

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 2 Week 4

PTA Christmas Discos

We are very grateful to the PTA for organising the Christmas discos for Years 1-6. The discos will take place after school on Tuesday 16th December.

Due to the Year 1 and 2 disco taking place immediately after school, pupils in **Year 1 and 2 only** can wear disco/party clothes to school on 16th December.

Children in Year 1 and 2 who have bought a disco ticket will be taken to the disco by their class teacher at 3.30pm.



Chocolate Tombola

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support for our PTA by donating chocolate for the tombola. This will take place on Monday 1st December on the playground at 3.15pm. Tickets will cost £2 and all tickets will win a prize. On Monday 1st December we are limiting tickets to one per child.

If there are prizes remaining, the tombola will run again on the 2nd December at the same time. Please make us aware if your child has any allergies to chocolate or chocolate products as we have a very small selection of dairy-free prizes.



Christmas celebrations- 17th December

Mr Kumar and our catering team will be serving Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 17th December**. More information about how to book a meal for your child will follow shortly.

We will also be inviting the children to wear Christmas jumpers to school on this day, but would like to stress that we do not want this to be an expensive event for families- please don't buy a jumper for this day. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear clothes in Christmas colours or a party outfit they already have.

We welcome donations of Christmas jumpers that children have outgrown and will hang these on the preloved uniform rail in the main reception when we receive them.



Allotment Light Trail

Thank you very much to everyone who has bought a ticket to the allotment light trail. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us. The event will still go ahead unless the weather is unsafe, so please wear wet weather clothing if needed. In the unlikely event of the trail being cancelled, the school office will send a message out on the day. Please arrive at the allotment on foot between 4pm and 4.30pm on your allocated day. You will be given a trail to follow that will end at Santa's grotto! The trail will close at 5pm for safety reasons.



Junior Parkrun Sunday 30th November 8.45am

Our first school junior parkrun is this Sunday. It will take place at the War Memorial Park near the play park. There will be a fun warm-up followed by the run/walk for the children. We are delighted that over 100 have registered—that is a quarter of our school!

The PTA have been busy preparing for the breakfast at school. We have bought rolls and sausages for all those who indicated that they would like one. These can be purchased in the school dining room which can be accessed through the school car park after the parkrun.

We look forward to seeing lots of families!



Letters sent out this week

Year_2_Mastering Number at Home

Class visit parent letter 1H and 1KB

Table tennis

Congratulations to our table tennis teams who competed in the Warwickshire Schools Team Table Tennis Championships on Thursday at Stratford. For many children it was their first tournament and we were very proud of how well they played and how they demonstrated our school value of respect at all times.

A big well done to our boys A team who came first and qualified for the Area Finals in February.

We would like to thank Sport England and the National Lottery for funding our Saturday morning club sessions.



Visit from Bishop Sophie Jelley

We were delighted to welcome Coventry's Bishop Sophie Jelley to school this week. Bishop Sophie is the tenth Bishop of Coventry since the modern Diocese of Coventry was established in 1918. She has made history as the first woman to be Bishop of Coventry. Bishop Sophie enjoyed meeting the children and learning about our work. She was particularly interested in our peace education programme and our Schools of Sanctuary work.

We were able to share with her the importance of developing our children as responsible members of the community.



School uniform reminder

We are starting to see children wearing some variations on the school uniform. This is a polite reminder to request that children continue to wear their navy school sweatshirt/ cardigan, black or grey trousers/ shorts/ pinafore dress or skirt and plain black school shoes. Thank you for your support.

Mastering Number at Home

Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who attended our Mastering Number at Home events over the last two weeks. It was great to see the classroom full of children playing mathematical games with their parents.



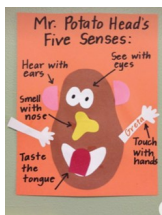
Our learning this week:

Reception

As part of their knowledge and understanding of the world, this week the children have been learning about where they live and about the community that they belong to. They have been looking at a map of the United Kingdom, and zooming in to find England, Coventry and Earlsdon. They have been on a short walk to see our community beyond the school, pointing to the library, church and shops. They have enjoyed programming Bee-Bots and having them follow a route on a map. As part of their fine motor skills and maths knowledge the children have been independently making houses for our class map, making triangle roofs, rectangle chimneys and square windows. For our writing, we had a super special visit from our school therapy dog, and the children enjoyed writing the word 'dog' as well as getting to meet her. Finally, in our handwriting lessons the children have been learning how to write r, h and b.

