

# Lantern Lane Primary



## Newsletter



Autumn Term 2016

### Welcome Back!



It seems a long time ago that we were all enjoying our Summer holidays and when I read how much the children have already done since then I am not surprised!

As always, I would like to welcome all the new children and the staff who have started at Lantern Lane this term. We have four new teachers, Miss Haigh, Miss Harbey, Miss Shacklady and Miss Waggett, two new teaching assistants, Mrs Keeley and Mrs Kandola and two new middays, Mrs Ross and Miss Pevler. Staff and children have settled in really well and become part of our school community really quickly.

After a very stressful few weeks over the Summer, I am sure you have noticed our annex is now fully occupied with our Year 5 and 6 children. I am pleased to say that the children love it, the staff love it and hopefully you as parents do too. The children have been so sensible in their approach to transitioning between our two buildings and making sure they are in the right place at the right time. Having said that though, please do let me know if any difficulties do arise with having the split site as we know we are going to have to keep looking at arrangements as new issues arise.

As it is the start of the new school year, please can I remind all of you that school uniform rules apply to all of our children. Trainers are not permitted and the children should only be wearing jumpers/sweatshirts which are green or grey. Please support us in this as it helps us all to focus on our work and keeps us all looking really smart.,

Mrs Butler

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### Imaginative Time in Year 1

What an exciting start to the year we've had! We loved travelling down to the 'deep, dark wood' to find lots of familiar friends and, of course, the Gruffalo! We loved labelling our faces and writing about ourselves too. Then we went to a dark, dark town, down a dark, dark street to a dark, dark house and met some skeletons from 'Funnybones'. We wrote some hilarious captions for the pictures of the poor old dog skeleton!

Then, on a cold October Monday morning a dirty, woolly mammoth arrived, expecting a bath! We had some fantastic ideas about how to clean him, even his sparkly, white tusks!

We have all been working hard to make sure our



numbers are facing the right way and all our letters are sitting smartly on the line.

Mrs Thorne's class have had great fun on Tuesday afternoons doing Forest Schools with Mrs Groombridge. Miss Shacklady's class are looking forward to it in the Summer term. **Year 1 Team**

## Foundation Have Fun



We've had a great start to the year! The Badgers have settled into full-time school really well and are having so much fun! We have welcomed some new Owls, Squirrels and Hedgehogs into the Foundation Unit and they seem happy and settled too.

We've had fun with our Toys topic, painting pictures of our favourite toys and finding out all about the adventures of Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs.

We have some lovely displays of the children's work, so please feel free to have a look when you pop in. As we say good bye to Summer and hello to Autumn, we have our Autumn display, for which we are encouraging children to bring in any items from their Autumn walk adventures.

Next half term, we will be starting to think about our Christmas performance so you may start to hear the sounds of Christmas singing as we introduce all the new songs to the children. It's always a fantastic performance, not to be missed!

We are always striving to improve our unit, providing the children with new and exciting activities and resources, so please think about us when you are having a sort out as we always welcome items that we can recycle. You'd be surprised what we can turn things into! We welcome parents to come into the Foundation Unit anytime to help us, so if you have any free time and would like to come in, please speak to one of the staff. **Foundation Team**

### Year 2 Go Wild

What a wild time we have been having in Year 2. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first book topic Where the Wild Things Are.

We have been able to design our own Wild



Thing, have written diaries from the point of Max and even got the chance to do a spot of drama acting out the story, hearing those terrible roars really made us feel scared!

As part of History and Geography we have also become explorers exploring the seven continents and five oceans whilst looking at two famous explorers. How time has changed since Christopher Columbus was alive.

After half term we are looking forward to starting our next topic Festivals of Light and all of the great celebrations that come with it. How could we also not be looking forward to beginning our preparations for our nativity performance, we hope to see you there! **Year 2 Team**

## School Council 2016



### Welcome to the New School Councillors.

It is time to say a huge thank you to all the School Councillors from last year. It has been a pleasure to work with them on many issues and events. So, Matthew, Alex, Charlotte, Mya, Otto, Ruth, James, Alex, Mara, Molly, Langdon, Kai, Hope, Jack, Isla, Jaylea, James, Summer, Joseph, Oliver, Maisie, Jack, Katy, Fiona and Harry, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

On Monday, 10th October each class held elections and the successful candidates were announced in a whole school assembly on Tuesday, 11th October. I am pleased to announce our new Councillors are Lily, Sam, Franchesca, Harry, Freddie, Ruby, Oliver, Pip, Megan-Louise, Aasha-Milli, Abigail, Joshua, Ava, Poppy, Alex, Bertie, Jasmine, Lewis, Seb and Grace.

I look forward to working with you this year and congratulations to you all. **Miss Bowe**

## Year 3 Go Back in Time

As always, Forest Schools has been a great success. So far, we've all enjoyed exploring the site, building dens and drinking tasty hot chocolate to keep us warm. Whilst at the site, we collected soil samples so that we could compare them to the soil back at school. This fitted in perfectly with our Rocks and Fossils science topic.

As well as this, our History topic, Changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

has allowed us to do some superb practical activities. To imagine what life was like in the Stone Age, we have tried expressing ourselves through cave painting and stewing our own fruit to sample what the cavemen ate.

We just can't wait for our Iron Age trip to Manor Farm now. The trip will end with a sleepover - complete with melting marshmallows over the campfire and trying our hand at archery. **Year 3**



## Year 5 Learn About Mayans



Year 5 have settled in to their new home in the annex and have been enjoying learning about the ancient Mayan civilisation.

