



# Lapal

## Primary School

Newsletter

November 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

It certainly feels like Christmas is well on it's way at Lapal! I have heard Christmas plays being rehearsed and carols being practised! We are looking forward to you joining us to celebrate these events over the next two weeks.

It was wonderful to see so many of you earlier this month at our parents evenings—our first face to face meetings for a while! I hope you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher, hearing about their successes this term and viewing your child's work.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Children in Need charity events this month, your generosity is gratefully received. As a result of our whole school mufti day we raised £400 for Children in Need.

I would also like to congratulate the pupils in Years 5 and 6 who represented our school this week at Windsor High School in a football tournament. Eight schools from across Dudley completed in the event. I am pleased to share that we made it through to the finals and won - well done team Lapal.

I look forward to seeing you all at some point over the last few weeks of term.

Kind regards

Mrs Turner

(Executive Headteacher)

### Diary Dates

#### **Autumn 2022**

##### **Term starts**

5th September

##### **Half term**

24<sup>th</sup> October - 28<sup>th</sup> October

##### **Term ends**

16<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Spring 2023**

##### **Term starts**

3<sup>rd</sup> January

##### **Half term**

20<sup>th</sup> February - 24<sup>th</sup> February

##### **Term ends**

31<sup>st</sup> March

#### **Summer 2023**

##### **Term starts**

17<sup>th</sup> April

##### **Half term**

30<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

##### **Term ends**

25<sup>th</sup> July

### INSET DAYS

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

### **Is your child, a friend or family member's child due to start school in September 2023?**

To book a visit or for more information about our school or the admissions process please contact us on 01384 818200.

Dudley's application deadline is **15th January 2023**

### Household Support Fund

This scheme is to help Dudley residents struggling to pay bills due to the cost of living increases. It is a one- off payment made to eligible households in Dudley Borough. To apply, certain criteria needs to be met (see information on link) and an application form completed.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/household-support-fund/>

### Parent Problem Solving Circles and Free Parenting Courses

Our Family Centres are now offering activities and Parent Problem Solving Circles to families at their centres. Parents have stated that they have found these very useful as they are based on a restorative based approach to problem solving.

[Dudley Parenting Services](#)

### Christmas Dinner Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Children may wear a Christmas jumper and their own clothes on this day.

Please make sure to place your order on ParentMail (under accounts) by 3pm on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. The kitchen need an accurate number of meals required for their food ordering. A vegetarian and Halal option is also available on ParentMail.

**Please note: the kitchen will not be serving an alternative menu on this date. If your child does not order a meal by this date then your child will need to bring sandwiches.**

### Lost Property

Could we please ask that all pupils clothing is labelled with their names as we have quite a lot of lost property items with no names in, already this term.

### Vacancies

[After School Club Assistant \(PERMANENT POSITION\)](#)

### Safeguarding

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

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.

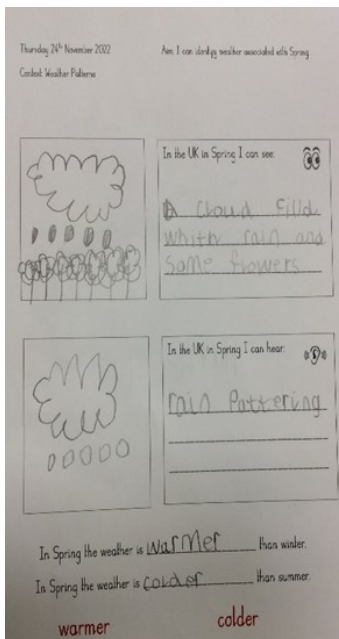
## Reception

Reception have been super busy learning about road safety this month. We have learnt the importance of remembering to **stop, look and listen** before crossing any roads, and to hold on to an adult hand. To enhance our learning, we have turned our playground into a road; where we even have our own lolly-pop people and petrol station. Following the children's interest, this week our road now has a Starbucks Coffee drive-thru, where the children write down their orders and use their Mathematics knowledge to pay for their drinks.

