, Richie, Mwaksy, Adam and Henry (the dog!).



Above: Olivia also received an Autumn newsletter from the Blue Peter team

CAROL SERVICE IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

(a message from Jean Senior)

Because of the current pandemic, no carol services are allowed in churches this year. So, it would be a shame not to be able to have carols. The Government has now agreed that carols can be sung outside even though we are in tier 2. To that end, we thought we would organise a carol sing-along in the school playground on Friday 18th December at 7pm, led by our own Festival Choir, to which everyone is invited. We ask all attendees to please adhere to social distancing measures at all times and to bring a torch as there is no lighting available. Individual households should not mix with other households unless the two households are in a support bubble. We would also ask that attendees wear a mask or snood particularly when entering or leaving the playground. A one-way system will be set up to avoid congestion at the gates.

Because Jean can't do the carols at her house this year, she will provide her mulled wine from flasks, but please bring a cup/mug which will eliminate rubbish and plastic waste collection by hand and will also be better for the environment.

If you would like a carol sheet, please email jean.senior3@btinternet.com to obtain one. We hope you are able to join us.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Bibliophile

Noun

A bibliophile is a person who collects or loves books.

Mrs Cole



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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 no cost 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.



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



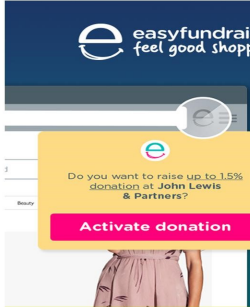
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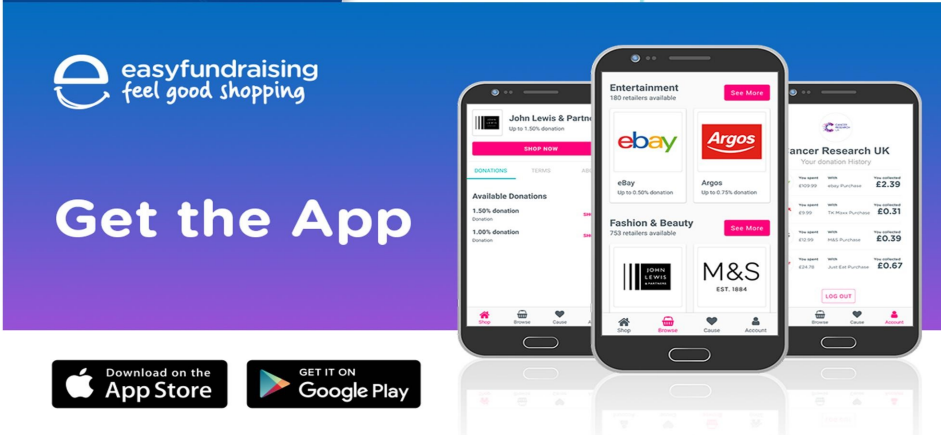
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