We have been fortunate enough to have had a visit from staff from Loughborough University. Barry and Samantha came to tell us all about the Mayans life, both in the past and today (they didn't disappear after all).

It was fascinating to hear from two experts on the subject and the children were very impressed that Samantha was a real, living Mayan.

We learned some phrases and one or two pupils got the chance to dress up in traditional Mayan clothes. **Year 5 Team**

## Year 6 Residential

It has been an exciting and hardworking start to the new academic year for all of us in Year 6! In the classroom, we have embraced our creativity, in response to the work of Salvador Dali, through the mediums of textiles, clay and painting. In English, our imaginations have been allowed free rein as we have explored the story of the Lost Thing through creating our own animations and writing our prequel to Shaun Tan's thought-provoking narrative.

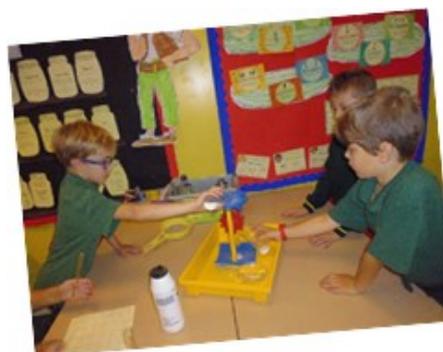
The highlight of the term, however, has undoubtedly been our trip to Kingswood. Not only are the activities diverse and enjoyable, they have allowed the children to develop some important skills,



which should serve them really well throughout the rest of Year 6. They have worked in different teams to solve a variety of problems; developed their ability to communicate to ensure that everyone reaches a common goal; realised the importance of resilience when a task is not straightforward, and celebrated each other's successes. It was an amazing week and, as a staff, it was a pleasure to watch the children respond so positively to all that was on offer. **Year 6 Team**

## Artistic Year 4

We have had a very creative start to year 4 with some super pieces of artwork produced in different styles of famous artists. We have also had fun



investigating the 3 states of matter in science.

The children are doing a super job with their homework so thank

you and well done! Thank you for all your responses for Castleton, further details will be sent to you shortly. **Year 4 Team**

## Forest School Adventures

Our Monday morning Forest School group consisting of ten children from Years 4-6 have been working hard to improve our school wildlife garden. We have cleared out the planters ready to plant some new bulbs in readiness for the spring. We have also built a fantastic bug house



and hedgehog house to encourage more wildlife to visit our garden. This is an on-going project and we are always looking for willing volunteers. If

you have a spare few hours and green fingers, we would love to hear from you! Please leave your name and contact details with the School Office.

We are also looking for the following items:

**\*Old welly boots, tyres, plastic tubs, seeds, bulbs, compost\***

If you have any of these items which you are happy to donate, we would be grateful to receive them. **Mrs Groombridge**



## Investors in Pupils

**Have you seen this plaque yet?** We are very proud to announce that in July 2016 we were accredited with the Investors in Pupils award. Big thank you to all staff, parents and governors who supported us and a special thank you to School Councillors Charlotte and Matthew who looked after our assessor on the day and gave him an excellent tour of the school.

It was noted that, *"The school has an abundance of talented, creative and enthusiastic pupils."* The assessor also noted that *"You were all extremely polite, very friendly and very well behaved. You are obviously proud of your school and the work you are doing to make it an even better place for everyone."*

## School Diary

### Dates



Fri 21 Oct	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 31 Oct	First Day of New Term
Weds 2 Nov	Year 3 Activity Sleepover
Tues 8 Nov	Parents Evening
Weds 9 Nov	Parents Evening
Weds 23 Nov	FSU Welcome Meeting AM/PM
Weds 30 Nov	F2, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Panto Trip
Thurs 1 Dec	Christmas Sparkle Day
Fri 2 Dec	Year 1 Christmas Journey Trip
Sat 3 Dec	Christmas Fayre 10-12.00
Weds 7 Dec	Year 1/2 Xmas Performance PM
Thurs 8 Dec	Year 1/2 Xmas Performance AM
Tues 13 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Weds 14 Dec	Foundation Christmas Play AM/PM
Thurs 15 Dec	Toddler Group Xmas Party
Fri 16 Dec	Foundation Xmas Parties AM/PM
Mon 19 Dec	Year 3/4 Xmas Party PM
Tues 20 Dec	Year 5/6 Xmas Party AM
Tues 20 Dec	Year 1/2 Xmas Party PM
TBC	Carols by Candlelight
Tues 20 Dec	Last Day of Term

Throughout the day he interviewed small groups of children from all year groups and this is what you told him:

- . You work together to make this school a better place for everyone and the rules are very important to you.*
- . You help and care for each other and help each other learn.*
- . Behaviour is very good.*
- . You enjoy coming to school and you know that learning now will help you in the future.*
- . Your teachers make lessons interesting and fun. You get lots of opportunities to talk and work together which helps you with your learning.*
- . You are very keen to achieve your class targets.*
- . Your ideas are listened to and the way the school council works means that your ideas can be promoted.*
- . You all take on lots of responsibilities around the classrooms and school.*
- . You know about how the school spends its budget and what governors do to help in school.*

So, look out for the plaque located outside the front door and remember the ideas box in school for anything you would like School Council to look into. **Miss Bowe**