



# Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 17th September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we have arrived at the end of another week! The time is flying by whilst your children are having fun enjoying their learning and working hard. The weather has once again been kind to us, and we have made the most of our outdoor learning spaces. This morning we were able to celebrate our Stars of the Week in the hall and it was wonderful to hear and see such great young role models who demonstrate what it really means to be part of our St Leonard's school family. We truly have caring, kind children who are supportive of others and always try to be the best they can be in everything they do. It was lovely to welcome Mrs Rayton back into school this week to teach our Year 5 children how to play brass instruments. I know they have loved it! Classes have today voted for their School Council representatives and we are very excited for Monday's worship when these will be revealed! Our School Council will have a very important job this year in shaping how we develop our outdoor play.

Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

### **Outdoor Learning environment**

If you know of anyone in our school community such as parents, grandparents or family members that have any spare time and would like to become involved in volunteering to tidy and maintain our woodland area, we would be very grateful to hear from you! Equally, if you have your own business and would like to donate time or resources to help us to develop our school outdoor environment, this could make a huge difference to us and the quality of what we are providing for our children. Many thanks in advance for your support!

### **Parking**

This week we have received complaints from our neighbours regarding parking before and after school. Please be politely reminded to park respectfully at the start and end of the school day.

### **PE and Uniform reminder**

On PE day, weather dependant, please ensure your child is wearing:

- ✓ Shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms – **black or navy, plain or with school badge.**
- ✓ T-shirt – **Plain white t-shirt or blue t-shirt with school badge**
- ✓ Top layer– **Plain navy blue hoody or school badged turquoise sweatshirt.**
- ✓ Trainers or indoor pumps – **Plain and dark (eg black/Navy/Dark grey)**
- ✓ Socks – **Plain black or white**

Children are **not** to wear:

- X** Any patterned or coloured t shirts or tops
- X** football tops.
- X** Cropped tops showing tummies.

- X Jewellery
- X Avoid coloured, patterned, bright trainers
- X Coloured, patterned, branded top layers Eg Hoodies or sweatshirts

## Class Updates

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| <p><b>Little Lennie's</b></p>  | <p>It has been another exceptionally busy week in Little Lennies. The children have loved making the most of the beautiful sunshine this week! The children have built on their learning last week about ramps and cars to explore which will go the furthest and fastest. The children then developed it into an obstacle course and experimented with balancing. They were so good at waiting and taking their turn. They have enjoyed more mud kitchen fun with a menu of strawberry soup and other flavours too! The children have done brilliant role-play with the costumes and some lovely small world role-play too. It has been arts and crafts galore with lots of painting and wreath making. It is super how the children are learning more of our St. Leonard's favourite songs.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Harry!</b><br/><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>  </div>   |
| <p><b>Blackbirds</b></p>      | <p>What a lovely week we have had in Reception class. 😊<br/>We have begun learning all about God's Creation and thinking about the wonderful world around us. We have spent time getting to know each other well with our key person. Our phonics lessons have begun this week and we have impressed our teachers with how well we are starting to recall the sounds s, a and t and how we have thought of things beginning with these sounds. We have been counting and ordering numbers and have enjoyed PE twice this week. We have moved to music and also been on a tour of the school so we become even more confident in our new school surroundings! As you can see, very busy children who are ready for a well deserved weekend. 😊</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Oliver!</b><br/><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>  </div>   |
| <p><b>Doves</b></p>          | <p>Doves have had a super busy week! We are still discovering new different coloured books for all the new subjects we are learning and this week we have learnt to write the dot date on all our work! We have been trying hard with our curly caterpillar handwriting, trying to form letters correctly. In Science we loved labelling a body and followed this up in the woods creating stick men and labelling body parts. We loved watching a video of Mrs McMahon and Mrs Pollard having a walk to the park in the Langho. I know many Doves have enjoyed visiting parks and taking pictures in preparation for Design Technology work. In English, we have looked at different characters and learnt to tell our book off by heart! In maths, we are enjoying representing numbers to 10 and counting. We have loved our PE sessions practising skills of hopping, throwing, rolling, skipping and running.<br/>Have a great rest, Doves, I wonder what next week will have in store for us?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Henry!</b><br/><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i></p>  </div> |

## Eagles



What a super week of learning we have had again in Eagles class. We have enjoyed exploring the character of the Jolly Postman and wrote some super facts about him. Then we used our Magic Mirrors to help us pretend to be him - there was some great acting and some very confident children! In maths we have continued with our work on place value with our year 1 children developing their skills counting forwards and backwards. Year 2 have been using part-whole models to partition 2-digit numbers. In RE this week, we shared our favourite books with our friends and thought about how we care for things that are special. In geography we went on a virtual walk to the park and identified the geographical features that we saw on the way. Science was great fun this week as we used our senses to explore. It has been such a busy week for everyone!



