

Lilleshall School Newsletter



Years 5 & 6 As part of our Design Technology unit, years 5 and 6 visited Enginuity to take part in the Bridging the Gap workshop. They learned all about the forces involved in constructing bridges (compression and tension) that a civil engineer needs to take into account when designing different types of bridges. They then used a Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software to design a 'Truss Bridge' working within a budget. Once designed, they constructed the bridges using art straws and then were able to test their bridges to destruction to see which were the strongest designs.

Year 5 - The team awarded the best teamwork and the strongest bridge



Year 6 - The team awarded the strongest bridge.



Year 6 This year, school has been working closely with the 'Shropshire Good Food Partnership'. As part of the project, we were given Brix testing kits. This equipment cleverly measures the quality of the fruits and vegetables we eat. Year 6 had a great time testing the quality of a range of carrots ranging from supermarket value to garden centre organic carrots. The results were very interesting; we found out that the organic carrots were the best quality, but the least popular in the taste test we conducted.



Celebrating Success:

Year R – Mila-Rose Lester,
Darcey O'Brien,
Theon Cooper Lloyd

Year 1 - Raiden Astbury,
Molly Weeks

Year 2 – Arthur Hodgson-
Smith, Isla Giles, Louis Brown

Year 3 – Sofia Salvado, Natalie Delamere
Year 4 – Tommy Edwards, Paige Pryor,
Barnaby de Quincey.

Year 5 - Emily Carter, Nyah Randhawa

Year 6 – Logan Gurd, Benjamin Hickman



Year 3 & 4 What an exciting day Years 3 and 4 had last Friday as we ventured to Chester for a Roman experience! We arrived at the centre ready to delve into the fascinating world of Roman life, learning all about Roman food, the multitude of gods and goddesses, and what it would be like to be a part of the Roman army. It was then time to explore the city itself.

Armed with swords and shields, we took to the streets of Chester, marching and chanting through the historic city. We visited the Roman gardens and impressive amphitheatre, where we learnt plenty more and practised our army formations with great dedication. What a fantastic way to bring our history lessons to life! We have also been busy practising for our Y3/4 Production of An Inspector Calls which we can't wait to share with the school and parents!



Year 3 have also just finished reading 'The Whale Watchers' by Dougie Poynter. It is a book that helps us to understand how plastic pollution can harm sea creatures especially whales and dolphins. The book suggests ways children can help support looking after sea creatures and ways to help reduce pollution. For anyone interested in finding out more about this, the websites are: dolphincentre.whales.org uk.whales.org and uk.whales.org/kidzone

Year 1 & Year 2 have truly embraced their inner authors, writing and illustrating their delightful Bear stories for the Readers to Writers competition. We've been absolutely blown away by their creativity! They are now in the final stages of writing their blurbs and designing their front and back covers - it's wonderful to see their hard work coming to life.

This week, Year 2 participated in the Big Sing at Burton Borough. Their singing was beautiful and the five soloists truly shone. It was such a joyous afternoon as we sang with other local schools. The children's exemplary behaviour was a real credit to our school -well done to all! We're excited about our upcoming Design Technology project where the children will be making their bear

Year R We have had a wonderful month with our chicks hatching and then finding a golden dragon egg on Lilleshall hill. We have learned about different groups of animals that lay eggs and where they lay them. We are now building castles to protect ourselves from a dragon invasion. It has been very busy but lots of fun.



Safety Reminders



Lilleshall is a 20mph zone, please drive carefully through the village. We understand parking is always an issues around schools, can we please ask parents to think when parking and park courteously and safely in and around the school area.

On average 9 children aged 7 or under are killed or injured on roads in Britain every day. We are doing our bit to try and make sure this never happens in our community. Please help us by supervising your child closely on roads and helping them learn about road safety.



REMINDER:
No Dogs on
School Property



Please do not bring dogs onto the school playgrounds at any time.

Eco

We would like to thank both Dobbies and Mere Park Garden Centres for their donations of seeds and plants. Our garden beds are starting to look great.



Another thank you goes to Garden Organic who have sent us some seed potatoes, we look forward to seeing how many potatoes they produce.



Sports

A massive congratulations to our Year 3/4 boys football team who made it to the final of a recent tournament at Telford College narrowly losing to a very strong Redhill side. Well done boys you did yourselves and the school proud!



