

NEWSLETTER

The Littletons School – March 2024



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th April

Autism Awareness Day

Tuesday 16th April

Swimming Gala

Friday 19th April

*Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
(Cobras and Year 3 Iguanas)*

Thursday 25th April

*Cricket Festival at Pershore
Cricket Club (Terrapins)*

Monday 29th April

*Bellboating at Fladbury
(Chameleons)*

Tuesday 21st May

Come Dine With Me (Terrapins)

Friday 24th May

Last Day of Term



Headteacher's Message

Easter is coming, the clocks will change and the cold, rainy days are hopefully behind us.

There has been so many lovely things crammed into this half term, including World Book Day, Science Week, trips and sporting festivals. We will keep working to give the children as many exciting opportunities as we can.

Our Wraparound care has been running for two terms now and we are starting to explore the viability of continuing it next academic year. I understand that this is a valuable service for some families, but the uptake has been low, particularly on certain days, so we need to ensure that we are able to cover costs. We will continue to monitor this during the summer term and will let you know more in the near future.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and get to enjoy some family time.

Our 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.

Wellies

The wellies have allowed the children to continue to use the field even with the unbelievable amount of rain we have had (it was apparently the wettest February on record). We hope that after the Easter holidays, all children will be able to use the field without the need for wellies, but we will keep you posted on this. We will send all wellies home on Friday ready for the holidays.

School Council

The School Council have selected the trees to replace the horse chestnut that we had to cut down during half term. We will be getting a hornbeam and a field maple to plant in the school grounds to help to mitigate the environmental impact of losing one of our trees. Thank you to Mr Taylor and the Vale Landscape Heritage Trust for their support in selecting the most suitable trees.

The School Council have also decided that they would like to turn the area where we cut the tree down into a quiet/reading area which can be used all year round.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful time on World Book Day. It was great to see the children dressed up as so many interesting and creative words. The children all recited their class poems beautifully to the school. We selected Year 5 Reading Champions who judged the favourite books across the school, based on the shortlist provided by each class. The Reading Champions also delivered a present of a new book to each class for them to share and enjoy. We hope that the day helped with our ongoing desire to empower and excite children to be readers for pleasure.

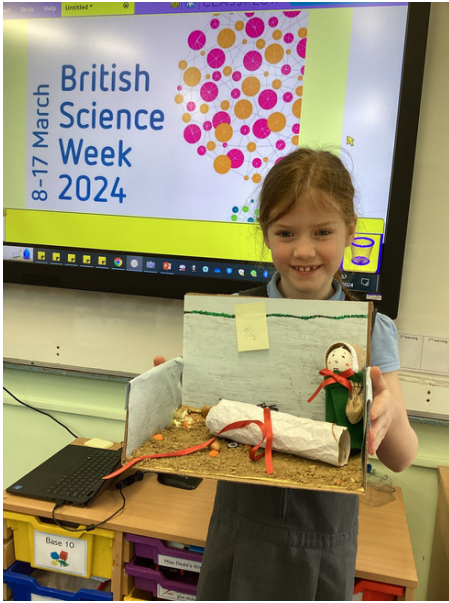


Science Week

Our Science Week was a huge success. The children loved doing various experiments and investigations, using all of their science skills. We had visitors coming in to talk about their jobs and how they use science every day. Trevor from Bomford Turner brought in a grass cutting machine and explained how it was designed. We linked up with farmers who work with an organisation to explain what they do throughout the year. We met with the farmers virtually on Science Day and will continue with the links throughout the year, to see how farms change with the seasons. The egg scientists that the children made for homework were fantastic and they loved sharing them. It was a great week, which really helped to raise the profile of science.



Science Week (continued)



Tree Planting

Chameleons class were invited to plant some trees in the fields near our school with Gary and Ben from the Vale Landscape Heritage Trust. We planted 3 crab apple trees, which were donated by Severn Waste Services.



Football Festival

Our KS2 girls were invited to a football festival at TDMS. It was for girls who don't already play for a team, but would be interested in doing so. They had a great time and learned lots of new skills.



Attendance

Our school attendance for the half term was 95.03%, which is below our target of 96%. I know there is still a lot of illness around, so hopefully the Easter Holidays will allow everyone to recover.

Well done to **Geckos** class for having the highest attendance for this half term with **97.08%**.

Space Centre

The Chameleons visited the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their science topic. They particularly enjoyed the planetarium, where they could see the whole night sky.



Dance Festival

Each class learned a dance during their PE lessons which they performed to the rest of the school. This was to help the Iguanas prepare for their dance festival at Prince Henrys High School, where they performed in front of other schools.



Outdoor Learning

Geckos enjoyed the rain and the mud!



Cobras Design and Technology

Cobras class made castles in DT this half term. They used old boxes and made different 3D shapes using nets. These included cylinders, cones and cuboids. The finished castles were amazing and finished to an incredibly high standard. Here are a few of their amazing creations.



Come Dine With Me - Iguanas

