Lower Park News 20th October 2023



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The winning house this week is BLUE House! As Monday after half term is an INSET day please come in your own clothes on Tuesday 31st October.

Commendation Awards

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

Harley S	
Charlotte B	
Florence W	
Leo W	
Naomi C	
Eleanor G	
Marcel N	
Olivia A	
Alexander C	
George A	

Reception

In Reception, we have enjoyed our Zumba session following on from Mental Health Week last week. We loved learning lots of new moves! This week, we have also finished our learning on the text, 'Peace at Last'. We retold the story from memory and drew some pictures from the beginning, middle and end. We have learned many individual letter sounds in phonics and we are applying these sounds in our writing with increased independence. We are very proud of the Reception children on a fantastic first half term at Lower Park. We hope they all have a great half term break!





In KS1 this week the children have been keen historians. They have focused on London and have used the iPads to help them spot key changes to the city throughout history. The children have learnt the significance of 1666 and have asked many interesting and thought provoking questions.

Year 1 have shown their musical talents by using a storyboard to organise sounds and compose a piece of music. Whilst Year 2 have enjoyed composing a piece of music using The Gruffalo as a stimulus and are beginning to write music.

In Art, all children have concluded their work on spirals. They have chosen and discussed the piece of art they are most proud of and celebrated their work within their classes. We are all talented artists!





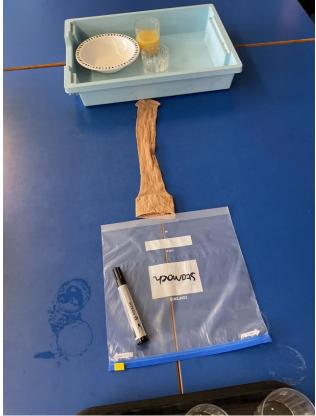




LKS2

This week, the children have been having lots of fun looking at the human digestive system in science. We looked at the basic simple features of the mouth, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine and finally the large intestine. For us to really get a good understanding of what happens when we eat of food, we created a model. First the children labelled a plastic bag as the stomach, and what does stomach have inside, acid. We represented the acid (bile) with orange juice and then we gave our 'stomach' some food and water to deal with. A banana and a few digestives were added and we squashed them all, the bile (orange juice) cleaned the food and killed all the bacteria before our food was passed onto the small intestines. In the small intestine, the nutrients from our food are absorbed into the bloodstream. To show this, we poured our plastic bag stomach contents into a tight. The nutrients were then collected in a bowl underneath before we squeezed out the remaining water and nutrients with a tea towel (the large intestine's job). This left us with only one thing to deal with. We took a pair of scissors, snipped a little hole in the bottom of the tights and pushed out our makeshift poo. This had some very strong reactions.











We're excited to be able to share the wonderful time our Year 5/6 children had during their recent Anglo-Saxon and Viking Day! Bodvah, a mysterious character from the past, surprised our school, leading our young historians through a tapestry of Anglo-Saxon and Viking history with captivating stories and insights. The day featured a hands-on exploration of authentic Viking artefacts, allowing children to touch and feel the tools and objects that were once part of everyday Viking life, transporting them back in time. Imaginations soared as the tale of Beowulf unfolded, with Bodvah's animated storytelling allowing the children to delve into the epic adventures and discover the valour and courage of this legendary hero.

The immersive nature of the day sparked curiosity and enthusiasm among our Year 5/6 children. Engaging in hands-on activities and interactive sessions, they gained a deeper understanding of how the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons left their mark on the face of Britain. Our Year 5/6 children were able to showcase their knowledge with enthusiasm as they completed a quiz on Viking and Anglo-Saxon life. The quiz not only reinforced their classroom learning but also celebrated their engagement in our day.



























Individual & Sibling Photos

On Wednesday 1st November, the photographer will be at school to take individual & sibling photos. If your child has siblings in school they will have their photo taken individually and together during the school day.

If your child has siblings **not** in school, either younger or older, you can come along to the school hall from 8.15am on the day so they can all have their photograph taken together.

