

Lilleshall School Newsletter

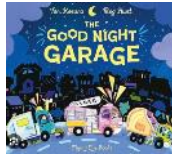


Years 1&2 We've had a fantastic time in Year 1 and Year 2 recently where the children have been buzzing with excitement in our computing lessons as they explored their new Bee Bots. They've been learning all about programming a robot, using commands, and predicting what will happen when buttons are pressed.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming two authors into our classrooms. Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Tori Kosara, while Year 2 had Eva Wong Nava. Both authors held engaging workshops,



demonstrating fun and creative ways to write a story. The children were thoroughly captivated, and it was a truly enriching experience for everyone involved! They are looking forward to putting what they have learnt into practise writing their own stories for the upcoming Readers to Writers competition. The children are very much looking forward to our imminent visit to Chester Zoo and being able to see bears up close. Thank you for your support in allowing this visit to go ahead. We are sure you cannot wait to hear all about it in our next newsletter.



Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous visit to the World History Museum in Liverpool on the 14th January. They learnt such a lot from the Egyptian exhibition and were fascinated by the fact that the mummies were actually the real thing and not replicas! They took on lots of information from all of the exhibits and made lots of notes to use in their work back in the classroom. Another visitor to the museum commented positively on their focus and the conversations that they were having about what they could see. The artefact workshops that they took part in were incredibly valuable as the children were able to observe and handle real artefacts from the ancient Egyptian period – what an experience!

Year 3 This month Year 3 have enjoyed beginning work on their new theme of 'The Romans'. We have started looking at why the Romans invaded Britain and how the Roman Empire grew. We are looking forward to learning more including Boudicca's revolt and about Hadrian's wall. We have also been enjoying our art work where we have been learning about 'Pointillism'. This is a style of art using dots and we have been exploring techniques blending and shading dots with both pens and paints. We are creating pictures of the monument using pointillism and they look great!

Years 4 have been thoroughly enjoying learning all about the Romans, our new theme! Our cross-curricular work has given us the opportunity to explore who they were, why they were successful invading Britain, the spread of the empire and the capital city of Rome. We are looking forward to our visit to Chester where we will be taken back through time to 2000 years ago and immerse ourselves into the life of a roman soldier. As a class, we have also been making fantastic progress with our times tables! We have been working hard to improve our speed of recall in preparation for the Multiplication Check in June and apply our times table facts to our Maths lessons. Well done Year 4, keep up the brilliant work!

Celebrating Success:

Year R –Rupert Jones, Ava Hubzer, Theodore Davies, Remi Molland

Year 1 – William Tait, Mylo Wilkes, Jacob Crompton

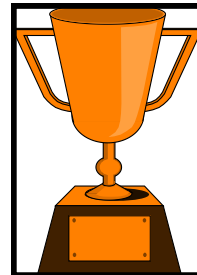
Year 2 – Kai Cornish, Niall Kelsall-Edkins, Albie Leach

Year 3 –Evie-Rose Collier, Ellie Bowers, Pippa Jones

Year 4 – Ella, Rowland, Noah Tolhurst

Year 5 - Liliane Shephard Verlon, Scout Stanley

Year 6 –Maxx Morgan Tyson, Ben Jones, Rhys McGuire



Year R We have a wonderful few weeks back at school following our learning from the book Ellies Magic Wellies by Amy Sparkes. We have investigated questions we wanted to find about puddles, including what colour the water is, how they are made and where does the water go when they disappear. We have also explored different types of weather and collected weather information each day. We invited our parents in to see our phonics lessons. It was great fun and the children were amazing. We are so proud of them.

Eco

Eco have been helping the Friends of Lilleshall create a dead hedge. They have also been busy preparing the raised beds for



planting with the help of Mr Evans (Miss Evans' dad.)



Sports

We have been busy with Sports events this month.



A massive congratulations to the Year 6 Archery team who came 1st place out of 19 schools and won gold medals in a Telford & Wrekin school tournament at Wrekin College.



Well done to our Year 5 Dodgeball teams who took part in a tournament at Telford Tennis Centre. A special congratulations to one of our teams who came 2nd overall and won silver medals.



Well done to all our football teams who played their matches this month, all playing brilliant and representing school incredibly.

A special mention to our Year5/6 boy's team who have made it through to the Village Cup semi finals.



Fundraising for IT equipment

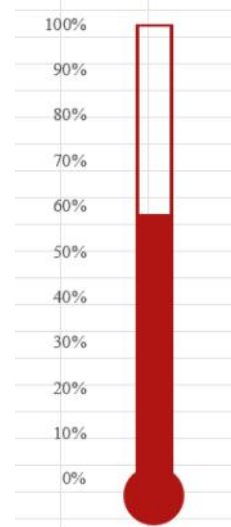
We raised a huge £923.40 on the Christmas raffle, thank you to the events team for organising and also a huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes including Libbi's Little Cakery, Lilleshall Cricket Club, Box of Goodness, Beauty by Jenna, Hair Definition, Newport Rugby Club, Bee Charmer Creations, Anytime Fitness, Headquarters Hair Studio, Ruthless Personal Training, Telford Golf & Spa, The Humber's Store, SMW Building, Number 45, Shropshire Sports Massage, Telford Tigers, Brooklyn Home and all the wonderful parents who donated some fab prizes.

