



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 29th January 2024

BOOK FAYRE RETURNS

Please support our book fayre, which will run after school in the Upper Juniors class from tomorrow (Tuesday 30th January) to Friday 2nd February. Travelling Books will be dropping off a good range of books and stationery. We round the cost of the books up to the nearest pound. For example, if a book cost £6.99 then we would ask you to pay £7.00. School always makes an excellent commission on sales, which enables us to buy a good number of books for each classroom every year. The books at the book fayre can be bought with either cash or a cheque.

FoLS CINEMA NIGHT

Don't forget to book your child a slot at the FoLS cinema night on Friday 9th February. There will be two films showing after school, which are Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget (PG) and Paw Patrol: The Movie (U). Refreshments and food—hotdogs, crudites and popcorn—will be served too.



Headteacher's Welcome

THE VIKINGS HAVE LANDED!



History is such fun! That's what the children discovered during our history morning at school last week. The children in the Infants class (Years 1 and 2) have been learning all about the Vikings and they made this very impressive longship in class (see photo above). They make very fierce Vikings too! Meanwhile, over in the Reception class the children were learning all about the Scottish poet Robert Burns and Burns night. They are pictured below singing Auld Lang Syne with their arms crossed and hands linked. They look like they are having great fun!



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HISTORY, ART AND DT—IT'S A VIKING RAID



The children in the Infants class get busy making the longship



Rosie and Violet



Left: Arthur

Right: Immy and Olivia



Grrr! Harriet, Austin, Henry, Arthur, Rosie and Morgan



Above: the prow of a Viking longship was often decorated with a carved dragon or snake's head to make people fearful!

CELEBRATING BURNS NIGHT IN RECEPTION



The children in the Reception class had a Burns party. They learned all about the Scottish poet Robert Burns, where he lived and when. They learned about tartan, bagpipes and even took part in some Scottish dancing. The children found out about neeps, tatties and haggis and had a chance to taste these delicacies when they were served some mashed swede, potato and stuffing—yum! The Scottish shortbread was certainly appreciated.



Harriet tucking into shortbread



Finn



Ava



Pippa



Toby



Finn

RALPH'S ROARING SUCCESS!



Champion Ralph!

Ralph was invited to compete in the Dubai O-Plate last year. Stewart said: "It was our toughest test so far with the heat and a very problematic rental chassis." It took a day and a half to sort out a problem with air in the fuel line. "Once sorted Ralph was fired up and ready to show off his skills—at that point we had one of the slowest karts on the track." But Ralph still went on to set a new lap record before taking part in race day the very next day.

Ralph's racing career is zooming ahead. These photos show Ralph competing in the Dubai O-Plate race competition and guess what? He only came FIRST (AGAIN!). Not only is he the champion of the Dubai competition but he is the current British champion in the class of MightE karting.

Ralph's dad Stewart said: "Ralph's record at the minute is unblemished. He has entered five competitions in a new class and won every one! We've moved up in power to the fastest engine available for the season of 2024."



Proud parents Stewart and Kirsty with Ralph and baby Reggie



And the winner is...Ralph!

Ralph had to learn a whole new race strategy because the British open wheel race is quite different to the one in Dubai. In the end it was the best lap time win over three races. Ralph lost the first race by 0.07 of a second. He won the second race by 0.6 and the third by 0.06.

"It was unbelievably close," said Stewart. "I have a few more grey hairs but absolutely delighted that we came home the Dubai O-Plate champion."

Ralph said: "I loved it. I went out there not only to race but to spend time with my family. My dream is to be an F-1 driver. My hero is Max Verstappen. I would love to be like him."

Ralph says he always tries to remember his dad's advice to stay calm when driving, and I think he can certainly keep his cool. CONGRATULATIONS Ralph. You are a SUPERSTAR!



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

Jesus taught us that where two or three of us gather then He would be with us. Help us recognise the benefits of working together to best use the skills and gifts you have given us.

Amen

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labour: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.



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**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES
FOR SPRING 2024**

DREAMS AND GOALS

WORD OF THE WEEK

Ragged

Adjective

**Clothes that are ragged
are old and torn.**

Mrs Cole



DIARY DATES

Creation Station Art Club runs every Monday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

Sports Club runs every Thursday from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.

JANUARY

Monday 29th January. Partnership Year 5-6 netball tournament at Icknield Community College, Watlington 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Tuesday 30th January until Friday 2nd February. Travelling Book Fayre.

FEBRUARY

Friday 9th February. FoLS Cinema Night.

Friday 9th February. Last day of term. School finishes at 3.20pm. Half-term holiday from Monday 12th to Friday 16th February.

Tuesday 20th February. Upper Juniors trip to the Science Museum in Oxford.

MARCH

Monday 4th March. Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5pm.

Wednesday 6th March. Parents' evening 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday 7th March. World Book Day.

Friday 8th March. Mother's Day assembly starting at around 9am.

Friday 15th March. Red Nose Day—wear something spotty!

Thursday 28th March. Easter egg hunt and last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm.

APRIL

Monday 15th April. Summer term begins.

Friday 26th April. May Day Celebration.

MAY

Friday 24th May. Last day of term. School finishes at 3.20pm. Half-term holiday from Monday 27th to Friday 31st May.

JUNE

Friday 14th June. Father's Day Assembly.

Monday 17th June. Partnership rounders competition for Years 3, 4 and 5.

Friday 21st June. Sports Day weather permitting, or Friday 28th June.



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A message from the Chair of FoLS, Mel Jones.

Hello,

My name is Mel and I was recently elected as the new chair of FoLS.

I have been a member of the FoLS team for many years now and I feel very strongly about helping this charity raise vital funds for our children's school.

I currently have a daughter at Lewknor school who is in year 6 and have had the pleasure of my eldest daughter see out her primary school years at this lovely school too.

They have both really enjoyed their time here and both thrived throughout the years.

FoLS is a friendly committee and we pride ourselves on working as a team, with each of us giving as much time as we are able to give in helping plan and run fundraising events throughout the school year. We are constantly trying to come up with new ideas whilst keeping these events fun for all who attend.

We already have some exciting things ahead planned for this year such as:

- After school cinema nights
- Mufti days
- Mother's Day and Father's Day gift sales • Easter eggstravaganza
- Summer fun day

So keep your eyes peeled for further information on these events.

Our aim is to support the school by donating as much as possible each year to help fund vital learning resources, educational trips and much more to give our children the best possible education.

We are always looking to welcome new members to our FoLS family, so if anyone would be interested in joining the team do please let me know or speak to a member of the school staff, who will be able to pass on a message to me.

Best wishes,

Mel



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