



NEWSLETTER

Spring Half Term 1

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Just as God has created every individual with unique talents and skills, our school community provides a nurturing and inclusive environment, where everyone is encouraged to explore their individual creativity and to confidently use their talents in order to achieve their God given potential and to make the world a better place.



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week we reached the half-way point of the school year. I made a slideshow of photographs to show in the hall at this week's parents' evenings. While I was looking back at the photographs of everything that the children have done since September, I was amazed at how much we have fitted in to the first half of the year. Seeing the smiling faces of the children while they were having so many different, exciting experiences made me extremely proud to be part of The Littletons. Thank you to all of the staff who put in so much effort to making our school engaging for the children. The community at the Littletons is very special and I love being a part of it!

PARENTS' MEETINGS

As we are at the halfway point in the year, we will hold parents' meeting to update you on what we have done so far towards our key priorities and what we intend to do during the rest of the year. The dates for these meetings are:

- Tuesday 28th February at 9am
- Wednesday 1st March at 2:30pm

The meetings will be the same, so you only need to attend one, if you are able to. There will be refreshments available at both meetings!

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Our school values are:

Caring

Honesty

Perseverance

Respect

Responsibility



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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHES!

The new website went live a few weeks ago. I hope that you find it easier to navigate and more visually appealing! It is much easier to edit now, allowing us to add more content and update it regularly. It will take a little while to get it completely finished, so thank you for your patience while we are doing this.

QUESTIONNAIRES

During next half term, we will be sending out two questionnaires.

The first is a general questionnaire to allow you to give your thoughts on the school. We sent out a shorter questionnaire last term and this one will be a little more comprehensive. It is important to the school to get your views.

The second questionnaire will be about wraparound care (before and after school provision at the school). We would like to judge the need amongst parents to see if it is something we can offer.

YOUNG VOICES

The Koala class joined around 6500 other children to take part in Young Voices. It was an amazing experience where we performed songs we had learnt with children from other schools across the country. The children in Koalas class can now say that they have sung backing vocals for Heather Small, who made a guest appearance! Families of children in Koalas were able to come along and watch too.

WELLY WEEKS

Now that the weather is improving and the grass is drying out, we will be able to get all of the children on to the field at breaktimes. Because of this, the children will not need wellies for the rest of the year. Welly Weeks have been really successful over the last couple of months and we will look to have them again next year so that we can use our beautiful grounds to the full, whatever the weather.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHARITY

The School Council chose Young at Heart to be their charity of the year. They support children with heart defects, and their families. They are a local charity who work with children under the care of Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Throughout this year we aim to support Young at Heart by:

- Raising awareness of Heart Disease
- Raising money to support their work

The School Council delivered an assembly to the rest of the school to raise awareness. We also had a 'Red Day' when children dressed in red and we collected donations. The school will also donate 10% of money raised from events we hold (such as the Valentine's Disco) to Young at Heart.

Young at Heart have supported families from the Littletons and I know it is a charity that means a lot to many of you.

TABLE TENNIS

Congratulations to our boys' team for coming 3rd in the Regional Table Tennis Finals. They played brilliantly, showed great determination and represented the school impeccably. Well done! We are so proud of you all.



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MRS DALE

Mrs Dale has been off on maternity leave for nearly a year now. She will return to school in the week before the Easter holidays and will take over the teaching of Giraffes class. Miss Holman, who has been covering her maternity leave, will remain with us until the Easter holidays and will be working with Mrs Dale to ensure a smooth transition.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th February First day of school (All children in school)

Tuesday 28th February at 9am or Wednesday 1st March at 2:30pm Parents' Meeting (All parents/carers are invited to attend one of the meetings)

Wednesday 1st March Almonry Museum Trip (Koalas)

Thursday 2nd March Almonry Museum Trip (Jellyfish)

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day
Children can wear pyjamas (except Jellyfish because of their trip)

Monday 13th March Come Dine With Me (Kangaroos class)

Friday 31st March Last day of school

Monday 17th April Teacher Training Day (No children in school)

LIBRARY GRANT

We are looking to start the library refurbishment next half term. The children worked on library designs during one of our House Days. The School Council then went through the designs and picked out popular themes for us to incorporate. Mrs Smith is currently drawing up 3 designs based on these ideas and then the children will vote on their favourite at the beginning of next half term.

In a further development, I would like to say a huge thank you to Christine Bearcroft, a grandparent of two of our pupils, who applied for a grant on our behalf. She was successful and has secured £2000 to put towards our library fund (£1000 for the refurbishment and £1000 for new books). This will make a massive difference to what we can achieve.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Jellyfish class attended a local School Dance Festival at the Henrician (the theatre at Prince Henry's High School) on Wednesday of this week.

In preparation, we held our own Littletons Dance festival on Monday. Each class practiced a dance and performed it to the rest of the school. It was amazing! The children were so confident and danced with massive smiles on their faces. The staff were all so proud of them and it was such a positive experience. We plan to make it an annual event because it was so successful. We have shared the videos of the dances through Class Dojo so you can see them for yourselves.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?



Wearing red for Heart Awareness Day in support of Young at Heart.





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Kangaroos' Church Visit, Yoga Club and Koalas at Young Voices.





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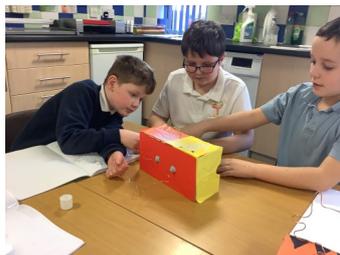
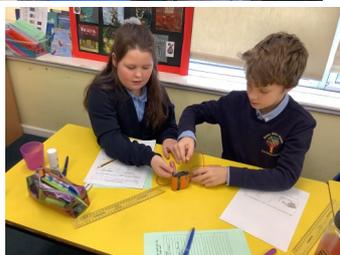
Our Littletons dance exhibition and Jellyfish at Prince Henry's dance festival



Painting, building and creating!

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Jellyfish Come Dine With Me

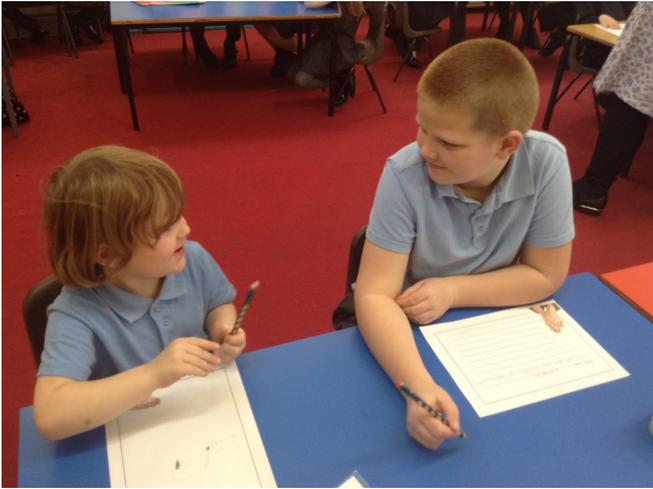


Electricity and Steady Hand Games



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House Prayer Afternoon



School Vision Tea Party