



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super first half term we have had in school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics and Reading workshops held for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. I hope that you found the information and resources we shared useful in order to support your child at home. If you wish to regularly help support children at Lapal with their development and enjoyment for reading, then please don't forget to sign up to become a reading partner, the form can be found within the forms section on ParentMail.

We have had a very busy half term, with many of our year groups going out on school trips to Cannock Chase Museum, Coughton Court, Cadburys World and The Black Country Museum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their field trips, gaining a sense of place and appreciation of the area in which they live and how it has changed over time. We look forward to continuing to offer these opportunities for our children as we move into our second half term.

We have been delighted to welcome our new sports coaches into school. The children have loved engaging in activities at lunchtime and participating in clubs we are offering this term. It has also been wonderful to see some of our pupils' musical talents being developed, including busking on the playground!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our local Foodbank. We recognise that we are living in a time of financial difficulty for some families, your generous donations were appreciated and will help to support our local community.

It was wonderful to see so many elder relatives at our Harvest tea party last week. The children enjoyed sitting and talking to the grown-ups and acting as waiters and waitresses – they were the perfect hosts. We were also treated to a superb performance by the school choir. The afternoon was enjoyed by all, and our guests commented on the children's singing and impeccable manners and kindness – well done children, I am sure that this will now become an annual event!

Today we have concluded the half term with two lovely praise assemblies. Well done to all those children who received a certificate.

We have lots of activities and celebrations planned in the run up to Christmas, these are listed on the following page as well as being displayed on the calendar found on the school website.

I hope you all have a lovely half term; we look forward to seeing you at parents evening during the first week back.

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner
(Executive Headteacher)

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 31st October 2022

Monday 27th February 2023

Friday 31st March 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Parents Evenings

1st November 2022

3rd November 2022

8th November 2022 -Mrs Gill's

Curriculum Enrichment

EYFS Theatre trip to the MAC

- 6th December 2022

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

School Events

EYFS Christmas Play—Friday 2nd December 2022

1C Christmas Play—Tuesday 6th December 2022

1RW Christmas Play—Wednesday 7th December 2022

2G Christmas Play—Thursday 8th December 2022

2B Christmas Play— Friday 9th December 2022

Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day— Friday 9th December 2022

EYFS & KS1 Evening with Santa— Tuesday 13th December 2022

Christmas Mini Market (Years 5 & 6) - Wednesday 14th December 2022

KS2 Christmas Carols—Thursday 15th December 2022

Christmas Pantomime & Party Afternoon— Friday 16th December 2022



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Thank you so much for your Harvest collection of food and toiletries for families and individuals in your local community. We will use all you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated 164kgs of food and 12kgs of non-food, an incredible amount, enough to provide 328 meals and 12 toiletry packs. This is absolutely wonderful, and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

THANK YOU!!



October 2022

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Reminder

Could we please remind all visitors to school that **dogs are not allowed** on the premises.

Vacancies

[Cleaner and Lunch Time
Supervisor](#)

Cross Country Team

On Tuesday this week a group of children from Year 6 attended a local Cross Country competition at Newfield Park. There was an individual race for the boys and girls. All of the children did a fantastic job of representing our school and our values especially perseverance and excellence. They all tried their absolute best and we had some fabulous results. Lapal won first place in the individual girls race and joint first place in the girls team event! We have proudly displayed our plaque and trophy in school and all of our girls received a medal to keep. Well done to all who took part. It was great to see you all having so much fun at this event.



Reception

Forest Fridays are a huge hit with Reception no matter the weather! We have enjoyed visiting our woodland area to explore nature using our senses. This week we used colour swatches to go on a nature colour hunt and collect items to make nature bracelets.

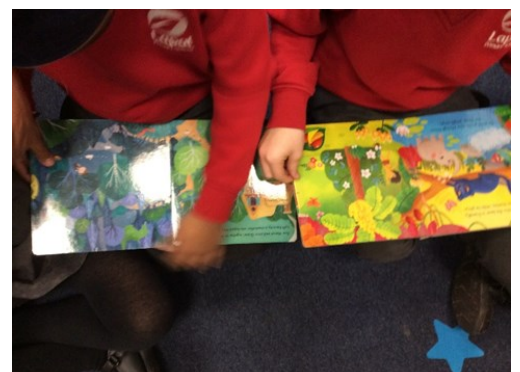


Year 1

Moving pictures

During our Design Technology lessons the children have been learning about moving pictures. They have explored a collection of books with moving parts and discussed how it moves and why. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary within this unit such as levers, pivots and sliders.

