



# Lewknor C of E Primary School

## Newsletter



Monday 9th March, 2020

### MOTHER'S DAY POSIES

Our Mother's Day assembly will be held on Friday 20th March. All mothers will be presented with a posy, made up of fresh flowers, by their children.

If possible, please would parents donate some greenery from their own gardens, which could be used to make the posies really pretty.

The children will be preparing the posies the day before (19th March) so any donations can be dropped off at school that morning.

Thank you.



### LESSONS ON WASHING HANDS

The children have been learning about the importance of washing hands to prevent germs from spreading. It would be great if parents could also remind their children to wash their hands while at school (and elsewhere). Hands should be washed carefully and thoroughly for the length of time it takes to sing two Happy Birthdays!



### Headteacher's Welcome

## CHILDREN WIN A RAFT OF AWARDS AT JUDO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Judo champs: James, Callum, Kiran, Charlie, Remi and Devon*

Eight children from the school competed against more than 40 others from other schools in the Championship which has been running for the past 38 years. Children were put into groups according to their age, weight and ability.

Two of the youngest children, five-year-olds Matilda and Devon, got the competition off to a good start when they took silver and bronze medals respectively. The boys - Kiran, Remi, Charlie M, Charlie B, James and Callum - went on to take two gold, one silver and three bronze medals.

Lewknor Primary children took part in the Stokenchurch Annual Judo Club Championships last month and every child that entered the competition came away with a winning medal or trophy (and in some cases multiple medals and trophies!)



Some special trophies were awarded as well as the medals and Remi, pictured above with Sensei Ron (the school's coach), won the trophy for the best throw of the day.

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*Above: the school's judo club in action!*

The last contest of the day was the Boys Open where children's names were picked out at random, which meant the smallest competitor could come out against the largest competitor for the first round. There were 39 contestants in this Open and Kiran fought exceptionally well to take bronze place and win a trophy.

Congratulations to all the children, who took part in the competition.



*Above and above right: Brothers Charlie and James*



*Above: one of the youngest of all the competitors, five-year-old Matilda*



*Above: Kiran*

*Pictured left: Charlie M and Remi with some of the trophies and medals they won on the day*



## **GIRL POWER! FOOTBALL TEAM MAKE IT THROUGH TO SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE TOURNAMENT**



***Winning team. Back row from left to right: Leah, Meira, Jess, Chloe and Marie.  
Front row: Charlie, Daisy, Eva and Olivia***

It was only a couple of weeks ago that we were celebrating our Upper Juniors athletics team coming third in our partnership of schools competition. Well now the UJ girls football team has gone one better by coming FIRST in the partnership footie tournament. This means that they go on to compete against other south Oxfordshire schools this Wednesday, 11th March, at St Birinus Primary, Didcot.

The team did not let in one goal during the partnership tournament and that was mainly down to Jess, our amazing goalkeeper. However, the team scored loads of goals! Meira was top goal scorer with 10 goals, Leah scored 3 and Marie scored 2.

Mrs Lomas and I are very excited about the next stage and will be accompanying the girls on Wednesday. Thanks to mum Cecile, who will also be helping out with transport.



***The A-Team celebrates!***



*Above: Miss Lawes dips her thumb into a bowl of ash and then draws the sign of the cross on the children's foreheads. The children could choose whether they wanted to have a go or not*



*Above: Zofia*



*Right: Jess*



*Right: Elliot*

## ASHES TO ASHES

We featured Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) in the newsletter last week. This week the children in the Upper Juniors class were learning all about Ash Wednesday in an RE lesson.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It comes straight after Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words 'Repent and believe in the Gospel' or 'Remember that you are dust, and into dust you shall return.'





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*FoLS team: Luarena, Cecile, Vickey, Mel and Fiona*

## **THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO....LEWKNOR**

The FoLS team announced exciting new plans to fundraise for the school at Friday's celebration assembly. They have organised a circus to come to Lewknor on Sunday 27th September. There will be a big top with 600 seats. Happy's Circus is a professional all human (no animals) two-hour performance, which will include amazing acrobats, magicians and clowns. This event will replace the usual summer fundraiser.

Watch this space over the next few weeks for more details, including early booking deals for all the family!

## **SECOND OPEN DAY FOR ALL NEW PARENTS**

We will be holding another open morning from 9-11am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April for any parent who is thinking of sending their child to our school.

The morning will start with our usual celebration assembly in St Margaret's Church followed by a tour of the school and a chance to meet members of staff as well as our super children.

Please do advertise this event on our behalf. We have 13 children leaving at the end of Year 6 and we need to keep our numbers steady to make sure our budget stays healthy!



