



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the Autumn term, school feels calm and happy, the children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and are already immersing themselves in their learning.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families, you should be extremely proud of your children, they have transitioned into school so well. I have visited the reception classrooms and the children have been busy exploring their new setting and are already making new friends as they begin their school journey here at Lapal.

We have had a busy month since the children returned to school, we have held our year 6 secondary choices information evening, year 1 have had a visit from the fire service and today we held a Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and supported this event this morning, we raised a fantastic £262.18 to support this charity for people living with cancer.

Our end of summer term parent/carer survey identified that you would like to see more trips and visitors into school following the pandemic, receive further notice of planned events and a return to face to face parent's evenings. We have listened to this feedback and have enrichment activities planned for all year groups over the coming weeks. We have updated our online calendar so you can view planned events for the Autumn term, and I am pleased to inform you that we will be holding face to face parent's evenings again following October half term.

We have also planned a series of events and celebrations across the Autumn term so that we can welcome families back into school once again to celebrate school achievements and share information about your child's learning.

Here are some of our upcoming events:

- Tuesday 4th October – KS1 (year 1 and 2) Phonics and reading workshop
- Thursday 7th October – Lower KS2 (year 3 and 4) parent information session
- Thursday 7th October – Lower KS2 (year 5 and 6) parent information session
- Monday 18th October – EYFS (Reception) Phonics and early reading workshop
- Tuesday 2nd November—Parents evening
- Thursday 4th November —Parents evening

Additional detailed information will follow as separate letters for the above events.

We have also planned in lots of activities and celebrations in the run up to Christmas, these will be posted in next month's newsletter as well as being displayed on the school calendar found on the school website.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner

(Executive Headteacher)

School events

- Monday 10th October—individual school photos.
- Monday 3rd October – Harvest assembly (Children only event)
- Monday 10th October - World Mental Health Day (children to wear an item of green to raise awareness)
- Thursday 21st October – School disco

Curriculum enrichment

- Reception - The Bear at the Midlands Art Centre
- Year 1 - Fire Fighter Visit
- Year 2 - Tuesday 18th October visit to Coughton Court
- Year 3 - Tuesday 4th October visit to Cadbury World
- Year 4 - Wednesday 5th October visit to Cadbury World
- Year 5—Thursday 13th October visit to Black Country Living Museum
- Year 6 – Wednesday 12th October visit to Cannock Chase

[Calling all of our Musical Families and Friends!](#)

At Lapal we all love music. We sing and play our own instruments in every music lesson. But we would love to hear more 'live' music in school. We would love to hear from any of our parents, grandparents, family members or friends who play instruments either individually or as part of a group/band. Could you come and play for our children? Hearing live performances would really inspire our children and there would be a fantastic Lapal welcome for anyone who could come in and share their music with us (as well as a cup of tea!) Please pop into the school office or see Mrs Wootton if you can help.

[Vacancies](#)

[Cleaner and Lunch Time Supervisor](#)
[Level 2 EHCP Teaching Assistant](#)

[New School Lunch Menu](#) Please click on the link

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022

Term starts
5th September

Half term
24th October - 28th October

Term ends
16th December

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

Monday 5th September
Monday 31st October 2022
Monday 27th February 2023
Friday 31st March 2023
Friday 26th May 2023

PUPIL PHOTOS

Monday 10th October

FLU JABS

Tuesday 11th October

Box Meal

Chicken Nuggets
Thursday 9th October

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

Reception

We are thrilled to welcome our new Reception children to Lapal. The children have settled so well into the routine of school life and enjoyed exploring their new environment with their friends. Children have made obstacle courses with their peers, picked apples from the orchard, played musical parachute games and much, much more. They are already demonstrating our Lapal values of kindness, co-operation and excellence throughout their learning activities and play. Take a look...



Year 1

Firefighter Visit!

Year 1 were extremely lucky to receive a visit from some local firefighters this week. All of the children had the chance to sit inside and look around the fire engine and try on an oxygen mask and helmet. The children also had the opportunity to help Firefighter Ian use the big hose from the fire engine to put out a pretend fire. We then had the chance to look around the fire engine and were shown lots of different tools, ladders and hoses that are carried on the fire engine ready for any emergencies they have to attend. Finally, Mrs Clarke tried on a full fire fighters uniform including boots, trousers, jacket, hood, helmet, oxygen tank and mask and we learnt all about how these items keep the firefighters protected from fires.

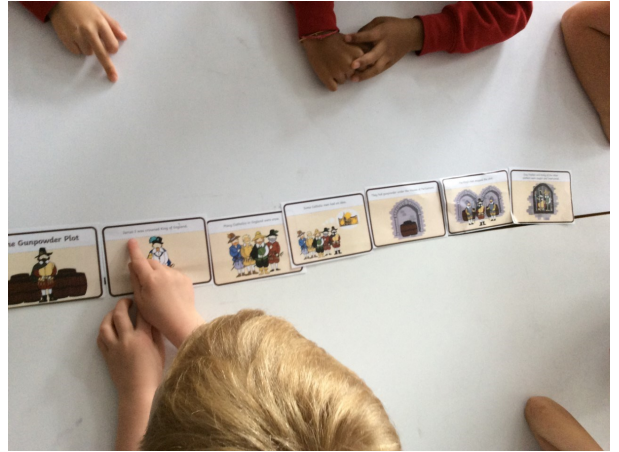
Just before the firefighters left school they turned on the blue flashing lights and the siren which was very loud but very exciting!



