



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

March 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful term with so many exciting events taking place including: Science week, World book day, Bikeability, Praise assemblies, mini market, Mother's day assembly, a visit from an Olympic swimmer and trips out within our local community to name just a few!

During World Maths day I enjoyed talking to the children about how many of our parents and carers use maths in their jobs. The children have also shared how they have enjoyed parents and grandparents visiting school to share favourite stories and promote a love of reading—thank you all for your time and contributions.

In the last week of term we were treated to a superb performance from Year 3 and 4 in their adaptation of 'Our Journey to Oz' and reception and key stage one sang and played beautifully during their Easter service for parents—well done everyone.

I hope that the sun continues to shine and you all have a super Easter break.
Kind regards

Mrs J Turner
(Executive Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Spring 2023 Term starts
3rd January

Half term
20th February -24th February

Term ends
31st March

Summer 2023 Term starts
17th April

Half term
30th May -2nd June

Term ends
25th July

Inset Days

Friday 31st March 2023
Friday 26th May 2023

Year 2 Trip to the Safari
Park —2023

Please see our online calendar on our website for all our event information.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child then please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mrs Atkinson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Turner, Mr Maynes, Miss Gillon or Mr Rizzo.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If we are concerned about a child we have a duty to contact Children's Service, if you are concerned about a child, outside school, then you can call 0300 555 0050 with your concerns and seek advice.

Our safeguarding policy can be found on our school website.

Reception

Reception are enjoying their science topic this half term, 'Growth and Change'. Children have planted a range of edible and flowering seeds including cress, sunflowers and green beans. Children have enjoyed taking care of the plants, monitoring their progress and comparing it to the stages of the plant lifecycle.



Year 2

Science - Growth and survival

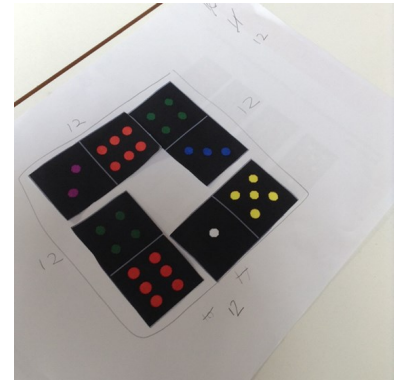
As part of our science unit on Growth and Survival, the year two children have had five very special new members join their class. The caterpillars are busy eating, spinning silk and growing inside their home at the moment. The children are very excited to watch the caterpillars change into chrysalides and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies.



Maths Day

During World Maths Day, the children answered lots of questions and used the answers to crack a code. The code unlocked a box full of animal food for Zoo Keeper Zach and also had some treats inside for us too!

Then we moved on to a problem solving activity. We had to use four dominoes to make a square that has the same number of dots. During the afternoon of World Maths Day, we were inspired by the wonderful, intricate drawings of Alex Kohnahin. We had a go at using reflective symmetry in our own art work.



Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 RE Trip

As part of our RE unit 'Significant Beliefs in Islam', pupils in Year 3 and 4 visited our local mosque, Baitul Ghafoor Mosque, on Long Lane. Staff and pupils were privileged to visit the prayer room, observe members of the mosque pray and see the various postures used during the afternoon prayers. Imam Imran also gave a presentation about the meaning of Islam, the five pillars of Islam and the prophets who are in the Qur'an. This was fantastic as pupils were able to make connections to our learning in the classroom. Our pupils had the opportunity to ask questions to the Imam; there were some superb questions and answers! Pupils were impeccable in their manners and respect at this special place of worship. A big well done to them all for showing utmost respect and their enthusiasm. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip and are still talking about what they experienced and have learnt. Biscuits and squash were served to our pupils by kind members of the mosque community. We would like to say a big thank you to Imam Imran and all the volunteers at the mosque who made this a very memorable trip.



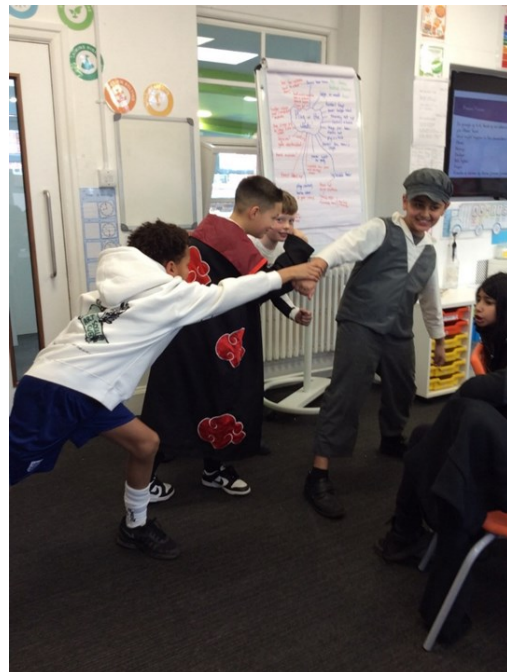
Year 5

Some of Year 5 in their costumes with their favourite books from home and some holding those they'd chosen to receive at school! We had a wonderful day, full of creativity and imagination, creating undiscovered hybrid species from the Amazon and wrote non-chronological reports to go with them.



The children also designed and made bird-hides and developed some wood-work skills, resulting in some fantastic end-pieces.

Following our trip to Leasowes High School to watch a production of Oliver Twist by students at the school, 5M collaborated through role play to create an alternative ending to the story. They took on the roles of the main characters, including Oliver, Dodger, Nancy and Fagin and created a sequence of freeze frames to depict the final scene of their version of Oliver. As you can see it was very dramatic and lots of fun.



DONATIONS

We are currently asking for donations of:



Games for children to use during wet play



Lego for our Lego therapy sessions



Used uniform for our pre-loved sale that we will be running during our Summer term



INFORMATION

Before & After School Club

Breakfast Club 8am-8:40am
After School Club 3:20pm- 6pm
Tel: 01384 812642

When collecting from After School Club please be aware of pedestrians when exiting the car park.

NSPCC Helpline number

The new helpline will support children and young people, and offer guidance to adults and staff working with pupils,

The helpline can be contacted on **0800 136 663**, or by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk

Pupil Absence

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, could we please remind parents to either leave a message on the school absence line or call the main office before 9:30am on each day of absence. If a call is not received by this time then the school office, will call key contacts for an update.

Parking and One Way

Could we please remind parents / carers to please not park or mount the grass verges, especially in the wet weather when they can be easily churned up and become muddy, and also not park completely on the pavement or on the yellow lines outside the school entrance **which is illegal**.



We have also received complaints from residents regarding cars idling whilst waiting outside of the school at drop off and collection times, this creates a lot of pollution outside of the school gates. Please help to keep our children safe and residents happy - thank you.