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The winning house is Green and they wear their own clothes to school on Monday.

Commendation Awards

This is awarded by the class teacher to children who have been demonstrating the school values.

Congratulations go to:

Jessica B

Neve H

Robert H

Sophia S

Yazmin S

Freya C

Reggie Q

Oscar P

Chloe has received a green Blue Peter badge for her garden. She sent a video explaining how she has been recycling and taking care of her garden. The team were so impressed that they sent her a badge! Well done Chloe!



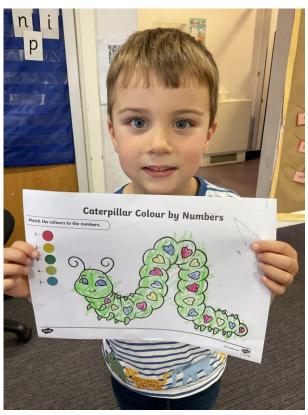
Reception

We have had a really busy week in Reception. In maths, we have enjoyed looking at Autumnal objects to show 1, 2, 3 and 4. We explored many different ways to show each number and matched the numerals to each set. We have also continued to look at our text, 'Peace at Last'. We found out that Mr Bear is still struggling to get to sleep. He went in the kitchen to have a snack. We discussed our favourite snacks and foods. We are getting much more confident at writing our individual letter sounds! We have also enjoyed European Languages Day on Thursday. We loved dressing in red, white and blue and learned lots of French words!

Parents of children who started in our Reception this month are invited to come along to a meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 5th October. The purpose of the meeting is to hear more about the curriculum, how you can help at home and then see a glimpse of the first four weeks of your child's school life. The meeting is not suitable for children to attend and is for adults only. The meeting will last about an hour. We look forward to seeing you.









KS1

Bonjour! La Chenille Qui Fait Des Trous (The Very Hungry Caterpillar) has been used to celebrate European Languages Day this week. The children looked fabulous dressed in red, white and blue - thank you for your support. Madame Munum led a workshop to introduce the story to the children. The children have been busy ordering the days of the week in French and decorating all the different foods that the Very Hungry Caterpillar ate before turning into a beautiful caterpillar. We used these to retell the story. A fun-filled day!









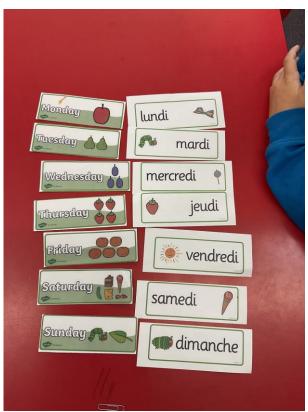


















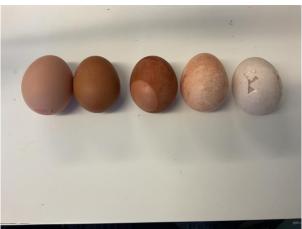
LKS2

In science this week, the children have been looking at teeth and we carried out an experiment to see the effects of different liquids on our tooth enamel. To represent teeth, we used eggs as the shell is made out of a similar substance to tooth enamel. Each egg was placed into 4 liquids; vinegar (acid), Coca-Cola, coffee and fruit juice. The results were amazing. We found that coffee heavily stained our the shell resulting in a dark brown colour, as did the Coca-Cola. The fruit juice stripped the colouring off the egg, leaving a white shell. Finally and most interestingly, the vinegar stripped the egg of its colour but also made the shell soft and gave it a squidgy, rubber like texture. We then discussed the importance of looking after our teeth and that, although tooth enamel is the hardest substance in the body, it cannot be regenerated so if we don't look after it, it won't be around for very long.









UKS2

We are excited to share the latest update from UKS2's Design and Technology (DT) work. This week, the children have been exploring the concept of seasonality through a delicious hands-on project.

In DT lessons, the children embarked on a culinary journey into the past, learning about the Anglo-Saxon food. They discovered that the Anglo-Saxons were resourceful and thrifty in their approach to cooking, often making use of ingredients that were readily available during different seasons. To bring history to life, the students took on the challenge of making Anglo-Saxon pottage. They embraced the idea of sourcing their vegetables locally and seasonally. And where better to find such ingredients than in our very own school vegetable beds.

With great enthusiasm, the children used root vegetables, greens, and herbs. Armed with their harvest, they chopped, diced, and simmered their way to create a delicious Anglo-Saxon pottage, just like their historical counterparts would have done. The children not only honed their culinary skills but also developed a deeper understanding of the importance of seasonality in food production and consumption. This hands-on experience allowed them to appreciate the connection between the changing seasons and the availability of different ingredients.





















