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Lilleshall School Newsletter



Years 1&2 What a fantastic time Year 1 and Year 2 had at Chester Zoo! The children were fascinated by all the amazing animals. A special highlight was spotting the Sun bear, some of us were able to see him when he appeared from behind the bushes. Sadly he didn't stay too long and went and hid again. It was so exciting for those of us who saw the Sumatran tiger prowling near the edge of his enclosure just as we walked past.

We are really proud of how well the children behaved throughout the trip and were so impressed by the amount of walking they did!

The children are now looking forward to planning and writing their story for the Readers to Writers competition. It's wonderful to see that some children are even starting to plan this at home in their own time. We can't wait to read their final story.

Years 5 and 6 are really looking forward to welcoming their guest author Ros Roberts back into school next Tuesday. Lots of the children have made a fabulous start on their books for the competition and Ros is really excited about coming in to see how the children are getting on and to support them further with the writing process. The children will be given some time to continue their writing in school over the next couple of weeks and we will also be doing some lessons on different aspects of the writing stories such as punctuating speech, creating interesting characters and the different elements that create the structure of the story. We are looking forward to reading them all!

Year 3 & 4 have had another busy month! Our Science lessons have been full of sound, where the children have explored how vibrations can create different noises. We even experimented with different materials to make our very own instruments! It was wonderful to see their creativity in action. We have also continued delving into our fascinating Roman theme. The children have really enjoyed creating double-page spreads in English and sculpting their own clay busts in Art, capturing the essence of Roman figures. Some of the Year 4s also geared up for a Bikeability session, where they learnt valuable skills to cycle safely. It was both educational and fun!



Celebrating Success:

- Year R** – Brooks Thompson, Moses McNally, Max Rouwenhorst
- Year 1** - Lola Davies, Sam Bowers, Lola Davies
- Year 2** – Kahan Kang, Annelle Owusu-Ansah
- Year 3** –Iris Owen, Grace Richards, Sebastian Jenkins
- Year 4** –Charlie Slow, Harry Pichikov, Hezekiah Owusu-Ansah, Joshua Mahoney
- Year 5** - Oscar Marinov, Isabella Hadland, Stefan Rose
- Year 6** – Leo Page, Jacob Harvey



Year R have enjoyed their learning about Sarah Suplina the contemporary paper artist. They have learned how to organise paper collage vertically, horizontally and diagonally to create different lines in their work. They then looked at photographs of different weathers and created their own weather landscape in the style of Sarah Suplina. All of this work was completely independent and we were very impressed by their creativity.



Eco

The Eco-Committee had a wonderful afternoon at Lilleshall Hall this week. We were invited by the grounds team at the hall to go along and help them to plant trees to develop their existing wooded area. The head gardener showed us around parts of the grounds including the Dial garden and other formal gardens and also some of the nature trails that are being developed through the grounds. Each member of the committee then planted at least one tree (either an oak, a cherry or a lime) and we talked about how generations in the future would be able to enjoy what they had planted now. We finished off the afternoon with a treat of biscuits and drinks in the restaurant. The staff were all very complimentary about the children's behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done the Eco-Team!!!



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the four members of Year 5 who represented us at the annual Spelling Bee held at Haberdashers' Adams. The team had various activities to complete and they came first (with a very impressive lead score!) out of 22 teams taking part from schools across the authority! Well done to Cerys Chandler, Henry Lewis, Scout Stanley and Stefan Rose who were all brilliant ambassadors for our school.



Sports

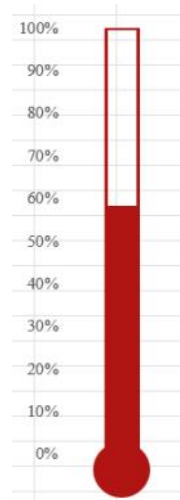
We have had a busy month at Lilleshall with football matches happening every week as well as a Year 5/6 girls football tournament, in which they finished 2nd in their group, only just missing out on the semi-finals. Some Year Three children took part in their first ever hockey tournament at St Georges Hockey Club and did incredibly well!



Fundraising for IT equipment

Coffee and Cake raised **£362.90**
After School Cake Sales **£75.10**

Thank you again for all of your support.



Headteachers Comment

Well, what a busy month it's been! February is always a bit of a funny month, short but packed. First things first, **our fabulous Valentine's themed Bake Off!** What a great event it turned out to be! The school hall was filled with the buzz of anticipation as the judging of the class bakes began. From heart-shaped biscuits to wonderful cake creations. I have to say, the standard of baking this year was very impressive! Thank you to all the staff who helped make this event such a success. Our judges had a difficult decision to make, and it was a split decision to begin with. Finally, the winners were announced, and Year 5 took the trophy, their cakes were delicious. Of course, there were plenty of leftovers for all to enjoy at the coffee and cake afternoon and thank you for joining us. A huge thank you to everyone who helped judge, baked, provided cakes or just came along to support. The children have been out and about, including Eco Committee who went to Lilleshall Hall and helped plant some trees - they came back buzzing. Our parents' consultations took place, last week. It was a great opportunity for us to chat about how your child is progressing and share their books. Thank you for all your positive comments and finding the time to come in. We are starting to see the benefits of the lighter nights and the sun is beginning to shine!

Christobel Cousins

Headteacher

Governors Corner - February

Governors have been involved in a variety of school activities:

- The Reception and Key Stage 1 visit to Chester Zoo was an opportunity to observe children's learning taking place in out of school contexts. The opportunity for pupils to experience in school and out of school visits and trips and the experiential learning it facilitates is seen to be very supportive to pupil's holistic learning and contributes ideas and inspiration when developing many subject areas.
- Many governors completed their Prevent Duty refresher training. As many parents will know, this is a national safeguarding programme that aims to support those that are at risk of being involved in terrorism through radicalisation.