## WORD OF THE WEEK

# Gale

**Noun**

**Definition: A gale is a  
very strong wind**

### ELLENA WINS SMART AWARD FOR BEAUTIFUL DESCRIPTION

I wanted to share Ellena's descriptive writing with you. Ellena, a Year 4 pupil, was asked to describe a picture in class and this is what she wrote...

'This stunning picture shows us a rare rainbow bear with large, soulful eyes as he strolled on the cold, snow-covered ice. The crisp, white mountains provide this powerful predator with all the stimulation he needs. There are many fishing holes for the happy bear to catch his prey.'

Well done, Ellena. This is a super piece of writing.

**Mrs Cole**



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## Diary Dates

Diary dates for this academic year—new or changed diary dates are highlighted in green.

**2019-2020**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - Daily Mile**

<b>12th March</b>	<b>Junior Citizens trip for Year 6 children</b>
<b>16th-20th March</b>	<b>Sport Relief Week</b>
<b>19th March</b>	<b>Mothers' Day posy making (pm)</b>
<b>20th March</b>	<b>Mothers' Day assembly</b>
<b>20th March</b>	<b>Mother's Day sale</b>
<b>25th March</b>	<b>Whole School trip to Oxford Science Centre</b>
<b>26th March</b>	<b>School choir visit to Hempton Field Care Home</b>
<b>26th March</b>	<b>Kingswood residential trip meeting for LJ class parents</b>
<b>27th March</b>	<b>School choir visit to Chiltern Grange Care Home</b>
<b>1st April</b>	<b>Parents' evening (3.30-5.00pm)</b>
<b>2nd April</b>	<b>Parents' evening (5.00-7.00pm)</b>
<b>3rd April</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt (whole school)</b>
<b>3rd April</b>	<b>Last day of Spring term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
<b>20th April</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
<b>22nd April</b>	<b>Bikeability training for all Year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)</b>
<b>23rd April</b>	<b>Bikeability training for all Year 5 children (safe, serviced bicycle and helmet required)</b>
<b>24th April</b>	<b>School Open Morning</b>
<b>28th April</b>	<b>LJ class swimming lessons</b>



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28th April	Bag2School Collection
29th April - 1st May	LJ Kingswood residential trip
21st May	Year 6 trip to IMPS
TBC May	Puberty talks for UJ class
1st– 22nd May	KS1 SATS (Year 2 children)
7th May	May Day celebrations
8th May	Bank Holiday
11th-15th May	KS2 SATS week (Year 6 children)
18th May	Art workshop for UJ class—visiting artists
22nd May	Break up for half-term at 3.15pm
1st June	Return to school
6th June	Sydenham Fayre
8th-12th June	Year 1 National Phonics Screening
11th June	Whole school and class photographs
13th June	FoLS Fun Day
19th June	Fathers' Day Assembly
24th June	Practice Sports Day
24th June	Year 6 outing



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26th June	FoLS BBQ for whole school and families (midday-1pm)
26th June	Sports Day from 1pm
1st July	Year 5 visit to ICC
2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day at ICC
3rd July	Day two of Year 6 Transition Day at ICC
3rd July	Whole school moving up day
9th July	KS2 production - morning performance at 9.30am
9th July	KS2 production - evening performance at 6.00pm
10th July	Reserve Sports Day
16th July	Parent evening
17th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
17th July	End of Summer Term - school finishes at 1.30am



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# After School Mother's Day Sale Friday 20th March 2020

All children (and their siblings) can purchase a  
Mother's Day gift to give their mums

Gifts will cost between £1-£4 each and will be bagged up to take home

Donations of brand new items for the sale will be gratefully received...  
please hand them to a member of FOLS or put in the box at school



FoLS Charity No: 1045910



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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### PIANO LESSONS

Michael Davies works in many Oxfordshire schools and has worked at Lewknor for several years.

Michael offers piano lessons and if your child is interested in learning to play, please contact him as follows:

**07857 896600**



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If you would like to sign your child up for drum lessons with Terry Lucas at Lewknor School, please complete a Drum Lesson Interest Form which can be downloaded from the school website (Parents/Music Lessons) and return it to the school office.

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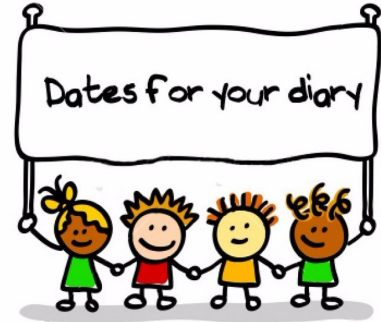
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### FOLS DIARY DATES

13th February	Community Concert
7th May	May Day
13th June	Fun Day



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