Christmas Theatre



This year we have again arranged a Christmas theatre trip for KS2 children to see 'Cinderella' at Buxton Opera House on Monday 18th December 2023. As last year, the performance starts at 1pm and will finish at approx. 3.30pm, so it will be a late return to school (approx. 4.30pm/5:00pm). Children will need to bring a packed lunch to school on this day, which they will eat before departing for Buxton. Children can take a drink (not fizzy) and a snack/sweets with them, for the interval. The cost of the KS2 trip will be £20.00. This is made up as follows: Admission (Reduced rate for schools) £ 12.00 and coach £ 8.00

After the popularity of the travelling pantomime that have visited school for the past 2 years, we have rebooked them to perform their new show, 'Aladdin' for our younger pupils.

'Our Panto is filled with laughs, boos, lots of songs that will help tell the story, it is packed with traditional Panto fun and finishes with a good old sing-along.'

The price for the EY and KS1 pantomime is £5.70.

The school must confirm bookings and make payment in advance; therefore, we would ask for your contribution and consent for your child to attend, via SchoolMoney, by Friday 3rd November at the latest. The School make allowances for hardship. Please contact us in confidence if you need support.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE CHRISTMAS DAY FOR A CHILD IN NEED?

While you are out doing your Christmas shopping, please pick up an extra gift to donate to this fantastic cause.

A collection box is located in Reception of Lower Park School and all gifts will be collected on 30th November23 for delivery to the Salvation Army in Stockport.

Suggested Gift List for Children and **Young People**

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are un to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal. re unable

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars. lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles wordsamerk, creating friendly DVDs, books, puzzles
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- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (p ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves and gift vouchers s, hats, t

Over the years, millions of children and young people have be from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.



Thank you for your support and for further information, please contact Joanna Thornton (07736 466 369)



PTA

Thanks to everyone that donated to, and bought something from the costume sale last week. We raised over £260! Ruth Stevens has been very busy trying to sell the remaining stock on Facebook so this figure is likely to increase. Based on the success of this event we're planning a Christmas clothes sale on 23rd November to get everyone togged out for the run up to the festive season. Watch this space for further information.

PTA save the dates, all details to follow

16th November - KS1 Film Night - details to follow after half term

7th December - Wreath Night See flyer for details

Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December (11.30 - 2.30)

We would like to invite the children to dress up as follows if they'd like to, in return for a small contribution to the Christmas Fair. All optional and no pressure.

10 Nov - onesies/PJs/cosy clothes. To bring: adult gift for secret present room 'Elfridges'

17 Nov - own clothes day. To bring: a bottle for the adult tombola

24 Nov - silly socks and/or crazy hair. to bring: unopened packet of sweets/chocolate (nut free)

1 Dec - Christmas clothes (jumpers/t-shirts/dresses/shirts/socks-anything!) to bring: baked Christmassy goodies or a £1 donation!



Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Autumn 2023

Friday 20th October - School closes for Half Term

Monday 30th October – INSET day

Tuesday 31st October – Swimming pool at school Y1 to Y6

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 - PTA KS1 Film night

20th November - Anti bullying Workshops and Activities

21st and 23rd November - Visit to Weaver Hall Year 2 and Year 1

7th December- PTA Wreath Night

Monday 11th December - KS1 dress rehearsal pm

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity afternoon

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity evening

December 15th - Y5 football festival

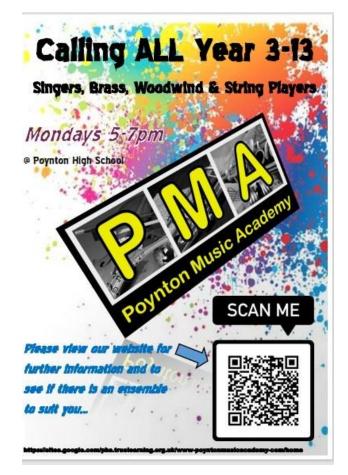
w/c 18th December – KS2 carol concert – tbc

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

Community noticeboard











October Holiday Clubs Bradshaw Hall Primary School, Cheadle Hulme

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £33 per day All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301





