LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a brilliant week of learning—thank you for all your support in this busy half term!

Nursery: This week in nursery, the children listened to the story *Potion Commotion* by Peter Bently. They had a wonderful time creating their own potions and explaining the magic effects that might happen if someone drank them.

Reception: Our focus for this week in Maths has been exploring the concept of 'one more', using groups of objects and given numbers. The children have also been learning that as they count, the next number in the sequence is 1 more. In Literacy, the children have been identifying key descriptive words to portray the character of Colin from the book 'Colin's Castle.

Year 1: Year one have had a great few days of learning. We started a new split digraph u-e (making the yoo or oo sound) and the children were able to start applying this to their reading and writing. We have also immersed ourselves in the autumnal weather exploring signs of Autumn around the school grounds. In Geography this week, the children explored why our oceans are important and how we can protect them from pollution. We did an experiment to see the impacts of plastic and oil! A super end to the first half term, well done! Have a lovely break.

Year 2: have shown fantastic creativity in writing up their own invented story based on the Bear and the Piano and the theme of bravery. They completed their Science unit on Materials and have enjoyed listening to their Nativity songs. In Guided Reading the children wrote their own book review based on 'The Dinosaur's packed Lunch' book.

Year 3: Have worked incredibly hard this week! The children proudly published their creative stories inspired by *Leon and the Place Between* and continued developing their column subtraction skills, showing great resilience with exchanging. We welcomed Ayah's mum to learn about Ramadan and the significance of fasting. In Science, we investigated what soil is made of with Mrs Cook, and in History, we finished our Stone Age unit by exploring important artefacts and Stonehenge. Well done, Year 3, for a fantastic half term. Have a lovely break!

Year 4: have had a fantastic few days of learning! In English, the children worked hard writing dialogue between characters in *Shackleton's Journey*, focusing on conveying deep emotions as the explorers prepared to leave Elephant Island. In Science, they explored the concept of pitch, successfully identifying and distinguishing between higher and lower pitched sounds.

Year 5: Although it has been a short half-term, we have certainly been busy! In PSHE, pupils worked in pairs, with one person drawing and the other describing a picture that the drawer could not see. This was a fun activity that the pupils really enjoyed! The key takeaway was exploring what makes a good partnership: being a good listener and communicator, as well as showing patience and respect. In Maths, pupils have been learning about cube numbers and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000. I have been so impressed by the number of pupils who are motivated to complete all their work and challenge themselves by tackling extension tasks. A fantastic way to end the half-term! Well done, everyone!

Year 6: Have explored relative clauses to express contrast, in relation to the character's journey in the story 'Windrush Child'. Year 6 also completed their Picasso final pieces this week, using a range of media to create abstract yet detailed cubist pieces. I was really impressed with their resilience and bravery to perform their independently sources poem this week. A lot of confidence and expression was shown! A great final week for Year 6! Have a restful break!

Looking Ahead…

Click here for the full calendar.

- 22nd-23rd Oct Staff Development Day—School closed to children
- 26-30th Oct—Half term, school closed to children
- 6th Nov—Yr 1 trip Natural History Museum (Tring)
- 9th November Primary Maths Challenge (Yr 5 and 6 children) all week
- 10th November Yr 3 trip COAM
- 12th Nov—Cultural Awareness Day #1
- 27th Nov PTA Xmas Fair (from 4.30pm)
- 19th December End of term 2pm finish

To do this week …

- Staff Development Days next Thursday and Friday—school closed to children.
- Please log Blackbelt Reader everyday if possible during the holiday period for KS2 children.

Premier Education update:

Please click here for the weekly announcement from Premier Education.

Premier also run local holiday clubs—further info can be found by following this link.

Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to **Remi** (Yr 1), **Sebastian** (Yr 2), **Rajveer** (Yr 3), **Eris** (Yr 4), **Jessica** (Yr 5) and **Emilia** (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



Cultural Awareness Day #1: In line with our approach to celebrating all cultures and backgrounds, we will be holding our first Cultural Awareness Day this year on November 12th. This will be an off-curriculum, whole day experience, immersing the children in a different style of learning. This year's theme id oracy. The day will be taking place on Thursday 12th

School Council: On Tuesday, I met with the newly elected School Council members. Over the next few weeks they will be thinking about the ways in which they would improve the school as well as helping me to redesign the School Council page of the school website. I look forward to hearing about their ideas when I meet with them on the return after half term. Well done to **Kiriana** and **Om** (Yr 3), **Ollie** and **Aryana** (Yr 4), **Aryana-Zainab** and **Jan** (Yr 5) and **Neha** and **Charlie** (Yr 6).



Dojo Points

(house points are awarded at the end of each half term: 1st = 5, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2, 4th =1)

2911	2578	2937	2818
1st= Burton 0 pts	1st= Loudham 0 pts	1st= Bendrose 0 pts	1st= Coleman 0 pts

Blackbelt Reader: I look forward to the children in KS2 continuing to read relentlessly over the holiday period—please continue to log the reading as much as possible to give your child every chance of reaching the next milestone quickly.

During Celebration Assembly today, the following children were given their next grade belt (and bookmark) in recognition of reaching the next milestone in their reading progress.

Yellow belt—**George O, Om, Campbell** and **Lottie** (Yr 3), **Noah, Savannah** and **Irdhi** (Yr 4)

Orange belt—**Henry W** and **Adhya** (Yr 4), **Rafi** (Yr 5)

Green belt—**Jessica** and **Antra** (Yr 5)

Remember: Read to succeed!



Thank you for a great half term, have a safe and restful break,

Grateful and undaunted

Mr Hacking