The Christmas Bingo raised £503.50



We also raised a massive £1629.80 for Severn Hospice for our Rudolph Relay!

Thank you again for all of your support.



Headteachers Comment

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you've all had a wonderful start to 2025. As we reach the end of January, it's hard to believe how quickly the month has flown by. School has been busy as you can tell from the class updates. Governors have had a number of meetings in their role of monitoring and evaluating the school and these are outlined in Governors Corner. The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and are working hard. It's been fantastic to see their determination and drive to achieve their personal best. This month, our after-school clubs have been in full swing. From Spanish to Forest Schools, it's been lovely to see children trying out new activities. Our sporting events have been very successful too and pupils have really enjoyed these opportunities.

Looking Ahead to February

- **Parent-Teacher Meetings:** On 27th February, we will be holding our Parent-Teacher meetings. These are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements, and work together on any areas for development. Look out for more details coming soon!
- **Safer Internet Day (Feb 11th):** We will be marking Safer Internet Day in school with a variety of activities to promote safe online practices. We encourage all families to have open discussions about digital safety at home. It's important that we work together to keep our children safe in an ever-changing digital world.

Upcoming School Trip: Our Year 3 and 4 pupils are gearing up for a fantastic trip Chester to study the Romans next month. This will complement their history curriculum, bringing the past to life in a truly engaging way. Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be going to Chester Zoo to support their learning. We will also be holding a meeting for parents regarding our residential to Arthog in November for our current Year 5's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Your fund-raising support has enabled us to purchase a good deal of the equipment we have had to replace to support our Computing curriculum. Which the quality of has been recognised by Ofsted and The Computing Quality Mark Award. The Year 1 and 2 pupils are loving using the Bee Bots and learning all about programming.

Finally, saving little lives on our roads. It's not nice to hear but every day six children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads – that's equivalent to a whole class of children every single week. I know parking around school is difficult but please be mindful of our children and their safety.

Christobel Cousins

Headteacher

Governors Corner - January

The new term started with the Local Education Authority's briefing session. This feeds into our Strategic Governors meeting where we review forthcoming activities at school and plan our monitoring and evaluation visits. Ofsted found our Governing body's approach to be 'systematic, with visits into school focused and well planned.'. As our first governors meeting since the Ofsted inspection, our Strategic meeting was also an opportunity to go over the detail of inspection feedback that couldn't be included in the formal inspection report. As well as many positive comments regarding children's learning, development and behaviour we were so pleased to hear of the many supportive responses given by parents to the Ofsted questionnaire – many more than Ofsted usually receive from parents.

Normal governor business resumed this month with governors coming into school for Finance meetings, our pupil Progress and Achievement meeting and a meeting with the Local Education Authority to hear of future Department of Education plans for changes to breakfast provision.

Christine A Raper

Chair of Governors

Dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd February - Bikeability L1 Year 4
Friday 7th February—Years R, 1& 2 Chester Zoo Trip
Monday 10th February - Arthog meeting for parents of current Year 5
Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February - Lilleshall Primary School Bake off , Mufti and Coffee and Cake Afternoon
Monday 17th— Friday 21st February—Half Term
Monday 24th February - School Returns
Thursday 27th February - Parents Day
Saturday 1st March Telford Tigers Primary Partnership Match (tickets to be pre-ordered through the office before 13th February)
Wednesday 5th March - Pedestrian Training
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Thursday 5th 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 and Newport Girls High School Roadshow for Year 4 & 5 Parents—Details to follow
Friday 14th March—Year 6 Eginuity Trip
Wednesday 19th March—"Beep, Beep" Road Safety KS1
Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day
Friday 21st March—Year 5 Eginuity
Friday 21st March—Years 3 & 4 Roman Experience Chester
Tuesday 25th March—Year 6 NGHS to watch "Six" production
Wednesday 26th March - Big Sing
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
Monday 19th May-Thursday 22nd May—Bikeability Year 6
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.



Well done to everyone involved in all the hard work needed to achieve the NCCE Computing Quality Mark.

We are very proud of this award.



National Centre
for **Computing**
Education

This is to confirm that

Lilleshall Primary School

is awarded the NCCE Computing Quality Mark through formal assessment of the quality of their computing curriculum.

NCCE Computing Quality Mark

Date issued

07 January 2025

Valid Until: 07 January 2028

Funded by



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Liliane in Year 5 sent a beautiful condolence letter to Queen Camilla for the loss of her beloved rescue dog Beth and received this lovely response.

