



Lower Park School's Weekly Update

News from school on Friday 1st October 2021

What a wonderful and varied week we have had in school!

School Buzzard

Not many schools can claim they have their own buzzard but we heard, this week, that the young buzzard found on our school field is now recovered and ready for release. We are still waiting to hear when this will be but Mrs Peart has told us that they hope to release it back at Lower Park. We will keep you updated!

Year Five Brass

Friday afternoons may never sound the same again! Our year five cohort have begun regular brass lessons on a Friday afternoon with Mr Longsdon. You can only imagine the cacophony and smiles emitting from the hall as up to 28 children blow their brass instruments in time, but not necessarily in tune... yet!

Mrs Deakin

On Thursday, we said our goodbyes to Mrs Deakin. Although we know we will see her again very soon, we wanted to make sure the children and staff said a big thank you for the time she has spent with us. Mrs Deakin enjoyed a fun treasure hunt around school so she could spend some time in each classroom with the children. We know she will be missed for the energy, enthusiasm and friendship she offered to all of our school community.

Learning at Lower Park this week

The children in year five and six had a wonderful day being transported back to Anglo- Saxon times. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and entering into the spirit of Anglo-Saxon life. They learned about the story of Beowulf, their way of life and games that they played.

In years three and four, they been learning about Greek Gods. Computer games on Scratch have been created- all based on the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. They have also used their ICT skills to produce an Ancient Greek timeline using the book creator app.

Children in key stage one have enjoyed being scientists, this week! They took part in an investigation to see how far they could travel in ten seconds and whether the way they travelled changed their results. There was some excellent discussions and some super ideas given on how to ensure that they operated a fair test. The children also used globes, world maps and atlases to locate where they lived. We have also had some wonderful photographs of children sharing this knowledge with their families. We are always thrilled to receive photos from home so please do send any pictures in via dojo.

In Reception, they have enjoyed exploring Autumnal objects. They have been counting carefully and comparing groups of conkers using the language *more*, *fewer* and *less*. Our EYFS children have also been learning about different types of bears around the world and their habitats and have been discussing why, how, when and where bears hibernate.

The whole school have celebrated World Languages day over the last couple of days. Mrs Day had organised excellent enrichment opportunities that have included some fantastic drama workshops, which were in French. Lots of fun, games, role play and learning has been happening across all our classes.

Parent Helpers

We had our first induction for new parent helpers on Tuesday afternoon. It is wonderful to welcome visitors back into school and we are always grateful to those who are able to give up their time to help us. If you would like to help in school, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Hughes via the school office.

Next week at Lower Park – 4th October 2021

	PE days	
Monday	* Miss Booth *Mrs Hughes *Mrs Marshall *Mrs Wilkinson *Mrs Mellor	*Kingswood residential for Year 6 *Club – KS2 before school tennis club- 8am start *Parent lunch for the Year one children in Miss Booth's class. *Club- ASM for Reception children finishing at 4.20pm
Tuesday	* Miss Booth * Mrs Mellor * Mr Cunha *Miss Cork *Mr Stewart	*Kingswood residential for Year 6 *Parent lunch for the Year one children in Mrs Hughes and Mrs O'Hara's class. *Club- ASM for Year 1 and 2 children finishing at 4.20pm
Wednesday	*Mrs Patton *Miss Cork *Mr Stewart *Mrs Potts *Mrs Chadwick	*Kingswood residential for Year 6 *Club-KS2 choir – 8.10am start *Club- ASM for Year 1 and 2 children finishing at 4.20pm
Thursday	*Mrs O'Hara *Mrs Langdon *Mr Cunha *Mrs Day *Mrs Chadwick	*Club – KS1 before school tennis club- 8am start *Club-Neil Mathers First 11 Football club finishing at 4.15pm *Club-KS2 Drama finishing at 4.15pm *Reception parents meeting- 7pm start
Friday		



Please remember to download the School Spider app which has all up to date information on about events happening in school together with galleries of moments captured in school.

Planning ahead:

Please remember that these events are coming up within this half term.

- * 19th and 20th October: Parents' evening. Please look out for more information about how and when to book your slot
- * 18th October: Firefighter visit for Key Stage One
- * 22nd October: School photos and close for half term at 3.15pm

