



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

October 2023

Autumn term highlights and upcoming events!

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the halfway mark of the autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful events that have taken place in school over the past few weeks.

Grandparents Harvest Tea Party

Our annual Harvest Tea Party was a resounding success! It was heartwarming to see the generations come together to celebrate and share in the joys of the harvest season. I would like to thank Mrs Wootton and the school choir for their wonderful performance.

Glow disco extravaganza

The Glow Disco was a fantastic evening of music, dance, and vibrant lights. Our children had a blast showing off their moves and enjoying the lively atmosphere supplied by DJ Rizzo! Thank you to our all our parent volunteers and our DJ for the evening. The money raised will go towards paying for resources for our children.

Performance poetry afternoon

We were thoroughly impressed by the talent and creativity displayed during our Performance Poetry afternoon. Our young poets wowed the audience with their powerful words and expressive delivery – well done everyone, you all worked extremely hard to develop your oracy and presentation skills in your class performances.

Open days for prospective new parents

We warmly invite any prospective parents to join us on selected dates for an opportunity to tour our school, meet our dedicated staff, and learn more about the enriching educational experience we offer. If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start school in September 2024 then please contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Parent's evening

As we gear up for the first week back, we are eagerly anticipating parents evening, which promises to be another wonderful opportunity for us to connect, share insights and discuss your child's progress. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, then please log onto the Parentmail app to do so.

Raffle prizes!

We would like to remind you that it's not too late to contribute to our upcoming Christmas raffle. If you have prizes you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office at your earliest convenience.

Once again, thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. We look forward to seeing you at parents evening and wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner (Executive Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022 Term

starts

6th Sept

Half term

30th Oct - 3rd Nov

Term ends

22nd Dec

Spring 2023 Term starts

8th Jan

Half term

12th Feb – 16th Feb

Term ends

22nd March

Summer 2023 Term

starts

8th April

Half term

27th May – 31st May

Term ends

19th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 6th November

Friday 9th February

Monday 22nd July

FLU JABS

Tuesday 7th November

Wednesday 13th December

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

Friends of Lapal 2023/23 meetings

These meetings are open for all to attend:

Monday 9th October 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Monday 27th November 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Monday 15th January 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Monday 26th February 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Monday 15th April 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Monday 10th June 5.15 – 6.15pm

House Points

Totals for October:

Diamond	509
Sapphire	482
Ruby	336
Emerald	492

School Events

Please see our [online calendar](#)
Here are some of our upcoming events:

Year 6 Think Tank Museum Trip—Tuesday 14th November 2023
EYFS Midlands Arts Centre Trip—Thursday 7th December 2023
KS1 Christmas Production—Wednesday 13th December 2023
(1RW & 2C) Thursday 14th December 2023 (1M & 2CG) - 9:30am
EYFS Christmas Production— Friday 15th December 2023 - 9:30am

October Attendance

RHall	95%
RHopkins	98%
1M	96%
1RW	96%
2C	95%
2CG	96%
3/4JD	97%
3/4G	98%
3/4SD	98%
5M	97%
5SB	93%
6R	95%
6W	98%

Poppy Appeal 2023

Merchandise will be on sale in school from
7th November 2023



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

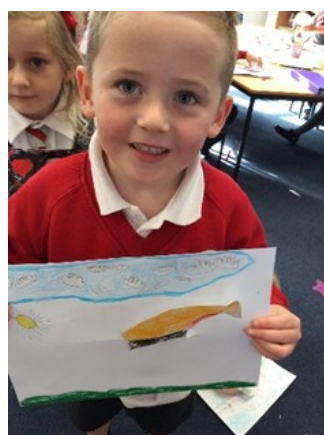
Our newest members of Lapal Primary have had a wonderful first half term in Reception. The children have taken on this new adventure in their stride and have settled in to the routines of school. The children have enjoyed sharing stories and a favourite was The Gingerbread Man. After a special visit to the classroom from the gingerbread man himself the children made maps and wrote letters to him. The children also had the opportunity to make their own gingerbread cookies in class and they were delicious. In class phonics lessons have been giving the children the foundations to early reading and after a parent workshop the adults had a chance to experience how phonics is taught in Reception.

We are so proud of how all of the children have started their journey at Lapal Primary School.