The children are planning, designing and making a moving picture based on a nursery rhyme. They have experimented with the use of split pins and pieces of card, testing out how to make their pivots move. We are really looking forward to seeing their finished moving pictures!



Year 2

Our little historians blew us away with their knowledge and understanding of The Gunpowder Plot throughout our day at Coughton Court. The children answered some tricky questions in great detail, including the plotters names, dates, the reasons behind the plot and how we remember The Gunpowder Plot today.

The children listened to all of our tour guides as they shared stories and they asked such fantastic questions which aided their understanding of the links between The Gunpowder Plot and Henry VIII. Fantastic historical enquiry, well done year two!

The children also represented our school beautifully. They demonstrated our school values throughout the day and all of the volunteers commented upon their super manners, kindness and enthusiasm for learning. We are incredibly proud of you, year two. Well done!



Year 3 and 4

October has been a very busy month for Year 3 and 4. They had a fantastic time during the History Trip as they explored the village of Bournville whilst completing a quiz at each landmark followed by a tour around Cadbury World where they discovered how chocolate is made, got the opportunity to write their names in chocolate and completed a workshop lead by the Cadbury World education team.



Each class had continued to develop the love of reading with book bags whereby the children brought in and showcased their favourite book, giving explanations on why they liked it and who they would recommend it for.

Year 5

The Black Country Museum

This term, Year 5 had an incredibly fun-packed and memorable trip to the Black Country Living Museum. The children participated in a number of activities, including rag-rug making and experiencing school as a child in the Victorian times. After meeting some local 'residents' who showed us around their houses, they gathered a greater understanding of daily life during and following the industrial revolution. The meandering cobbled streets filled with shops frozen in time gave children the chance to meet chemists, sweet-shop owners and bakers from the Edwardian times. They also saw an entertaining demonstration of chain-making, walked along 'the cut' upon which, much of the black-country's trade was transported and learnt more about the mining industry, through exploring the workings of a colliery and mine-shaft. It was a highly educational, enjoyable day and we couldn't be prouder of our well-behaved and respectful pupils.



Year 6

Cannock Chase Museum

This month, Year 6 children travelled to Cannock Chase Museum to experience a World War II day. We had a fantastic day exploring artefacts and discovering what life was really like during that time. The children found out many fascinating facts including that families ate Sheep head broth (they didn't like the sound of it).

The children also had many dram opportunities and were given the chance to role play many scenarios that children faced during the war and in particular the process of evacuation. Through this, the children learnt how some children were fortunate with the families they were chosen by and others were not.

Finally, the children were able to hear the deafening noise of the warning siren and were asked to hid under the available tables when the noise was made. Overall it was a fantastic trip which the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Bikeability

Over the last two days, 6W have enjoyed learning how to stay safe whilst riding their bikes on the road. Thursday morning, they spent time out on the playground practicing their bike skills, making sure they could emergency stop with brakes and know how to signal and turn. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, they experienced riding their bikes in our local community.

Whilst out on the road, they thought about road position, passing cars, how to approach a junction and how to make sure their bike was safe. All of the children demonstrated all of our school values whilst carrying out their level 2 bike ability, especially perseverance.



National School Meals Week

7th – 11th
November
2022



What's on?

Monday, 7th November 2022 - Meat Free Monday

Join us for our meat free menu and receive a Go Green Activity Sheet to see if you can become a Plant Based Warrior.

Serving: Cheese and Tomato Pinwheel, Battered Fish, Herby Diced Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops in Tomato Sauce, Mixed Vegetables.

Jacket Potato or sandwich served with a variety of meat free fillings.

Fruit Cheesecake

Salad selection, Fresh White/Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

Wednesday, 9th November 2022 - Local Roast Lunch

Enjoy a delicious Roast Dinner, with locally sourced ingredients.

Serving: Traditional Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Meatballs with Pasta in Tomato Sauce, Fish Goujons, Roast & Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli, Mixed Vegetables

Jacket Potato or sandwich served with a variety of fillings.

Apple Shortbread and Custard.

Salad selection, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

Friday, 11th November 2022 - VIP Day

Celebrating the Catering Teams across Corporate Landlord Services, who provide School Meals to your children 190 days per year. Join us in thanking our wonderful catering staff, who will be serving the ever-popular Friday menu.

Serving: Hot Dog in a Roll, Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Battered Fish, Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas.

Jacket Potato or sandwich served with a variety of fillings.

Strawberry Mousse

Salad selection, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit Jelly

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