



Lapal

Primary School

Newsletter

May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning from the May Bank Holiday, our school has been a hive of activity, with a multitude of events and accomplishments taking place over the past three weeks.

Year 6 SATs and Exciting Museum Visit

Last week, our Year 6 pupils participated in their end-of-Key-Stage SATs. The children worked extremely hard, demonstrating great dedication and resilience. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to receiving their results. In addition to their SATs, Year 6 had an educational and enjoyable trip to the West Midlands Police Museum yesterday. The children were transported back in time to explore crime and punishment across the centuries and learn about the evolution of policing. It was a fascinating experience that brought their history lessons to life.

Transition Support for Reception and Year 6

Our staff have been actively supporting our pupils with their transitions to the next stages of their education. For our incoming Reception children, our team has been visiting pre-school and nursery settings to ensure a smooth transition into our school in September.

Similarly, our Year 6 staff have been liaising with local secondary schools to prepare our pupils for their upcoming move. These efforts help to ensure that our pupils feel confident and supported as they step into their new educational environments.

Sports and Science Activities

Our football team recently played at Leasowes, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. We are proud of their teamwork and determination on the field. Some of our Key Stage 1 pupils participated in an engaging science workshop at Lutley, sparking their curiosity and enthusiasm for scientific exploration. It was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning and discovery.

World Asthma

We also took the opportunity to discuss World Asthma Day with all our children. This important topic helped raise awareness about asthma, its impact, and how we can support those affected by it.

As we approach the half-term break, I want to extend my best wishes to all our families. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful time off. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the beautiful weather we enjoyed last weekend returns once more.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the break, ready for more exciting learning experiences in our final half term of the academic year.

Kind regards

Mrs J Turner

Diary Dates

Summer 2024 Term starts

8th April

Half term

27th May – 31st May

Term ends

19th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd July

School Disco

Thursday 6th June

Friday 19th July – 2pm
finish

**Please see our online
calendar on our web-
site for all our event
Information.**

House Points

Diamond 2420

Sapphire 1610

Ruby 1787

Emerald 2704

Reception

Reception have been mad about minibeasts this month! We have hunted for insects in our garden area, created bug hotels and learnt the life cycle of a butterfly. We learnt how Eric Carle, the author of the Very Hungry Caterpillar, illustrated his famous stories and it inspired us to create our own collage creatures.



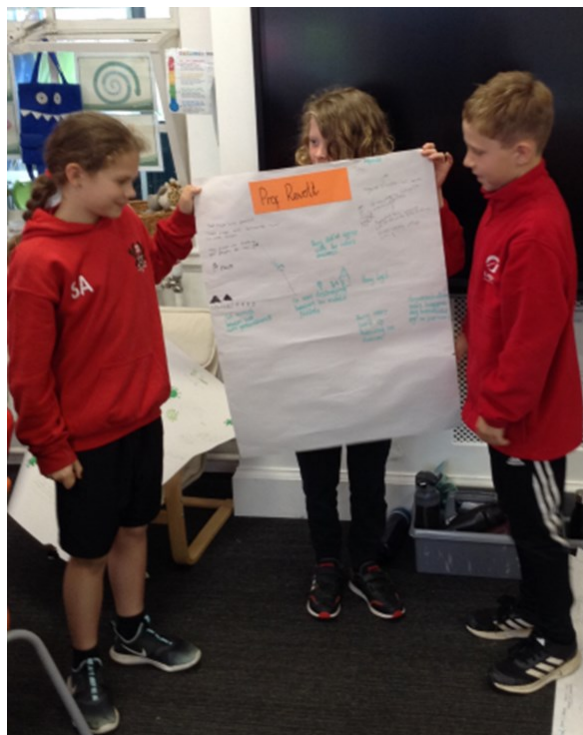
Year 1

Following our narrative story in English, The Train Ride, Year One had fun recreating and enjoyed a typical day at the seaside. The children brought in props and games such as sunglasses, bat and ball games, buckets, and spades. We all enjoyed dipping our toes in salty sea water filled with shells, played in the sand and blow some bubbles. We finished our day off with ice lollies in the sunshine. What a beautiful day!



Year 5

In Year 5 we have been studying the ancient Maya, the children were tasked with using evidence to draw conclusions as to what led to the demise of their civilisation. They researched under headings Dr Drought, Dr Disease, Professor Poorsoil, Professor Rivals, Professor Revolt and Professor Combo. All of the children used their Skills Builder skills of Teamwork, Listening and Speaking to analyse the evidence and present their findings to the year group. We finally decided that based on the evidence available, it was a combination of all of the factors that led to the demise of the ancient Maya. You were superb historians Year 5, well done.



February Attendance

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

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.

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.

Volunteering in the Community

Halas Hawks U10s organised a sponsored litter pick around Halesowen Saturday 20th April. 5 boys from Lapal primary school are in this team. They worked so hard to collect up as much litter around the streets along with some of their siblings. Overwhelmed with the donations from Friend's, family's, passers by and businesses in the local area (Dancer, Merchant fish & chip) and would like to thank people who have supported the team. It's not just about the sponsor money, it's about educating the children not to leave rubbish on the streets and to protect their planet and nature.



One of our Year 6 Pupils volunteered from 7:30am until 3pm with the British Heart Foundation on the 5th May at the cheer point for the Great Birmingham Run. She was fabulous and cheered on not only BHF runners but everybody! She even saw our own Mrs Wootton 1 mile from the finish line!!!! She lost her Grandad 2 years ago, and since then the family have chosen to support the charity through work and volunteering.