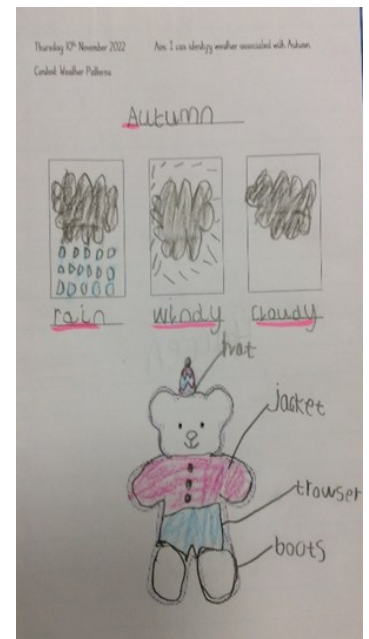


## Year 1

The children in Year One have been busy within their Geography lessons focusing on their, 'Weather Patterns' unit of work. The children have been learning all about different types of weather, the seasons we have in the UK and why these occur and what weather is commonly associated with each season. The children used their observations to create their own weather diaries over five days and then they spotted common weather patterns which occurred during this period of time. The children also enjoyed creating and presenting their own weather forecasts for a winter's day in the UK.



	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
morning	Sunny cloudy cold	Sunny cold	cloudy windy	cloudy Sunny	cold cloudy
afternoon	cloudy cold	Sunny cold cloudy	rain	windy cold	Sunny cloudy



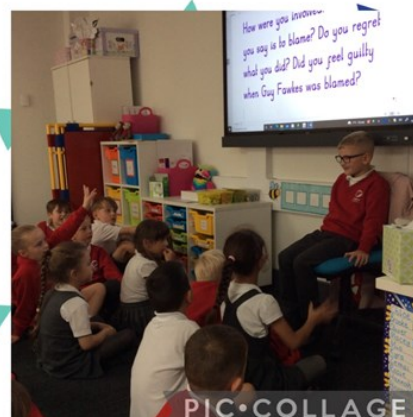
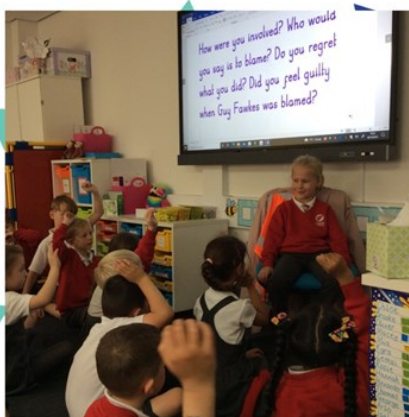
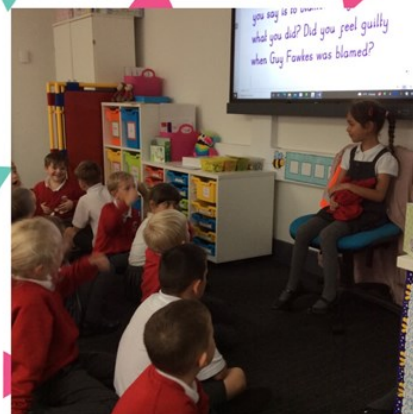
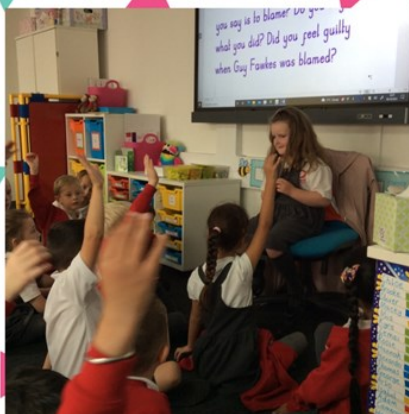