Thinking of You Week

As part of 'Thinking of you week' the children wrote cards and drew beautiful pictures for the residents in Hope Green Care Home, Poynton. This was a wonderful opportunity from Hand Picked by Henrietta on Park Lane and the cards were donated by local publishers, Paper Salad.



















Home school communications

We are sure you will agree that the Lower Park values, which the children learn, apply to the whole school community. Following on from our previous communication at the end of term where we reminded families of the importance of these shared values, we would like to remind you to be considerate in tone when sending communications via Dojo and also to respect that staff will not respond to communications in the evenings when they are with their own families.

If you have a concern that you wish to raise with the class teacher, please phone the office during school hours to make an appointment. We thank you for supporting our commitment to the wellbeing of our staff.

Parent Consultation on PSHE and RSE

Your Input Matters! At Lower Park, we highly value input from our school community. Just like when RSE became a statutory requirement in 2020, we want to continue this collaborative process with the introduction of 1 Decision scheme. To help you understand the 1 Decision scheme better, we encourage you to explore the 1 Decision Parent & Carer Zone, where you'll find examples of the resources it offers.

https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone

We invite interested parents and carers to ask any questions, share your views and collaborate with our PSHE lead, Joanne Jones, on Wednesday 4th October at 4.30pm. To express your interest, please fill out the short Google form provided here or contact the school office directly.

PSHE/RSE Meeting

Thank you for your ongoing support of Lower Park. Together, we can ensure that our children receive the best possible education and personal development, empowering them to thrive in an everchanging world. For any questions or further information, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Mental Health

Thank you to a parent who has signposted other families to these helpful resources.

Place2Be's parenting website has lots of info and short clips

www.parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk

PTA Update

We had a really good turn out for the PTA AGM, thank you. Lots of lovely community fundraising ideas were discussed and we welcomed a new Treasurer (Mrs Adley) and new Chair (Mrs Silcock). The new committee are excited to share some dates for the diary and festive season.

12th October - Fancy Dress Sale after School

It's that time of year again when we frantically try to figure out Halloween costumes...worry not, we're here to help. Do you have any unworn, outgrown or no longer loved dressing up/fancy dress clothes? The PTA are planning on setting up a stall outside school on Thursday 12th October for you to grab yourself a bargain and get prepped early. Please drop any donations in to the office by Tuesday 10th October so that we can sort through them.

19th October Halloween School Disco

KS1 Disco 3:45- 4:45pm (children bring clothes to school to get changed in the classroom at the end of the school day).

Please fill in your child's preference of disco snack and drink on the school spider survey, which opens on Monday (2nd Oct). Before completing this please pay the school office £5.00.

KS1 Parents, please collect the children by entering the hall from the front entrance and then leaving through the back door of the hall.

KS2 Disco 5.00 - 6.00pm Tickets @£2.00 each can to be purchased from the school office or pay at the entrance on the night. The snack shop will be open as usual. We recommend children bring £3 with them.

Please note: No mobile phones are allowed at the disco. If a pupil is making their own way home alone, parents must inform the school office/ or teacher via, Dojo.

PTA save the dates, all details to follow

16th November - film night

7th December - Wreath Night

Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Autumn 2023

Tuesday 3rd October - Wonderful world workshop for RE (y2)

Wednesday 4th October at 4.30pm RSE/ PHSE consultation

Thursday 5th October - Poynton High School Open Evening

Thursday 5th October - EYFS new intake parent meeting 7pm

Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October - Parents evening

19th October School Disco

Friday 21st October - School closes for Half Term

Monday 30th October – INSET

Tuesday 31st October – Swimming pool at school for two weeks

Wednesday 1st November - Sibling and individual photos

3rd November - Y4 football festival

Thursday 16th November - RE workshop for KS2

13th - 17th November - Anti-bullying Week

16th November - film night

21st and 23rd November - Great fire workshop KS1

7th December- Wreath Night - TBC

Monday 11th December - KS1 dress rehearsal pm

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity afternoon

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity evening

December 15th - Y5 football festival

w/c 18th December – KS2 carol concert – tbc

Monday 18th December – KS2 panto at Buxton and KS1 travelling panto

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Parties, Christmas Dinner & Talent Show

Friday 22nd December School closes at 3.20 for Christmas holiday

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