



Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 4th May, 2021

HT AWARD FOR CHARLIE



Here is Charlie with her Headteacher Award. The Upper Juniors have been undergoing assessments in class, and Charlie achieved a fantastic result in reading comprehension.

I was particularly impressed with her amazing progress because it has been a difficult year for the children with all the disruption caused by COVID. So well done, Charlie—you certainly deserve your award. We are starting up our SMART assemblies again this week. Unfortunately, parents are still not allowed to gather at school but we thought we could have a socially distanced whole school assembly for the children in the playground. We will celebrate the good work and deeds of our children at these assemblies, and children will receive certificates in recognition of this.



Headteacher's Welcome

SMART UNIFORM, SMART CHILDREN!



I have noticed how many children are beautifully turned out each day for school. Uniform is very important because it engenders a sense of community and belonging to the school and a sense of pride in the school.

We had to relax some of our high expectations towards uniform when the shops were closed and children had outgrown shoes. Some children had to wear trainers to school because parents were unable to buy shoes for their children that they knew would fit properly. We also had to make sure the classrooms were well-ventilated by having doors and windows open and so children were encouraged to wear more layers (though parents made sure the children were dressed in school colours).

Now life is getting back to normal (fingers crossed), smart uniform becomes a priority once again. I thought I would share some photographs of our smartly dressed children, who make great ambassadors for the school.

Pictured above: sisters Lilly and Amber, who are perfect role models



Above: Just gorgeous! Lilly and Amber with hair in neat plaits

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Left: smartly dressed children in the Lower Juniors class. From left to right, Hattie, Crispin, Thea, Stanley, Lexi and Charlie



Left: there are many smartly dressed children in the Infants class but I just chose one boy and one girl to represent the class - Jack and Aria



Right: The Upper Juniors. From left to right, Ellena, Charlie, James, Tristan and Bill



A BIG WELCOME TO...

We have two new children (also very smartly dressed!) who started at Lewknor Primary recently. I would like to welcome Miles (pictured left), who is in the Reception class, and Lucy (right), who is in the Year 1 class. Both children have settled in very quickly and say they are enjoying school very much, which is wonderful to hear.





A Walk in the Woods

After a long week sitting tests, the Upper Juniors were given a special treat one Friday afternoon - a short hike to a wood in the Chiltern Hills. The jaunt is an old favourite of Miss Lawes, Ms Power and myself because the children have so much fun playing in the wood.

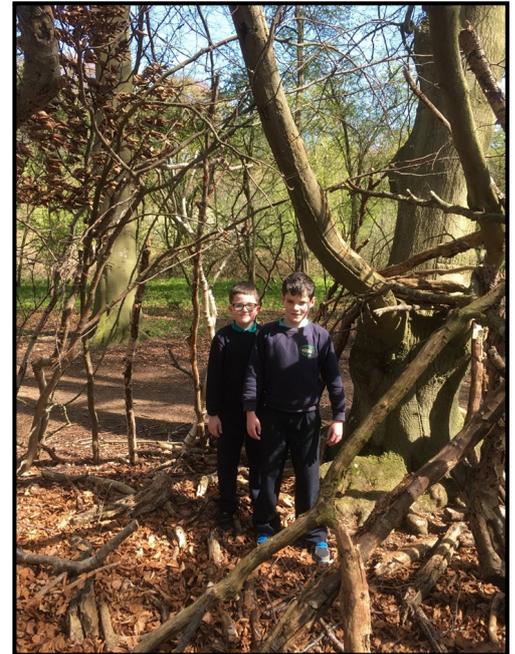
They build dens, search for bones of animals,



climb trees, examine fallen tree trunks, and collect all manner of things including snail shells, interesting coloured stones and even pieces of pottery.

On our last journey, James found the hip bone of a badger while Jayden discovered a skull of a bird. We were even joined by some sheep that had escaped from a neighbouring field.

It is wonderful to see the children playing outdoors. It reminds me of how I used to play during my own childhood and the Enid Blyton books I devoured then.



Above: Riley and Theo inside the beginnings of the den

Pictured top of the page are Kiran and Ewan. Kiran immediately took the lead to set about building a huge den. Ewan quickly joined in and helped Kiran heft some substantial logs—both frontiersmen!

Above: Laurence and Mia examine the roots of a fallen tree



Left: Olivia and Charlie have a quiet chat



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CHILDREN LEARN TO DEVELOP STORY IDEAS THROUGH DISCUSSION GROUPS



The children in the Lower Juniors class have been reading a lovely book called the Tin Forest written by Helen Ward and beautifully illustrated by Wayne Anderson.

These photographs show the children taking part in a hot seating activity. Hot seating is a strategy in which a character from a story is played by a pupil. The other pupils in the group interview the 'character' from the story. This encourages the children to think deeply about the text, for example why does a character react the way they do, how might they be feeling?

Mrs Wakefield said: "It is lovely to see the children enjoying learning together and developing their ideas through discussion."

The children also have opportunities to act out the story in groups and then write their own version of the story. Our photos show Thea (above), Camille (right), Emrys (below) and Izzy (below right) playing the character of the old man in the story. They are being questioned by Charlie, Holly and Isaac (above), Heidi, Freddie and Hattie (right), Patience, Mia, Elexia-Rose, Stanley and Jake (below), Lexi, Georgina, and Jack (below right).





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

Relationships

(help others feel part of a group)

Lord Jesus,

Just as you had trusted disciples as the group around you, help us to understand that everybody holds an important place within our groups and teams, and we support each other.

Amen



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Colossians 3: 14-15

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Maverick

noun

A maverick is someone who is independent and has their own way of doing things.

Mrs Cole



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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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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.

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