

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 1 Week 6

Junior Top of the Plots National Winner!

On Tuesday we were very excited to welcome a special visitor to our allotment. Celebrity gardener Huw Richards surprised Class 4F and our allotment leaders by arriving to present us with a national award for our allotment project. We have won Junior Top of the Plots, a competition run by Gardena and the National Allotment Society. As well as a magnificent trophy, we have won a lot of new gardening equipment and a new watering system. We are very proud of all the hard work that our pupils, families and wider community put into our school allotment. Thank you to everyone.



Phonics Information Sessions for Year 1

On Monday 13th October we are holding two phonics sessions for parents of children in Year 1. The first session is at 9am and this is repeated at 2pm. These sessions will help you to support your child with early reading and we strongly recommend that all parents in Year 1 attend.

Thank you to the parents who have already signed up for a place.

Letters sent out this week

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Year 6 Final DYM memo

Parent/ teacher meetings– October 2024

We are looking forward to holding the Autumn term parent / teacher meetings on **Wednesday 22nd October** and **Thursday 23rd October**. Parents will receive information about the online booking system over the next few days.

Allotment Pumpkin Soup Night

We are looking forward to seeing many families at the allotment on Friday 10th October from 3.30pm for some home grown pumpkin soup. We will have a range of autumn-themed activities for children to take part in.

Library Halloween Event



Earlsdon Community Library have asked us to share information with you about a special event they are holding on 31st October.

The Street Restaurant Takeover

We held our second takeover at the The Street restaurant on Monday. Our trained pupil Front of House team, chefs and marketing department did an excellent job of running a restaurant for the night, with the help of the amazing team at The Street. We would like to say a huge thank you to all families who joined us for the takeover events. We have been delighted to work with The Street on this very successful venture which has helped our pupils to learn about careers while raising money for our new community kitchen.



Junior Leadership Team

There has been a buzz of excitement around school this week. The Year 5 and 6 children have submitted their applications for various roles, short interviews have been held and some appointments have been made! Good luck to all of the children with their new positions of responsibility.

Special offer from Transport for West Midlands

We have been asked to share this great offer with you.

As we approach the upcoming half term break, we're excited to offer a special promotion for the families in your school community. To make the half-term even more enjoyable, we're offering free bus passes for parents and guardians.

We'd love your help in sharing this offer. Attached, you'll find all the details and how parents can claim their free passes.

[FREE bus travel for parents this October half-term | Transport for West Midlands](#)

Applications are open now until the 15th October only.

Our learning this week:

Reception

This week, the Reception children have enjoyed developing their Knowledge and Understanding of the World by thinking about the season Autumn. In small groups, the children have enjoyed sharing the book 'Tree' and have been learning about the signs of Autumn, gathering and sharing their ideas. Within the text is a character called Owl, and the children have enjoyed developing their creative and fine motor skills to make their own paper plate owl. In phonics lessons, the children have been learning the phonemes, r, b, and h. The children have been starting to segment and blend these sounds into cvc words. As mathematicians, the children have been on a learning walk, counting large objects with accuracy. In the outdoor classroom, the children have enjoyed the new changes, including the new harvest kitchen.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have continued exploring numbers between 11 and 20. We have identified numbers one more and one less than given 'teen' numbers, made 'tens and ones' machines to partition them and used tens frames to think about the value of digits in numbers. In English we have continued to explore the book 'Old Bear' and we have thought about what it would be like to lose a toy and reminded ourselves that a 'good' sentence needs a capital letter at the start, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end. We are also trying to form our letters correctly and keep our handwriting neat - so lots to think about! As scientists we have begun to sort and explore different materials and consider some of their properties, thinking about why they may have been chosen to construct certain parts of a house.



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been continuing to partition two-digit numbers using part-part whole models and bar models. They have then used the practical equipment to represent the numbers as addition or subtraction equations. In English lessons, they have observed how Jack's character changed throughout the story of Jack and the Baked Beanstalk and written a character description of him, using co-ordinating conjunctions, and, but, or and so and also suffixes -ful, -less. 2B had a wonderful day at the Midland Air Museum - they loved learning about all the old aeroplanes and finding out more information about Frank Whittle!



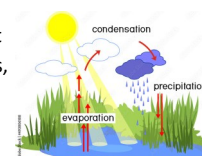
Year 3

This week in Year 3 the children have been learning about the features of an effective narrative, including paragraphs, vocabulary choice, similes and questions. As mathematicians, they have begun to learn how to represent three digit numbers, count forwards and backwards with them, and position them on a number line. As scientists, the children have learned about the layers of the earth - the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core. And, as historians, they learned how technology in the Bronze Age made life easier for prehistoric humans.



Year 4

This week in maths, the children developed their understanding of column addition, working confidently with four-digit numbers and using regrouping to solve more complex problems. In English, they used their own research to write an informative paragraph about their chosen geographical feature — rivers or waterfalls. As scientists, they have explored the processes of evaporation and condensation, while in history, they investigated why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and where they originated from. Earlier in the week, both classes enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at The Primary Plot allotment, where they helped to plant beans and garlic and harvest raspberries, tomatoes, and apples.



Year 5

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been learning to add and subtract numbers within 1000 000 using different strategies such as place value charts, number lines and column methods. In English the children have planned their own portal narrative based on the book 'Leon and the place between.' As historians, they have been looking at the lives of working children during the industrial revolution. They used drama to help them write a diary entry describing the terrible conditions they experienced. As scientists, the children have been learning about air resistance by collaboratively planning and carrying out their own investigations with spinners. In computing, Year 5 have been learning why search engines are necessary to help them find things on the World Wide Web, the role of web crawlers in creating an index, and why some searches return more results than others.



Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have used drama techniques to empathise with Rose Blanche, helping them to plan and begin writing from her perspective. They have been encouraged to apply the writing techniques they have rehearsed throughout this unit, including the use of informal language features, antonyms and synonyms, colons and semi-colons, dashes, and the expression of a character's thoughts and feelings. As historians, the children have been learning about the role of the British Army during World War II. Using a range of texts and historical images, they identified key information and analysed statistics to understand how the British Empire contributed to the Allied victory. In Maths, Year 6 have been developing their understanding of large numbers by rounding to the nearest million, hundred thousand, and ten thousand. They have also been learning about the correct order of operations when solving equations, strengthening their problem-solving skills.



Diary dates:

Friday 10th October

Monday 13th October

Tuesday 21st Oct/Thur 23rd Oct

Wed 22 Oct/Thurs 23 Oct

27th—31st October

Primary Plot pumpkin party—official opening of learning shelter 3.30—5.30pm

Year 6 residential at Plas Dol y Moch

School photos

Parent consultations

Half term week