Year 2

The Gunpowder Plot

Year two have been enjoying learning all about The Gunpowder plot in History. They have learnt about who Guy Fawkes was and his role in the plot. They have looked at the main events and thought about what might have been said and how people would have felt. They had a fun lesson acting out the plot using masks, each group practised role playing a particular event and then they acted out their part to build the whole sequence of events.

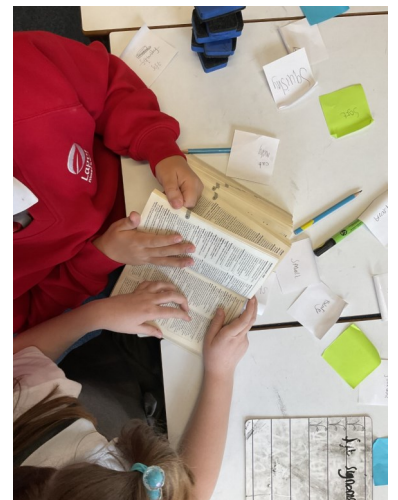
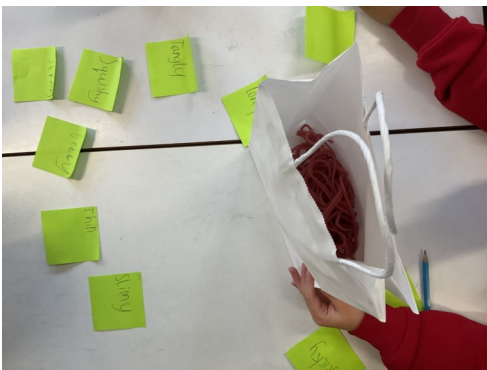


We have been listening to Winter form The Four Seasons composed by Vivaldi.

The children have explored how the sounds and instruments make us think of swirling snowflakes, Icicles and ice skating. The children also learnt that Vivaldi wrote his concerto for the violin. All of the children had a chance to explore the instrument and even have a go at playing it! We have a lot of budding violinists in year 2!

Year 3 and 4

This month, Year 3 and 4 have dived into the delicious world of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. To kick off the English, each child took the role of Charlie as they eagerly opened up their Wonka Bar to find a possible golden ticket! They had a fantastic time developing their vocabulary by exploring their sense during our feely bag activity and up leveling their words using a thesaurus.

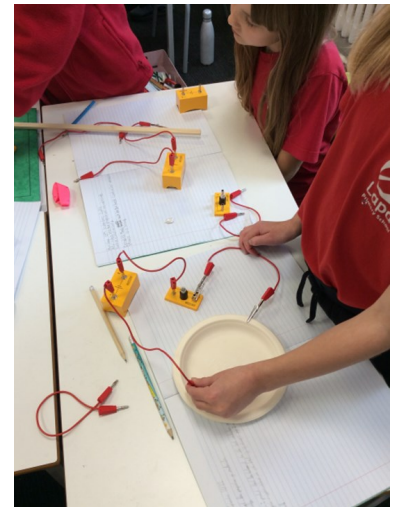
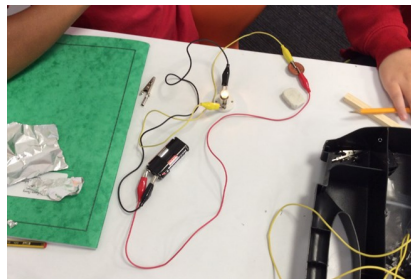


Year 5

In PE Year 5 have been working hard in boot camp, they have been improving their stamina and having lots of fun completing a range of circuit-based training activities.



In Science Year 5 have been exploring the properties of natural and man-made materials. We carried out an investigation to find out which materials were conductors of electricity and which were insulators, by creating an electrical circuit and observing the results. The results were very exciting and children were thinking like scientists by asking questions such as: does the shape of the material effect whether it is a better conductor? They were able to test their theories and surprised themselves!

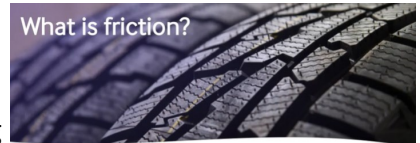


Year 6

Science



In our first Science unit, we have been experimenting with forces. We discussed the term gravity and the impact it has on the world as well as wider forces including air and water resistance and friction. We have completed a range of investigations to answer our scientific questions.



What is friction?

Where do we see friction in action?

When is friction helpful and when is it a nuisance?

How can we overcome friction?

English

During our first writing unit, the children have focussed on the text, Kensuke's Kingdom. They all wrote entries in the Ships' Log. We used a range of skills including: similes, metaphors, fronted adverbials and imagery. We used some wonderful examples of this to create a display in the corridor.