What a thoughtful thing to do Liliane, we are very proud of you!



Dear Liliane and Grandma,

Many thanks for your heartfelt words about my dear Beth. She was a wonderful companion to me for 13 happy years and I will miss her every day...

With my best wishes

Camilla



Safer Internet Day

Online safety training for parents and guardians by West Mercia Police

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can help to keep them safe.

Join our free one-hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever-changing digital world.

Date: Tuesday 11 Feb 2025

Time: 12pm

Location: Microsoft Teams via Eventbrite

Sign up to the Eventbrite session by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-child-exploitation-session-for-parents-and-guardians-tickets-1223190588979?aff=oddtcreator>



Protect our children!

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.



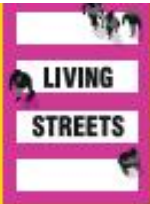
Switch the sweets

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.



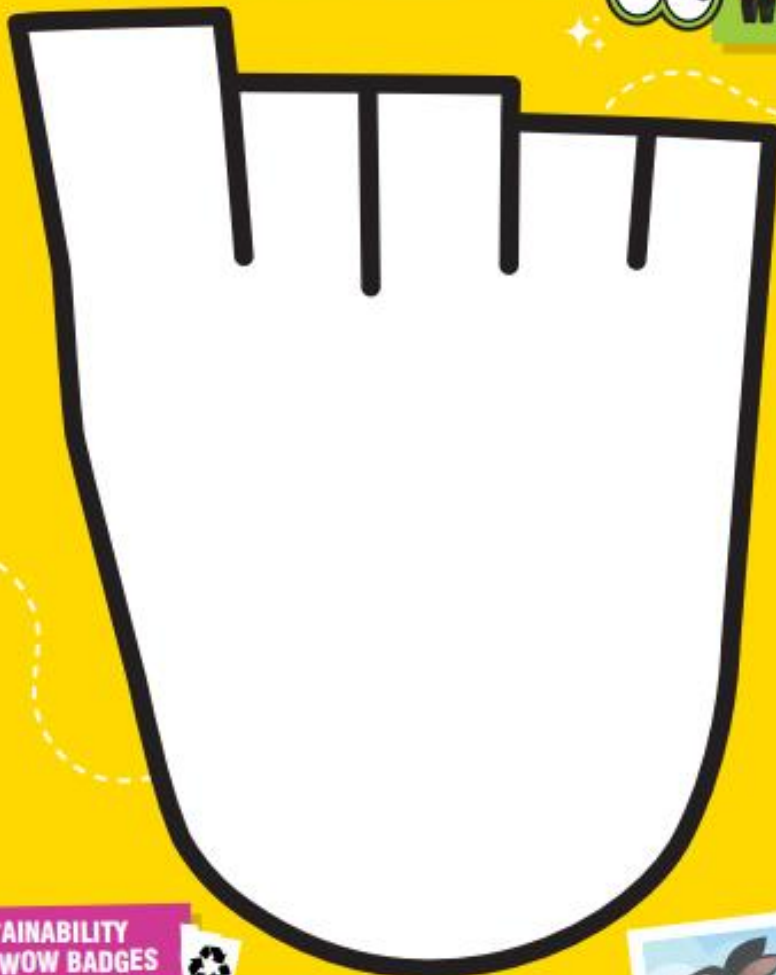
LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

Badge design competition 2025

WOW - the walk to school challenge



WALK with JOY



WHAT SHOULD YOU DRAW?

What makes you feel happy? Is it seeing a bright, colourful flower or going on an exciting outdoor adventure? Maybe it's the wagging tail of your pet, eating your favourite yummy snack or playing your favourite game? Does hearing a funny joke make you giggle or does a big hug from someone you love make your heart feel warm? Whatever makes you happy, grab your crayons or pencils and draw it!

EXAMPLES MAY INCLUDE:

- Wildlife or pets e.g. robin, dog
- Local buildings/landmarks e.g. library, statue
- Hobbies e.g. football, painting
- A familiar smell e.g. food, nature

SUSTAINABILITY AND WOW BADGES



Our WOW badges are made in the UK from repurposed plastic material, including old fridge trays, plastic plates and off-cuts of yoghurt pot material. WOW badges can also be recycled. Find out more: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling



WHATEVER BRINGS YOU JOY, DRAW IT!



CLOSING DATE
TUESDAY 25 FEB 2025

PUPILS

Pupil name:

Age:

What did you draw? Why does it bring you joy?

TEACHERS

School email:

School name and address:

Local authority:



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DID YOU KNOW?

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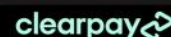
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This is the perfect opportunity to showcase your products to the local community and festive shoppers! Whether you sell handmade crafts, unique gifts, delicious food, or holiday treats, we would love to have you join us for this festive celebration.

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