## Year 2

### Parliament Week

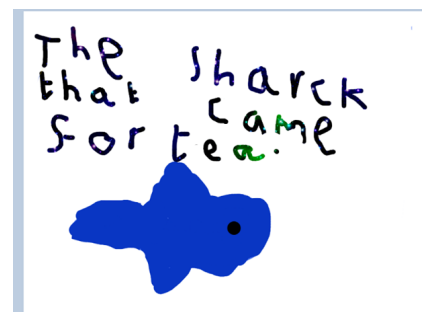
We have learnt lots about Guy Fawkes and the infamous conspiracy to blow up Parliament to kill King James. During Parliament week, we spent some time learning more about the other plotters. We asked and answered questions about Robert Catesby, Thomas Winter or Thomas Percy. We thought about what we would tell somebody about ourselves and the life we lead. Then we stepped into role. Then we thought about questions that we would like to ask the other plotters. At the end of the lesson, we shared what we found out about each of the plotters.

Here are some of the questions that we asked: How were you involved? Who would you say is to blame? Do you regret what you did? Did you feel guilty when Guy Fawkes was blamed?



### Computing

In computing this half term, we have been working hard to create our very own ebook. We are looking forward to sharing our ebooks with the children in year one during one of their reading for pleasure sessions. Our stories are all very unique! There are stories about football, mermaids, unicorns and Pokemon.



### Reward Afternoon

The children in year two worked extremely hard and achieved all 30 stars in their star jar. They enjoyed their pyjama party earlier this half term. The children chose to come to school wearing their own clothes/pyjamas and chose a film to watch with their friends during the afternoon. The children even brought their favourite teddy along for the treat and enjoyed a delicious snack as they watched their chosen film. A fantastic afternoon and a well deserved treat. Well done, year two!

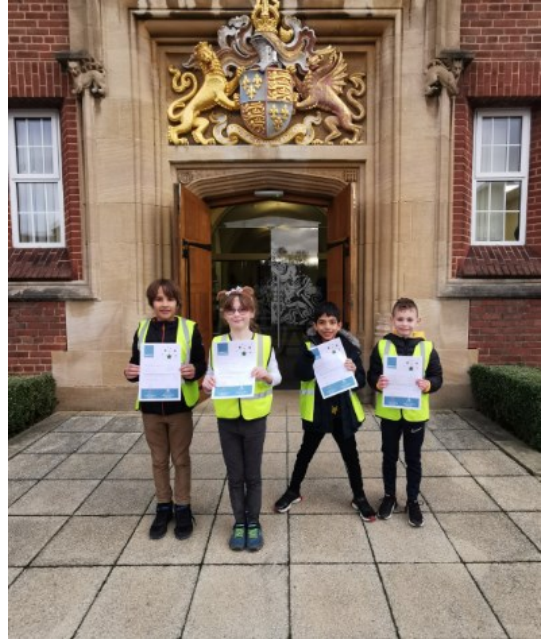


## Year 3 and 4

### Year 4 Maths Challenge

Year 4 pupils from our school represented Lapal at The King Edward's School Borchers Shield Year 4 Mathematics Challenge. Teams of pupils from ten different primary schools participated in this heat. The first round involved answering Maths crossword questions based on their Maths knowledge and in the second round, they were faced with problem-solving and reasoning questions.

Our pupils showed good teamwork, speed and perseverance and received certificates from KES for their determination in Maths. Well done!



### Times Tables Rockstars Battle

A huge well done to Years 3 and 4 for performing brilliantly well in the recent Battle of the Bands schools' battle. Year 4 did astoundingly well, coming in the top 5 classes across seven schools. Furthermore, Year 3 were placed in the top 12 of classes across seven schools. This is a brilliant contribution to the battle which Lapal Primary School won!!!

## KS2 Times Tables Champions!

From November 14th to 18th, our Key Stage Two children took part in a times table competition. They competed against 6 other schools and won!

Our outstanding Key Stage Two team achieved the highest average score (2, 692) and the highest number of correct answers (an impressive 573, 406 points!).