Year 1

In Year 1, we have been busy making a moving picture as part of our DT unit, mechanisms. We made a range of moving mechanisms, focusing on pivots, levers and sliders. Using our cutting skills we carefully cut around our templates and then we attached our sliders and levers to our backgrounds. Once completed, we evaluated our final products against our design criteria. We had lots of fun creating these and are very proud of our moving pictures!



Year 2

This half term in Year 2 the children have completed a unit of work in art called, Self- portraits. They developed their skills and drew elements of the face, before sketching their whole face. In their final piece the children drew their final design then painted these ensuring they used colour mixing to achieve realistic skin tones and colours



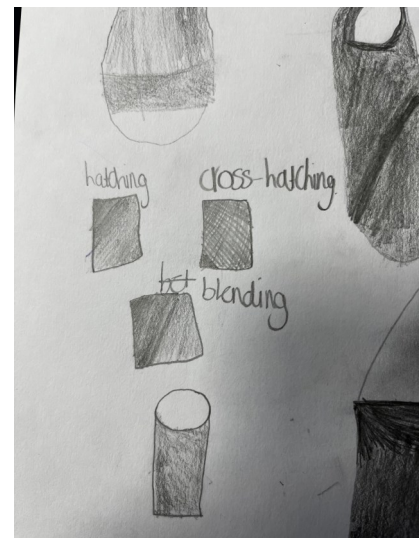
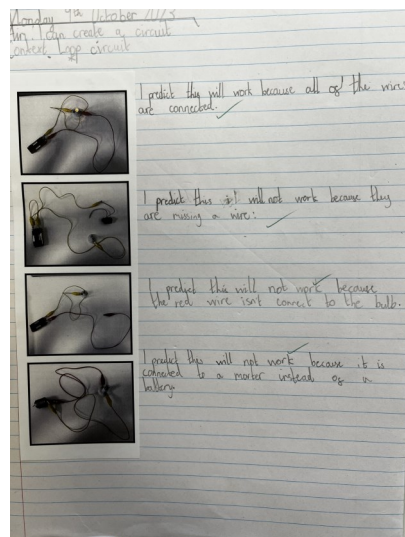
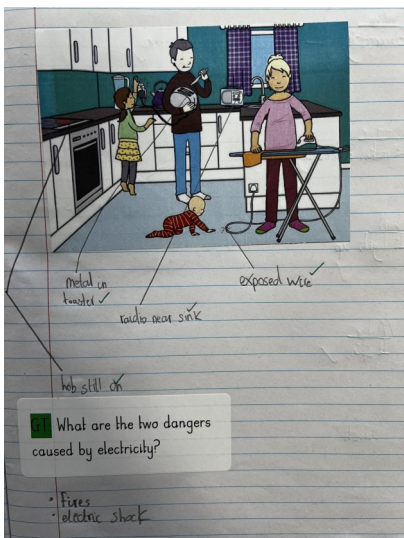
Year 3/4

Science

Year 3 and 4 have had a busy month exploring electricity in science. They have learnt how to be safe with electricity, the names of different components in a circuit and their purposes. Pupils can now confidently create a loop circuit which will make a buzzer or bulb work as well as explain why something is not working.

Art

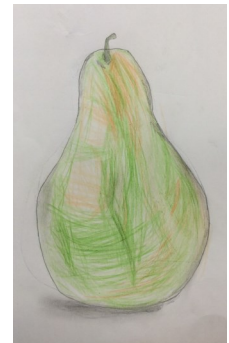
In art, the pupils have been developing their drawing techniques looking at hatching and cross hatching as well as practising their skill at drawing 3D shapes. Their sketches have been amazing!



Year 5

In year 5 this term, we have made some fantastic progress in Art, developing our still life drawing skills to an extraordinary level.

In science we have been learning all about the properties of materials, where we tested the thermal conductivity of materials through the inspiring medium of ice-cream!

