



# Lewknor C of E Primary School Newsletter



Monday 6th February 2023

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We will see how things go with the new timings and if it does not work out then we can always revert to the morning assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

## MAY DAY DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning on holding our May Day and Maypole celebrations on Friday 28th April. The event should start at 1pm. We will release more details in due course.



## Headteacher's Welcome

### Maestro Raffi conducts full orchestra



We had a fantastic morning watching the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra play at the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford.

There was a lot of excitement when we spotted our music teacher Mr Browne playing in the orchestra.

And even better, Raffi was chosen to conduct—a feat he performed meticulously!

The day ended on a high note when one of the organisers told us that our children were the most engaged and the best behaved. I was so proud!



*Raffi with conductor John Trail*



*Job well done! Raffi steps down from the conductor's podium*

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*Immie, Olivia and Felix at the front of the queue*



*Ruby Tuesday, Florence, Georgie and Tilly*



*Left: Charlie, Stanley, Jack, Thea, Isla P and Mia*



*Right: Austin, Henry, Jack, Aila and Sonny line up with the other children in the Infants class*



*Left: the children line up with their partners Miles and Amelie, Zaydn and Iris, Jack and Sonny and others*

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*Ned, Wyatt, Devon, Rubie, Halima and Jack with Mrs Wakefield*



*Robin, Aria, Isla W, Raffi and Jesse*



*Felix and Cally with Miles in the background*



*Halima, Ariana, Charlie, Archie, Jasper and Jack*



*Left: Charlie, Ollie, Francis, Harry, Lilly and Aria*

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*Above: Molly, Olivia, Immie, Jeniece, Morgan and Arthur*



*Left: Arthur and Felix, Aria and Robin*

We had great seats right in front of the orchestra.

*Right: Henry, Austin and Jack in the foreground.*

*The children settle into their seats*





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The children not only enjoyed the music but they were mesmerised by the beautiful building and the magnificent artwork.

The Sheldonian Theatre was built between 1664 and 1669. The architect was Christopher Wren who also designed St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Zaydn can be seen above pointing to the artwork on the ceiling. One child asked his teacher: "Are we in Switzerland?"

The children listened to two pieces by the British composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and then the orchestra performed Holst's Jupiter. The finale was a very jolly piece from the film How To Train Your Dragon.



*Above: Truth Descending on the Arts and Sciences to Expel Ignorance from the University, a painting by Robert Streater (1621-1679)*



*The Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra tune up*



*A wonderful opportunity for our children*



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 God

This week we ask that you give us the inspiration to see where we can support others to achieve their goals. Help us to recognise when others need help and offer it willingly.

Amen



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES  
FOR SPRING 2023

DREAMS AND GOALS

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Galatians 6: 2 and 9-10

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

**Landmark**

Noun

A landmark is a building or a feature of the land that can be used to find out where you are.

Mrs Cole



# DIARY DATES

## FEBRUARY

Thursday 9th February: Transformation Evening at school, 6pm-7pm.

Tuesday 21st February: Art Club starts.

Tuesday 28th February: Art Club.

## MARCH

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day. Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character.

Monday 6th March. Parents' evening— face-to-face meetings from 5pm to 7pm.

Thursday 9th March. Parents' evening— face-to-face meetings from 3.30pm to 5pm.

***Mrs Pryce will send out information about how to book a slot following the February half-term holiday.***

Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March: Art Club.

Friday 17th March: Mother's Day Assembly.

Monday 20th March: Junior Citizens (Year 6).

Friday 24th March: World Poetry Day Celebration Assembly.

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