Out of the 1, 524 children competing for first place, some of our very own rockstars made it into the top 20. Well done to:

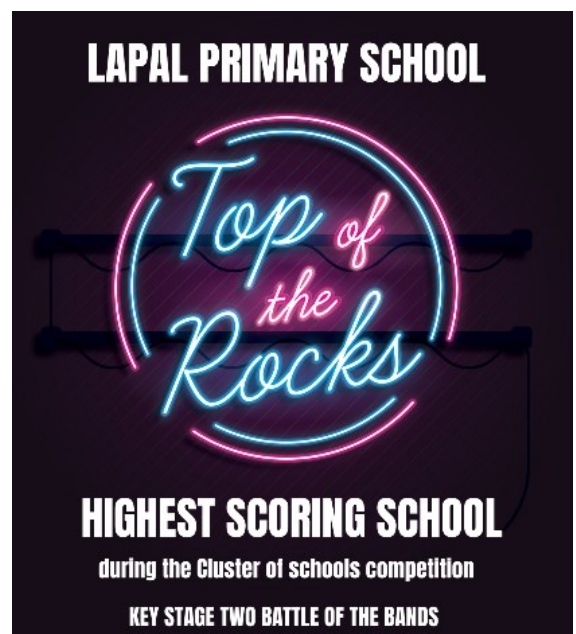
Thomas Sargent (3rd)

Edward Busst (7th)

Rohan Boora (11th)

Oliver Aldridge (19th).

The teachers and children all worked together to achieve a fantastic end result - well done team!





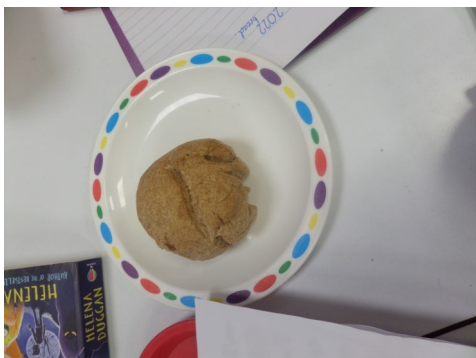
## Year 5

In Year 5 we are exploring the refugee story, *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna. The children have demonstrated the Lapal values of kindness and respect when following the fictional account of one family escaping a war zone to find safety in another country. During our experience day we explored some real-life experiences of children who have been forced to leave their homeland due to the conflict in Ukraine. The children shared their thoughts and feelings about the experiences of other children, demonstrating empathy and compassion. The children were asked to bring in small items of great sentiment that they would take if they had to go on a journey, like the characters in the text. In role play and discussion they were able to 'put themselves in the shoes' of others, by considering how they might feel to lose precious belongings. It was a valuable lesson, building powerful vocabulary and deeper understanding of the experiences of others around the world.



## Year 6

As part of our DT project, year 6, have used all of our skills builders to follow a basic bread recipe. We worked together as a team to make sure we followed each step of the recipe correctly. After the bread had proved over lunch, we placed it in the oven in our school kitchen. When it had cooled down, we evaluated the end product. To do this, we thought about the appearance, taste and texture of the bread and if it would be suitable for our elderly community at Gower Gardens.



# CHILDREN OF UKRAINE

Please Help Children Fight Winter This Christmas



## MISSION CRITICAL

Russia continues to attack critical infrastructure throughout Ukraine, knocking out power and water supply; making the winter months extremely challenging and unbearable especially for children.

In December, we will be visiting orphanages across the country and donate winter essentials to children who have been directly affected by the war.



## CAN YOU HELP ?

We are organizing logistics to deliver items to children in need throughout Ukraine. We kindly ask you to help the children of Ukraine fight winter this Christmas.



Please consider donating small, wrapped presents, labelled for age groups and gender (Boys and Girls) that can make a child smile and help to support them through the difficult months ahead. Alternative donation ideas; warm clothes, power banks, phone chargers, and earphones.



## ABOUT US

Steven Holland and Richard Deakin are High-Risk Security Advisors from Emerald Solutions Group. Steven & Richard have been Providing mainstream media networks, security and logistics since the start of the war in February 2022. Recently this has aided the production of a film called 'Children of Ukraine', a critical project that tells the story of the war from a child's perspective.

Steven and Richard are compassionate professionals determined to help children fight winter this Christmas and they are appealing for your support to help the children of Ukraine.

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