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THE LITTLETONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Message



It has been a wet, cold half term, but hopefully there is now light at the end of the tunnel. The signs of spring are appearing and it looks as if better weather is on its way for the half term holiday.

This half term, the school has moved onto a cloud server. This has a number of benefits for staff, including better remote access to the server, easier sharing of documents and better online security. As with any technological change, there have been some teething problems. Many of these have been ironed out, but we are still having some difficulty accessing photographs. This is being sorted, but does mean that we don't have as many photographs as usual on this newsletter. I hope you have a lovely half-term holiday.

Dates:

Monday 24th February – All children return to school

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Monday 10th – Friday 14th March – Science Week

Friday 14th March – Pedestrian Training

Monday 24th March – Pedestrian Training Assessed Walks (Year 5)

Wednesday 26th March – International Day of Happiness

Tuesday April 1st – Reception Music Festival

Monday 7th–Friday 11th April – Bikeability Training

Wednesday 9th April – Easter Service

Friday 11th April – Last Day of Term

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.

What we are working on as a school

Maths

The children have been developing their maths skills through short daily fluency sessions. These sessions help to ensure that basic skills such as recognising amounts, adding and rapid times table recall are really embedded. These support the children's wider maths learning and we are starting to see real improvements in those key skills which underpin overall understanding in maths.

Spirituality

We have been looking at Spirituality through one of our weekly assembly slots. We have talked about how Spirituality related to times in our life, both good and bad, where we connect with other people, the wider world and ourselves, resulting in personal growth. This can be linked to religious faith, or can be a non-religious experience, depending on individual viewpoints.

Subjects

We have been developing our computing provision over the last few months. The children have been using the online journal Seesaw to record their learning and we had a Computing Day this week. We talked about internet safety, but also important people in computing. Your child will be able to tell you about the person they researched in their class.

Dance Festival

We had a dance festival on Monday and each class performed a dance to the rest of the school on Monday. This was in preparation for Narwhals going to the local dance festival at Prince Henry's High School on Wednesday. They performed their dance brilliantly to the song 'Achy Breaky Heart'!

Unfortunately, we have only been able to access a picture of the Tree Frogs so far, which is shown below. We recorded each class performing their dance, so if we can, we will share them with you next half term.



Computing Day

We had a Computing Day on Wednesday this week to tie in with Internet Safety Day. Each class found out about a different person who has been important in computing (Bill Gate, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Alan Turing, Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage). Your child should be able to tell you lots of information about one of these people! Again, we are missing some of the pictures we took during the day, but here are some Tree Frog selfies!



Church Visit

As part of their learning in RE, the Axolotls and the Narwhals went on a visit to St Michael's church. Mother Jo, our local vicar, accompanied them on the trip and told them all about the building.



Valentine's Disco

We had a great time at the Valentine's disco. Both the costumes and the hair colours were amazing!

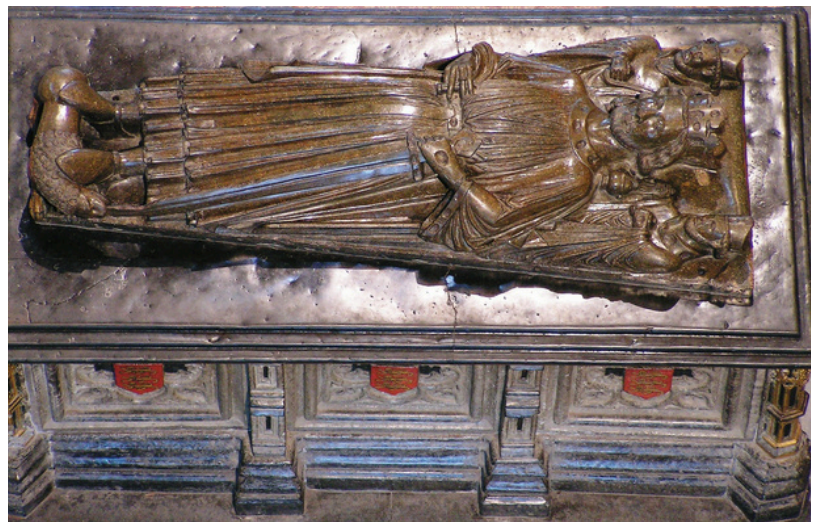


Friends' Association

If you have registered your interest in helping out with the Friends' Association, we will be having a meeting early in the next half term. Sorry for the delay, but we would definitely like to work with parents and carers to help deliver events in the future.

Other Trips

Capybaras went on two trips this half term. They went to Young Voices and performed with nearly 5000 other children to a massive audience. As always, it was a great event. They also went to Worcester Cathedral as part of their RE learning. They learnt lots about the building, the animals in the stained glass windows and the various people buried there. As we haven't been able to access the photos yet, here is a photo from the Young Voices website, the pink giraffe from Worcester Cathedral's stained glass window and the tomb of King John, who was buried in Worcester Cathedral.



Other Pictures We Could Find!

As we have not been able to access as many pictures of our learning as we would have liked, here is a selection of other pictures from this half term that we have managed to get our hands on!