Muhammad!

*Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16*



## Falcons



Falcons have worked their socks off this week. We have been able to share our own special books together and look at a range of very special Bibles from church for our RE learning. In maths we got hands on with a scavenger hunt, finding representations of numbers and have been practicing writing our numerals in words. In English, we have thought about our story characters and have written fabulous postcards to Grannie Mainland using our coordinating conjunctions. Goldilocks also needed our help this week in Science, finding out which breakfast items were the most healthy - thanks to us, she is going to make the three bears a healthy breakfast to say sorry for eating their porridge!



Amelia!

*Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16*



## Hérons



It's been another busy week for the Herons. In English the children have explored themes and conventions of folk tales by comparing texts and identifying comparing features. In maths we made human number lines to investigate place value of numbers to 100 and 1000. The focus of our Science lesson on forces was friction and the children predicted which surfaces would create more friction on wheels of a toy car. They then measured inclines to test their prediction. In RE, we learned about how Jonah came to be a prophet of God and the children wrote super diary extracts. They had a great time in PSHE getting to know about each other and finding common interests. We learned about 3D shape nets to begin our Design and Technology unit of work, working towards the design of a desk tidy and finally, we learned accurate bounce passes and catching for our dodgeball unit in PE. A great week for the Herons.



Fazal!

*Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16*



## Kingfishers



The children have worked very hard this week and we have been impressed with their enthusiasm for learning. In English we worked on our sequencing skills and created story maps of the folk tale 'Black Dog'. In maths we have been converting between centimetres and metres and enjoyed solving place value problems. In design and technology, we worked in pairs to evaluate existing (desk tidy) products. In PE, we started a new basketball unit and practised our chest passes. We had a lovely RE lessons, the children shared their ideas thoughtfully, as we discussed/wrote about prophets and their connection to God. We enjoyed our computing lesson where we used the chrome books to practice times table rockstars. The children enjoyed the challenge of seeing how fast they knew them and are looking forward to showing you all at home.



Faatimah!

*Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16*



### Owls



Owls Class have been continuing to work hard on a number of things this week. In maths, the children have continued with their learning about place value by focusing on rounding to the nearest 100, counting in 1,000s and partitioning numbers. In English, the children have continued to focus on their text 'Black Dog' and have been discussing the thoughts and feelings of the characters. The children enjoyed looking at maps in Geography and locating where in the world we are. The children practised their throwing and catching techniques in PE and worked on their running technique. They also focused on chosen prophets in RE and friction in science. The children also worked hard in Computing and excelled during their music and Spanish lessons. Good work, Owls Class!



### Robins



Robins have had a good week starting to focus on different aspects of their writing using a story called 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. We are still reading our class novel, The 1,000 Year Old Boy, as part of guided reading and for pleasure. A lot of maths time have been used working on rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred, thousand or ten thousand. We found out more about Scandinavia and what the weather and climate is like along with reasons to explain why. In computing, with Mrs Easton, We started designing an interactive Teddy to understand how technology needs an input that it can process before it produces an output. Also, they were excited to get their Brass instruments on Thursday (which everyone is really keen to hear them practise).



### Swifts



We have had another great week in Swifts class. In English we have spent the week writing the narrative to accompany the book The Journey, we've had some wonderful writing and great vocabulary collecting. In Geography we explored the biomes of Scandinavia and the similarities and differences between the climates in the countries. In Science we linked our learning on states of matter using the dancing raisin investigation before exploring material properties. We all had a wonderful musical afternoon on Thursday with year 5's beginning their brass lessons and year 6's working on their song 'Living on a Prayer'. Another wonderful week and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



### Wrens



We have had another busy week in Wrens class. The children have continued their work on Place Value in Maths and have been ordering and rounding numbers up to 10s of millions. In English, we have continued our work on 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna and have constructed some amazing sentences using some super vocabulary. In RE, we have continued our work on 'The Journey of Life' and in Art, the children put the final touches on their family portraits. In Science we continued to consider the properties of materials and in Geography, we have been learning about the climate in Scandinavia. Well done Wrens class - you have been very busy !