Another massive congratulations to our Year 5 Tag Rugby team who came 2nd overall out of 19 schools and now get a chance to represent Telford in the Shropshire School games in May.

Well done to the Year 3/4 Girls Football team who took part in a tournament at Telford College and narrowly losing in the semi finals and going unbeaten in their group!

World Book Day 2025

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. The mystery book swap was a huge success and we had some fabulous costumes. Thank you for supporting this, reading really is one of the most important life skills!



Headteachers Comment

Dear Parents,

Spring has officially arrived. We're all feeling the warmth and excitement that Spring brings, with brighter days. The children are ready to embrace the season, and we're looking forward to all the activities and learning that can take place outside. We have had a busy few weeks as always:

Bling Your Scooter Day – A Fabulous Success! Our Bling Your Scooter event was a resounding success! It was wonderful to see so many children getting creative and personalising their scooters in the most fabulous ways. Thank you to everyone who took part!

A Wonderful Visit to the Chester Roman Experience Our Year 3 and Year 4 children had an unforgettable time on their trip to the Chester Roman Experience. The children had the chance to step back in time and explore the history of the Roman Empire. They immersed themselves in ancient history, learning about Roman life, culture, and even taking part in interactive activities. It was a brilliant educational experience for all involved! The children's behaviour was outstanding!

Ingenuity Visit for Years 5 and 6 Our Years 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to visit Ingenuity, a fantastic engineering museum, where they engaged in hands-on activities and learned about the principles of design and engineering. It was a great way to inspire young minds and get them thinking about careers in STEM!

Year R Hatching Chicks – An Amazing Experience!

Our Year R children had a wonderful experience when they watched chicks hatch right before their eyes! It was a magical moment for everyone involved, and the children loved learning about the life cycle of chicks. The excitement was palpable as they observed the tiny chicks grow stronger each day. A big thank you to our staff for making this such a memorable experience for our youngest learners!

Year 2 Attending The Big Sing

Our Year 2 students recently had the incredible opportunity to attend **The Big Sing** – a special event filled with music, joy, and community spirit! The children joined with other local schools to perform a variety of songs, showcasing their musical talents and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic experience, and we are so proud of their hard work and the energy they brought to the event.

As we head towards the end of term our Year 3 and Year 4 children have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming production. I have enjoyed listening to all their singing as they rehearse. I hope that you will be able to join us for Easter Bingo on the 10th April. We greatly appreciate your support and it makes such a difference to what we can do. We are quickly raising the funds we need to purchase replacement ICT equipment. The next focus will be the playgrounds to develop the creative play opportunities for children.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Christobel Cousins
Headteacher

Governors Corner - March

Governors attended our spring term Full Governors Board meeting. Much of our meeting was about safeguarding, health and safety and including children's online safety. Governors asked questions of the Headteacher about school attendance and persistent absentee children, English books reviews, SATs tests and the upgrading of IT systems.

The Curriculum Committee met this month and discussed the forthcoming SATs tests in May. We heard that our Year 6 cohort have really good positive attitudes to learning and are enjoying the additional tuition sessions the school is providing to ensure they can achieve their full potential.

Christine A Raper
Chair of Governors

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st April—Newport Girls High School Roadshow for Year 4 & 5 Parents—
Details to follow.

Thursday 3rd April—Image Theatre " Jungle Book"

Friday 4th April—Mufti to support Easter Bingo.

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 29th April - Year 4 Spring Explorers Chetwynd Deer Park

Tuesday 6th May—"Loudmouth Productions" in for Year 5

Thursday 8th May—Year 6 Skills for Bills workshop

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

Thursday 19th June—Year 5 Weston Park visit

Friday 20th June - Year 6 Alton Towers Trip

Monday 23rd—Friday 27th June—Sports Week

Wednesday 25th June - Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July - Transition Workshop

Tuesday 8th July—Year 6 Prom/leavers party Cassey's

Thursday 10th July - Grandparents day—details to be confirmed

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

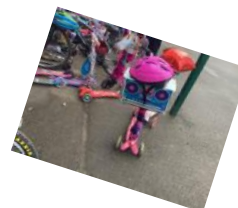
Friday 18th July - Staff Vs Y6 Rounders

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.

Bling Your Bike

Thank you to everyone who took part in this years Bling Your Bike competition we all loved seeing your creations. An extra special thank you goes to Year R who had an amazing number of entries!



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.

