LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another action-packed half term. We appreciate your support in helping our wonderful children have an enriched, immersive, learning experience.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: This week in Nursery, the children explored Bonfire Night with a focus on bonfire safety. To reinforce this topic, they listened to the story *Sparks in the Sky*, which describes a young girl's first experience of Bonfire Night with her family. The children also enjoyed a variety of firework-themed craft activities and created edible breadstick sparklers.

Reception: It has been lovely to welcome the children back refreshed and ready to learn. This week Reception have continued and developed their descriptive skills through a variety of activities focused on the story of 'Colin's Castle'. In Maths we have been working on the concept of 'one less', recognising that one less will always be the preceding number in a sequence.

Year 1: have come back brilliantly after half term and have settled back into their routines for learning. We have started new topics in PE, Science and Math's which have allowed us to explore lots of new learning and embed our skills into independent and group tasks. The children loved learning the beginning of a dance routine in PE where we learnt to count to 8 beats and explored how different jungle animals move. We have also been working hard to sort and name 2D and 3D shapes and the children have also been exploring another phase 5 sound 'ou' , applying this to their development in reading and spelling. A wonderful week Year 1!

Year 2: have had a great first week back, they have got stuck into their new unit on Wolves in English looking at facts and non-fiction books. They are continuing to master their addition and subtraction in maths and they have started looking at festivals in RE.

Year 3: This week, pupils have been busy creating their own persuasive posters in English, using persuasive language to encourage readers to shop at the 'Perfect Pet Shop'. In Maths, we have been developing our column subtraction skills, focusing on exchanging when subtracting across place value columns. In RE, pupils explored the story of Rama and Sita and discussed its significance. We also started our new PE units of fitness and gymnastics, where pupils enjoyed developing their skills. In PSHE, we discussed different types of families, recognising that families come in all shapes and sizes!

Year 4: have had a busy first week back after half term. In Maths, they have worked hard on area, learning how to find and calculate the area of different shapes. In English, the children wrote engaging introductions for their newspaper reports on Shackleton's heroic journey to Antarctica. Meanwhile in PSHE, they spent time reflecting on stereotypes and the importance of not pre-judging others.

Year 5: This week, pupils have stepped into Georgian London as we began exploring our new English book, *Lizzie and Belle: Mysteries, Drama and Danger*. Pupils entered the classroom, which had been transformed into a theatre, ready to watch *Othello*, with the lead role played by Ignatius Sancho. However, the performance was suddenly interrupted when something happened to our leading star! Pupils soon discovered a mysterious note suggesting that this was no accident and that someone wanted to stop Sancho from performing. The children thoroughly enjoyed this exciting introduction and are already looking forward to continuing their investigation and solving the mystery! In Guided Reading, we have started our new book, *Amulet*. We were immediately thrown into an intense and gripping opening scene, with our characters already caught up in a mysterious world after their mother is taken. The suspense has certainly captured the pupils' attention, and I know they are eager to find out what happens next!

Year 6: Have come back with great focus and energy! They have been writing their pitch for why their monument should be built, which memorialises the Windrush Generation. I look forward to hearing these pitches next week! In maths, we have continued our topic of Fractions, looking at how to multiply fractions by a whole number. I have been really impressed with their sportsmanship in PE, using teamwork and communication to ensure everyone is involved and using their strengths. Well done Year 6!

Looking Ahead…

Click here for the full calendar.

- 6th Nov—Yr 1 trip Natural History Museum (Tring)
- 9th November Primary Maths Challenge (Yr 5 and 6 children) all week
- 9th Nov Remembrance Day Assemby (Yrs 1 -6)
- 10th November Yr 3 trip COAM
- 12th Nov—Cultural Awareness Day #1
- 16th Nov Yr 4 Ancient Greece HOtP Day (in school)
- 16-20th Nov Anti Bullying Week
- 17th November—Odd socks Day (all children)
- 19th Nov Great Athlete event
- 25th Nov Adam Baron author visit (Yr 2-6)
- 27th Nov PTA Xmas Fair (from 4.30pm)
- 30th Nov-4th Dec Assessment Week
- 5th Dec PTA Dinner Dance
- 11th Dec Xmas Jumer Day
- 11th Dec Radio Christmas (selected Yr 6 children)
- 15th Dec Nativity Dress rehearsal
- 16th/17th Dec Nativity (EYFS/KS1)
- 19th December End of term 2pm finish

To do this week …

- Yr 3 trip to COAM—Tuesday 10th
- Thursday 12th—Cultural Awareness Day #1—Michael Rosen theme
- Thursday 12th—Yr 4 Football and Netball festival @DCHS am

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 **Amber** (Yr 2), **Rhea** (Yr 3), **Olivia** (Yr 4), **Jan** (Yr 5) and **Charlie** (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: On Thursday 12th November, we will be holding our first Cultural Awareness Day of the Year. This year's theme is potry, Michael Rosen. There will be a number of live workshops, interactive activities and hands-on learning (and performing) opportunities for the children to get involved in. Please check next week's newsletter for further detail and updates.

Anti bullying week: In line with our commitment to anti-bullying, and the bronze award from the Anti-Bullying Alliance (in 2023) we will be publicising Anti-Bullying Week again this year. We are inviting the **children to wear odd socks on Tuesday 17th November** to make anti-bullying visible, recognised and talked-about. I will be running an assembly that day, with the theme "Break the Silence." Further information can be found (and a good conversation starter with your children) by clicking here.

An optional donation of £1 can be made by clicking here, please note there is no expectation to donate, however the Anti-Bullying Alliance uses these donations to help children experiencing these issues.



Great Athletes Day: Thursday 19th November we are welcoming a GB athlete (Luke Davies—Judo) to school to do workshops with all children from Nursery-Yr 6. These workshops include sponsored circuits. The children will have come home already with the sponsorship forms. Further information for parents can be found by clicking here. On this day, please can all children come into school in their PE kits—for the whole day. Please also see the letter I sent to you yesterday with further details.

Dojo Points

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

241	360	255	349
1st= Burton o pts	1st= Loudham o pts	1st= Bendrose o pts	1st= Coleman o pts



Blackbelt Reader: It's been another excellent week of relentless reading from the children in KS2. Please look out for the new sign at the gate giving further information (and reminders) about this excellent scheme.

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—**Kavi, Om, Ayah, Felicity, Ellie, Vincent, Syon** (Yr 3), **Eris, Danny** (Yr 4), **Ariana** (Yr 6)

Orange belt—**Ash** (Yr 4)

Green belt—**Arjun G** (Yr 4) and **Vivaan** (Yr 5)

Blue Belt—**Ariana** and **Leina** (Yr 5) and **Keerthika** (Yr 6)

Purple Belt—**Aryana** (Yr 4), **Coco and Isabelle** (Yr 5) and **Shanvika** (Yr 6)

Red Belt—**Alex** (Yr 4), **Emilia** and **Evie** (Yr 6)

Remember: Read to succeed!



Thank you for all your support,

Grateful and undaunted

Mr Hacking