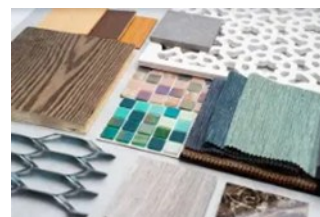
Year 1

This week in English lessons Year 1 we have begun exploring a new text: 'The adventures of Egg Box dragon' by Richard Adams. We have made predictions about what we think will happen at the end of the story, using clues of objects from the story to guide our thinking. We have also explored our understanding of new vocabulary e.g. bashing, critter, reflectors, revealed etc and thought of synonyms that could be used in their place. As mathematicians we have been continuing to think about addition by holding a number in our heads and counting on. We have also begun to solve problems by creating addition stories and have used a range of resources to initially do this practically, before moving on to use written jottings and recording number sentences in our books. As scientists we have thought about our senses and the body parts associated with them. We are now going to begin exploring and investigating the information that our senses give us through a variety of experiments!



Year 2

This week, as mathematicians Year 2 have been learning how to solve problems through the knowledge of multiplication, whilst continuing to use manipulatives to support their answers. As writers the children have completed their own Invention Narrative using their plan and language features of Rosie Revere. In addition, the children have started to learn about materials in Science and DT in preparation to making their own moving vehicle. We also had a visitor from the sight centre this week to teach us all about visual impairments.



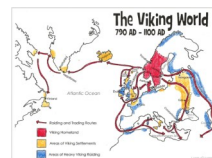
Year 3

The children have begun a new series of lessons in English based on the book 'The Worry Tiger'. As mathematicians, they have been learning multiplication, focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. As historians, the children have been learning about the Lunt Roman Fort in Coventry, and exploring why the Romans invaded Britain. As scientists, they have learned about sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks - including their formation, properties and everyday uses.



Year 4

This week as mathematicians, Year 4 have been tackling problems with multiples of 3, 6 and 9, and exploring the clever divisibility rules for 9. In English, the children have used their imaginations to write their own narratives inspired by *Arthur and the Golden Rope*, inventing unique mythical beasts and magical items. Science lessons have been hands-on, with the children investigating and building their own electrical switches. As linguists, they have been expanding their Spanish vocabulary to talk about different family members. Meanwhile, as historians, the children have learnt about the Vikings as skilled traders, exploring what they traded, who they traded with, and how their trade routes connected them to many parts of the world.



Year 5

This week, as mathematicians Year 5 have continued their work on multiplication and division by solving word problems using a range of strategies. As writers, the children have continued to write their own exploration narrative based on one of the Apollo moon missions. They have been focusing on including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, similes, dialogue and using dashes for parenthesis. As scientists, they have been learning about the movement of the moon relative to the Earth and the different moon phases. As historians, the children have been learning about the Suffragette movement, why it was important, and how it changed the lives of people in the UK and around the world. In P.E, the children have been collaborating to choreograph and perform a Bollywood dance including non-locomotive and locomotive moves.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been analysing Picasso's *Guernica*, exploring the features of abstract art and discussing how the imagery represents the impact of war. They have since begun creating their own pieces in the style of Picasso, depicting the events of the Coventry Blitz. As mathematicians, the children have been tackling long division problems with remainders, focusing on how the remainder should be interpreted within the context of each problem to produce a suitable answer. As writers, Year 6 have been immersed in the text *A Story Like the Wind*. They have shared predictions, explored key vocabulary, and composed onomatopoeic poems inspired by the narrative.



Diary dates:

Saturday 29th November
Sunday 30th November
Monday 1st December
4th and 5th December
9th & 10th December
10th & 11th December
Wednesday 17th December
Friday 19th December

Earlsdon Library Christmas Fair (12pm) and choir performances
Junior Parkrun and breakfast at school (War Memorial Park at 8.45am)
PTA Chocolate Tombola on playground after school (may be repeated on 2nd December)
Allotment light trail 4-5pm—pre-booking essential
Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance at Earlsdon Methodist Church
Reception Songs Around the Christmas tree: 9.30am in the school hall
Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Year 1– Year 6 Christmas assembly at St Barbara's Church/Last day of the Autumn term