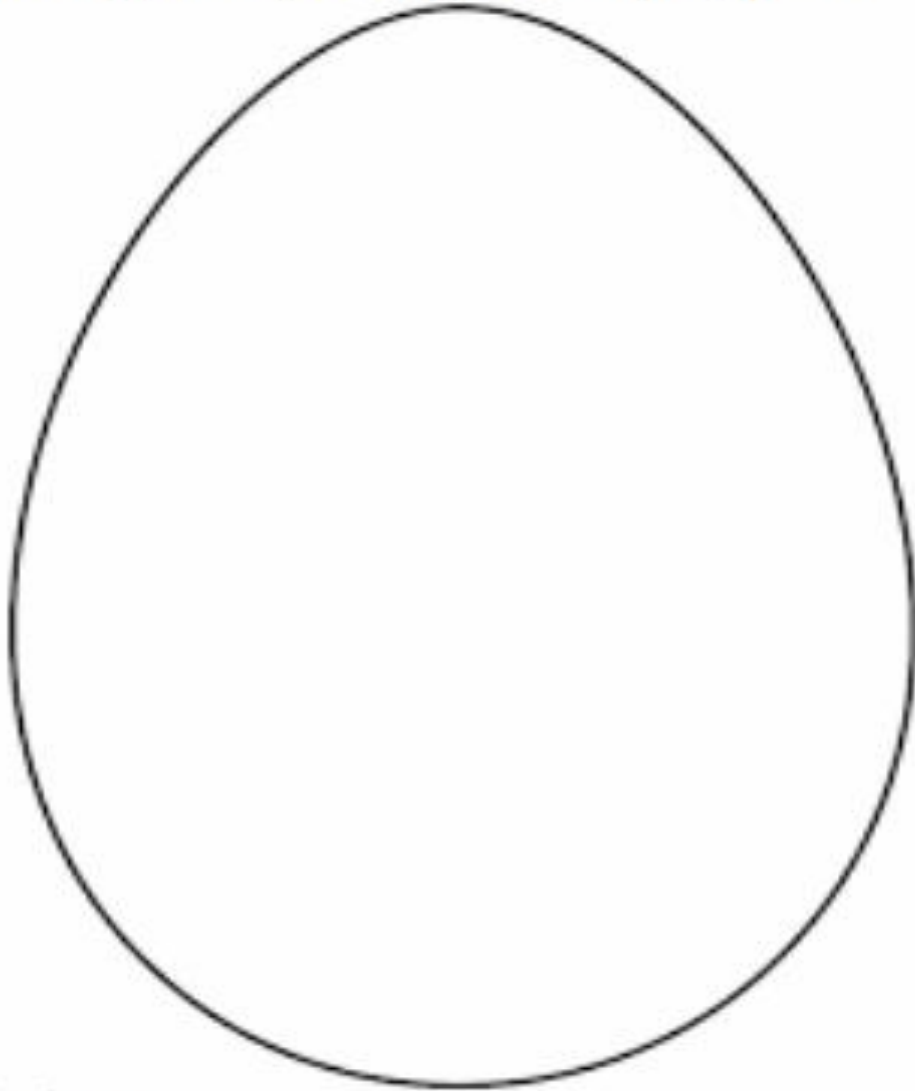
- We use the time first thing in the morning to provide targeted support for individual pupils, this time is not available later in the day.
- Out pre-teach for phonics starts promptly at 8.50 and if your child is part of this group and misses it they are behind all day and find the whole class session 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.



Egg-citing Easter Egg Design Competition!

Get creative and design your very own Easter egg!
Use colours, patterns, stickers, glitter – anything you like.



How to enter:

- Decorate the egg
- Return it to the office by **Friday 4th April** with £1 entry fee
- All eggs will be displayed, and the winner will be announced at Easter Bingo on **Thursday 10th April!**

A cracking prize awaits the best design!
Will yours be the egg-stra special winner?

Name _____

Class _____

Hop to it and get decorating!



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Years 1 to 8

Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th April 2025

10:30am - 4:00pm - £38 / HAF FREE

9:00am - 4:00pm - £44



NEW Years 9 to 11

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th April 2025

10:30am - 4:00pm - £38 / HAF FREE

9:00am - 4:00pm - £44

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High St, Newport
TF10 7BD



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10:30 - 15:30

MONDAY 14TH APRIL - THURSDAY
17TH APRIL

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