

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 2 Week 6

Christmas Performances

We have had a wonderful week with Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas performances. Well done to all children for beautiful singing. We have heard them practising for a few weeks and it was magical to see them perform to friends and families.

We would like to say a special thank you to Penny and the Methodist Church for giving us such a warm welcome for rehearsals and performances.

Thank you to all families who have been able to support the children by attending performances at this busy time of year.



Daily Mile Playground Markings

We were delighted to be selected for a national programme to have playground markings added to our playground to encourage children to run for a minimum of 15 minutes a day.

Next Thursday we are having a whole school Santa Dash on the playground to launch our new daily mile dots. Children are very welcome to bring a Santa hat into school on Thursday.

Date for your diary:

Whole school Junior Parkrun Sunday 25th January

Please note that children who participate in the Parkrun will be included in the ballot for our Junior London Marathon places next April.



Christmas celebrations

We are looking forward to Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear clothes in Christmas colours or a party outfit they already have.

On Friday the children in Year 1– Year 6 will be walking to St Barbara's Church for their Christmas assembly. This assembly will be led by the children from Year 3– Year 6 and is a lovely opportunity to celebrate together. Reception children will be going to Earlsdon Methodist Church for their assembly. We are looking forward to an action packed last week of term!

We would be grateful for donations of any pre-loved Christmas jumpers. These will be put in the main reception.



Welcome to our two newest therapy pets! Miss Haines has introduced two Guinea pigs to Year 6 who are really enjoying handling them.

PTA Christmas Discos Year 1– 6

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the Christmas discos that will take place on Tuesday 16 December.

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to come to school in their disco clothes. At the end of the day, staff will take Year 1 and 2 pupils to the disco if you have booked. They should be collected from the car park gate at 4.15pm.

Year 3 and 4 should be brought to the main entrance at 4.30pm and be collected from the car park gate at 5.15pm.

Year 5 and 6 should be brought to the main entrance at 5.30pm and be collected from the car park gate at 6.15pm.

Letters sent out this week

Family hub

Keeping children safe online-workshop for parents

We will be holding a parents workshop on **Thursday 29th January at 5pm.**

The session will be led by West Midlands Police and will focus on raising parents awareness of the dangers and possible consequences of children accessing the internet if appropriate safety measures and monitoring are not put in place. The session is extremely relevant and important for all primary school parents as school and West Midlands Police are seeing an increase in primary school age children getting involved with things online or accessing things they shouldn't.

Throughout the session PCSO Chater will give tips and strategies that parents can use to make the online space a safer place for their children.

Some of the topics included in the parents workshop are listed below:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Children sharing inappropriate images
- Gaming
- Grooming and radicalisation
- The dark web
- Settings
- Digital footprint



Please put the date in your diary and look out for more information in January.

Robotics



Our four robotics teams had a great final tournament of the term at The Cotswolds School. All teams performed very well and Programme Lime and Lemon were successful in winning the Judges' Award. Congratulations!

Our learning this week:

Reception

The children were so proud to perform for their parents this week and were absolutely thrilled to share their performance with you. Thank you for the big smiles and the loud round of applause! They also loved walking to the Methodist Church to watch the Year 1 and Year 2 performances. Reception were a wonderful audience and made their teachers very proud. This week, the children have been learning about length, focusing on the language longer and shorter. They have been sequencing items in order of length and working hard to make their Christmas cards using these new skills. Independently, they have been creating baubles for our school Christmas tree and have been introduced to the hole punch—an activity they've eagerly embraced! In their outdoor provision, the children have been fully immersed in our very own Earlsdon Primary School Post Office. They have been writing and posting letters, as well as sorting packages and deliveries. They have also enjoyed decorating the outdoor

Year 1

Year 1 have blown us away with their amazing singing, actions and focussed listening during our Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity 'Knock, Knock!' this week. With only a few rehearsals in the actual church and then two magical performances, our afternoons have been full of joy and Christmas cheer. We are really proud of them all, they did an amazing job! Our morning learning sessions have continued with our usual routine. In English we have begun writing our instructions for creating our own Egg-box dragon. We have thought about bossy (imperative) verbs and making sure we use sequenced steps. As mathematicians we have continued to explore subtraction stories using practical resources to visualise the problem before using part-whole models and number sentences to help record and find the solutions. We have also been busy completing lots of cross-curricular design projects; seasonal cards, calendars and moving pictures using levers and split-pins linked to our English text 'The Adventures of the Egg-Box Dragon'.

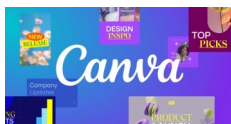
Year 2

This week the children have been skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. This has helped to reinforce their knowledge of the multiplication tables. They have also thought about how doubling can help them work out other multiplication equations. In English lessons the children have practiced using co-ordinating conjunctions and analysed the text 'Frankie Flapper's Flying Machine' to look for grammatical features. Finally, we were very proud of the hard work that the children put into rehearsing their lines, learning Makaton for songs and performing to an audience for their Christmas Show – well done Year 2!



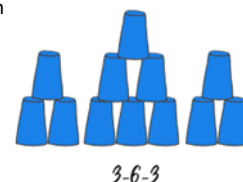
Year 3

In Computing, the children have been learning how to use the desktop publishing software Canva, in order to design and create magazine front covers. In religion and worldviews they learned about the Muslim and Jewish celebrations of Eid and Passover, respectively. In English, Year 3 have begun writing their own "Calmness Guide" in the context of "The Worry Tiger". As mathematicians, they have continued to learn multiplication and division in the context of the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. And, as geographers, the children found out all about the country of Italy, including its population, famous landmarks, currency, language and more!



Year 4

This week, the children have been busy building their skills across the curriculum. As mathematicians, they explored square numbers and practised using divisibility rules linked to the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables. In design technology, they began constructing their own Viking longships, working from a design brief and developing a range of cutting and joining techniques. As writers, the children wrote detailed information paragraphs about capturing and defeating Viking monsters, making effective use of fronted adverbials, conjunctions and alternative nouns. They have also continued to improve their speed stacking times, experimenting with different combinations of cups to sharpen coordination and accuracy.



Year 5

As mathematicians, Year 5 have continued to learn how to read and interpret information presented on a line graph, where the data is represented by more than one line. As writers, they have planned and started to write their own mission log based on one of the Apollo missions to the moon. They have been focusing on including adverbials, relative clauses, modal verbs and brackets for additional information. As part of their Stitch in Time D&T project, linked to the suffragette movement, the children have designed a Suffragette badge. They considered functionality, aesthetics and cost when producing their designs. In computing, the children have been using the Turtle Stitch programming language. They have produced the code required to control the embroidery machine, that will embroider the designs on their Suffragette badges.



Year 6

This week, Year Six have completed their Peace Walk around Coventry city centre identifying monuments that demonstrate peace at reconciliation. Back at school, they have used what they have seen to inspire the design and creation of their own peace sculptures. In English, they have written and edited flashback narratives based on an alternate character from 'A Story Like the Wind', carefully integrating the writer's knowledge. As mathematicians, year 6 have been solving fraction problems using bar models. They have also been finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions.



Diary dates:

Tuesday 16th December

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

Monday 6th January

Thursday 29th January

PTA discos (3.30 Year 1 and 2; 4.30 Year 3 and 4; 5.30 Year 5 and 6) Year 1 and 2 only can wear disco clothes to school

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day; Year 4 to Beauty and the Beast

Santa Dash—please bring Santa hats

Year 1—6 Walk to St Barabara's for assembly. Last day of the Autumn term

First day of the Spring term

Online safety workshop for parents— 5pm in school