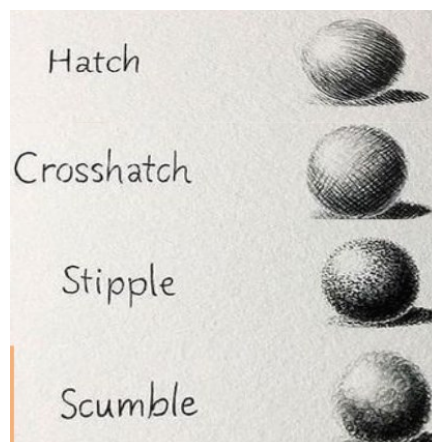


Year 6

Within our English this month, we have continued the theme of traditional tales. The children have worked hard to construct their own newspaper reports sharing the crimes committed by their chosen villain. The children have been engaged within this unit and even had the wonderful opportunity of interviewing 'Mummy Bear'.

During our Science unit, the children have investigated the theory: The lower the resting heart rate someone has, the faster they can run. To complete this investigation, the pupils followed a method to collect a range of data which they presented in a table format. After half term, the children will have the opportunity to present their findings in a line graph and explain their results.

In our Art curriculum, the children have been inspired by artists including: George Suerat, Emile Nolde and Patricia Hannahway. To improve their sketching skills, the children practised a range of techniques which they will demonstrate in their final pieces. We look forward to sharing our final pieces with you.

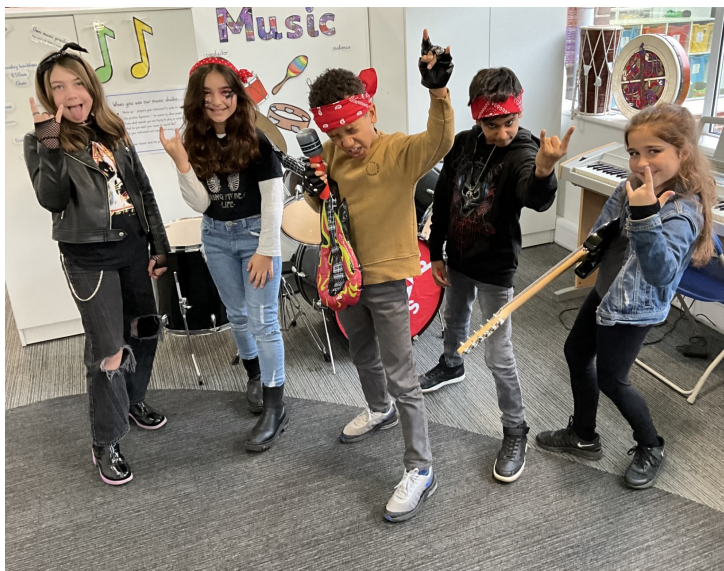


Cross Country Team

On Tuesday 17th October, some Year 5 and 6 students represented Lapal Primary School by competing in the annual Halesowen Schools Cross Country event which took place at Newfield Park. All of the children showed perseverance, excellence and determination and we are so proud of them all. Alice Turvey came 3rd in the girl's solo race and Jaxon Henry came 1st in the boy's solo race. As a team, the boys came 3rd collectively. It was such an exciting event and the children did us proud.



Team Lapal were the winners of the Times Tables Rock Stars Battle, with Year 4 and 5 beating 6 other schools to be crowned overall champions. As a reward, children were invited to wear their own clothes or dress like a rock star. Our children showed amazing teamwork and we are very proud of them.



New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



6 Try out a new way of being physically active

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

TUESDAY



7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

WEDNESDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

THURSDAY

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

FRIDAY

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

SATURDAY

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

SUNDAY

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

One of our parents will be running the London Marathon on the 21st April 2024 for Asthma & Lung UK

He is hoping to raise £2000, to support continued research, campaigning as well as ongoing care. Please see link below if you would like further information.

[Go Team Breath](#)



Ladies Fashion Show **AND** Pop-up Shop!

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT 50% OFF OR MORE!**

Colours.

**FUNDRAISING
FASHION SHOWS**



**Wednesday 22nd November 2023
Lapal Primary School**

Lapal Primary School, Priory Road, Halesowen, B62 0BZ

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £5

Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

Tickets available to purchase on parentmail



Tickets are now available to book via
ParentMail under Payments - Shop.

Paper tickets will be handed out after
half term to anyone who has
purchased.

We are still accepting any
donations you may have for
the raffle

INFORMATION

Before & After School Club

Breakfast Club 8am-8:40am

After School Club 3:15pm- 6pm

Tel: 01384 812642

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

Should I keep my
child off school?

Please click [here](#)

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.



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