Governors were pleased to hear of the positive results of the Local authority's Quality Assurance visit which of course follows Ofsted's quality inspection last term. This visit focused on meeting Year 5 & 6 pupils about their knowledge and understanding of the 2010 Equality Act. Feedback stated that "pupils' working knowledge of the protected characteristics and fundamental British values is impressive. They speak maturely about their understanding of these and can articulate how and when they learn this important knowledge" and "Pupils display extremely positive attitudes".

Christine A Raper

Chair of Governors

A massive thankyou to Provac Cleaning Supplies for sponsoring some 1/4 zip jackets for the children to wear to events and Best Concrete for sponsoring a new football kit. They both look amazing and we are really thankful.

The children already love them!



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th March - Pedestrian Training
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Thursday 6th March—Newport Girls High School Taster Day (Year 5 Girls Only)
Friday 7th March—Girls Football Day
Wednesday 12th March—Year R Height and Weight Check
Wednesday 12th March - Haberdashers Adams Roadshow for Year 4 & 5 Parents—
Details to follow
Friday 14th March—Year 6 Enginuity Trip
Wednesday 19th March—"Beep, Beep" Road Safety KS1
Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day
Friday 21st March—Year 5 Enginuity
Friday 21st March—Years 3 & 4 Roman Experience Chester
Tuesday 25th March—Year 6 NGHS to watch "Six" production
Wednesday 26th March - Big Sing
Tuesday 1st April—Newport Girls High School Roadshow for Year 4 & 5 Parents—
Details to follow.
Thursday 3rd April—Image Theatre " Jungle Book"
Tuesday 8th April- Year 3/4 Production 2pm
Wednesday 9th April -Year 3/4 Production 10am
Thursday 10th April - Easter Bingo
Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April Easter Holidays
Tuesday 6th May—"Loudmouth Productions" in for Year 5
Monday 12th—Friday 16th May—SATs Week for Year 6
Friday 16th May - Summer Disco
Monday 19th May-Thursday 22nd May—Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 22nd May—Family Quiz night
Monday 26th—Monday 2nd June—Half Term
Monday 2nd June—Multiplication Check Week
Tuesday 3rd June—Year 6 Adopt a School Cooking
Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June - Arthog for Year 6
Monday 9th June—Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 18th June— Class Photographs and Year 6 Photographs
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th June—Sports Week
Wednesday 25th June - Sports Day
Wednesday 2nd July - Transition Workshop
Friday 11th July - Reports
Monday 14th July - Move Up Day
Tuesday 15th July—Year 5/6 Performance (Year 5 Parents only)
Wednesday 16th July—Year 5/6 Performance & Leavers Assembly (Year 6
Parents only)
Thursday 17th July—Party on a Plate
Friday 18th July - Staff Vs Y6 Rounders
Friday 18th July—Last Day of Term

Please note, dates and times can be changed and added to throughout the year. Updated versions of this section will be on each months Newsletter.

Lilleshall Primary School 2025 Bake Off

This Year's Bake off had a Valentines theme. All class entries were brilliant and the overall winners were Year 5 with their fabulous French Fancies.

Year R



Year 2



Year 1



Year 3



Year 4



Year 6



After much deliberation, our judges decided.....

Overall winners..... Year 5



Punctuality Reminder



Doors Open

KS1 - 8:40am

KS2 - 8:55am

The School Day Begins

KS1 - 8:45am **

KS2 - 9:00am**

Doors Close

KS1 - 8:50am

KS2 9:05am

Once the classroom doors/gates are closed children are classed as late and must be brought into the school building through the office.

** Although children are not officially classed as late until 5 minutes after the school day begins, they will be missing valuable learning time.

If your child is late for school they miss so much! Particularly if they are finding some elements of learning challenging.

- We use the time first thing in the morning to provide targeted support for individual pupils, this time is not available later in the day.
- Out pre-teach for phonics starts promptly at 8.50 and if your child is part of this group and misses it they are behind all day and find the whole class session much more tricky.
 - There are opportunities to revisit previous learning and make corrections.
- The teachers may call out individuals to revisit an activity and provide one to one support
 - Opportunities to use ICT equipment to support areas of learning at an individual level
- Time to settle into the school day, if your child is late they may feel unsettled all day, as they have missed the routine of the morning

All this will be missed if your child is five minutes late.

Lunchbox tips



Keep them fuller for longer

Base the main lunchbox item on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



Freeze for variety

Keep a small selection of different types of bread in the freezer so you have a variety of options – like bagels, pittas and wraps, granary, wholemeal and multigrain.



DIY lunches

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day.



Cut back on fat

Pick lower-fat fillings – like lean meats (including chicken or turkey), fish (such as tuna or salmon), lower-fat spread, reduced-fat cream cheese and reduced-fat hard cheese. And try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.



Mix your slices

If your child does not like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from 1 slice of white bread and 1 slice of brown bread.



Always add veg

Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot,

cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of reduced-fat hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.



Ever green

Always add salad to sandwiches and wraps too – it all counts



Cheesy does it...

Cheese can be high in fat and salt, so choose

stronger-tasting ones – and use less of it – or try reduced-fat varieties.



Cut down on crisps

If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.



Add bite-sized fruit

Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved

grapes or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown.



Tinned fruit counts too

A small pot of tinned fruit in juice – not syrup – is perfect for a lunchbox and easily stored in the cupboard.



Swap the fruit bars

Dried fruit like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed

fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Just remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad for teeth.



Switch the sweets

Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).



Yoghurts: go low-fat and lower-sugar

Pop in low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurts or fromage frais and add your own fruit.



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