



Newsletter

“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement”



Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. CHRONICLES 16:11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week ends, we can't believe how quickly January is going by! We have all enjoyed another busy week, and everyone has enjoyed getting back into their routines. Clubs are being enjoyed by so many of our children, and we are pleased that we now have a football club for our Key Stage 2 children to enjoy on Friday after school. We believe that our clubs give our children so many opportunities to develop a range of skills, and we encourage anyone interested to join a club to learn new skills, or develop the things that they really enjoy. We have not sent out 'sign up' sheets for most clubs this term, but if you know your child would like to join a group, please contact the school office.

DAY 10

We have made a really successful start to our new Day 10 units and we feel that our children are already 'Loving Literacy'! We hope that you are enjoying hearing about our activities from the children. We already have some displays around the school, celebrating books, book characters and story settings.



WELL DONE...

Our Key Stage 2 children entered a competition to design a mascot for the Lakeland Hospice, following an assembly held at the school.

Elias Hodson tells us more...

“I spent a long time working on my design and I feel proud that my design has been chosen and that it will be used in so many places.”

You can see Elias's winning design on the noticeboards around school. He has been presented with a certificate in assembly, and we all feel proud that he created the winning design for such an important charity



Sonny Sunflower created by
Elias Hodson, Aged 8
Lakelands Hospice Mascot 2018

We also feel proud to hear of children taking the initiative and thinking of others. Connie Harvey recently had her hair cut for a very good cause.

"I have cut 8 or 9 inches off my hair for a trust called Little Princesses which asks people to cut off their hair to make wigs for children who have cancer. I have done this once before, and I think I will do it again when my hair grows more."



POETRY

Thank you for helping your children to choose their favourite poems. We are making poetry anthologies for our children to share within the school, and we are all enjoying sharing the poems within our classes and Day 10 groups.

THANK YOU...

We want to say thank you so much to all those parents who are continuing to give their time to help us in school with reading, sweeping, swimming and supporting children in their activities. We also want to say a big thank you to Mr Pawlowski for donating a colour photocopier to our school, enabling us to copy a wider range of colourful resources for our children to use in school. It is greatly appreciated by all of us.

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 91%. Well done to **Willow** class who had the highest attendance at 98%.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Sophie Ettridge for being Hotshots Player of the term.

Congratulations to Evie Stanley for her dancing award.

WELL DONE, EVERYONE!



Upcoming Events

24th February – Brigstock PFA Curry Night



We found out that Nell is the same length as the table!

MAPLE CLASS

We have continued to use The Great Kapok Tree as a basis for our literacy work and the children have been busy writing some fantastic persuasive letters to try and argue their case for the Kapok Tree not to be cut down. They have also written a transcript of an interview. Some of the arguments in their persuasive writing were very powerful.

In Maths we have revisited addition and subtraction facts and have looked at ways of using different resources such as the number line and cubes.

The children have continued to work hard in science and have been thinking very scientifically about animals, their habitats, their structure and what they eat.

In PE we have been focusing on using our bodies in dance and the children have really enjoyed some fun and exciting dances.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

We have carried on learning how to write instructions this week. The children have learnt how to use imperative verbs to make their sentences more bossy, adverbs to describe how each step needs to be done and looked carefully at how to set them out. We have also been using peer mark to help us remember the different features. This also helps us to think about how we can improve our own work.

In Maths, Year 3 have been using division to find fractions. This is quite a tricky thing to do, especially if you don't know your times tables very well. We used the 4 times table to find quarters and then moved on to finding other fractions of amounts. Some year 3's managed to move on to finding non-unit fractions. Year 4 started the week by counting backwards through zero into negative numbers, then they moved on to using Roman numerals.

In PE on Friday, we do Hockey. The children are learning some valuable skills. They can use different dribbles, understand how to hold their hockey stick and have started learning about passes. Please make sure your child has warm clothes for this lesson as they are outside.

We looked at The Doomsday book in our Topic session this week. We learnt about why people pay taxes and what those taxes go towards. Then we wrote a diary entry, pretending to be one of the commissioners who had to travel around the country, filling in a survey about what everybody owned.

Sports Crew

This year's Sports Crew are running activities at play times and lunch times. These activities give the rest of our children the opportunity to learn and apply skills. There is lots of equipment used and children are given the opportunity to use our Sport Values as well.

*“We did an obstacle course where you had to work in a team to complete it. We picked Ethan Means as our **Superstar** of the session because he kept on going even when the other team had already won. Well done Ethan!”*

OAK CLASS

On Tuesday we were pleased to welcome Gideon Malitskie from Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust to our school. He worked with us and ‘introduced’ us to our Djembe drums. We had a fabulous lesson and created quite a lot of noise in the top block!



In literacy we have continued with our descriptive writing; working on using colons to extend sentences and incorporating dialogue to convey character and move the action on. We have identified determiners in sentences and also continued with comprehension activities. After watching a short clip we have begun to think about stimulating and engaging words and phrases to incorporate in to our warm writes next week.

The children continued with investigating circuits in science. We discussed how traffic lights work and that they run on a parallel circuit similar to Christmas tree lights. The children then created their own parallel circuit, gradually adding more components such as motors and switches.

In RE we discussed the ending to the story of Moses. The children were able to talk about the 10 commandments and how people live their lives today according to them.

We have continued to work with line graphs in maths and also completed our weekly arithmetic test, supporting each other with answers we were unsure about. In PSHE we continued to think about British Values.