



NEWSLETTER: Friday 16th Dec 2022



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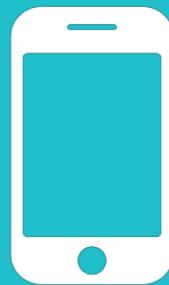
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.



I would like to thank you for your support this year as we continue our journey towards Outstanding as an 'ever-improving school' [Ofsted 2022: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50182635>]

Parent and Carer Partnerships

At the start of this academic year we made it a priority to continue to build positive relationships with parents and carers. To this end, we have been overwhelmed by the number of parents and carers who have attended our numerous family learning sessions - thank you. We have many more exciting opportunities for families to play an active role in their child's learning and development - please refer to our key dates document in this newsletter.

Curriculum

We are very proud of our curriculum and the numerous hands-on experiential learning opportunities we provide our pupils - watch our 'autumn 2 highlights' video which will be uploaded to Class Dojo.

Basic Skills

I understand that we are all looking forward to a relaxing Christmas break, however it is vital that pupils continue to practise their basic skills of reading, writing and maths [particularly number bonds and timestables], so please support your child to complete their Christmas holiday homework. In previous years we have noticed that the reading speed of some pupils has regressed, when they have not read throughout extended holiday periods.

Miss Hayden has set a reading challenge for pupils to enjoy - we look forward to pupil's contributions on the Padlet page.

Miss Spindler has set a family learning project for pupils to complete - we've been impressed with the contributions so far, please keep these coming.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2023 - gates open at 8.20am and pupils need to be sat down ready for learning by 8.30am.

Staff leaving Lansdowne Primary Academy

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Dyson and Mr Austin - we would like to thank them for the contribution they have made and wish them all the very best for the future.

Staff starting at Lansdowne Primary Academy in January 2023:

Mrs Worrow: Assistant Head of School [SENCo]
Miss Hackshaw: Assistant Head of School - year 4 Lead
Ms Harris: Year 4 Teacher
Miss Woodrow: Year 5 Teacher
Miss Eaton: Cover supervisor



ClassDojo

As ever, we are here to support you in any way we can - please do not hesitate to contact us using our support email address: Support4U-LPA@theglc.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a fantastic break.

Kind regards

Dan George

Head of School

Class Dojo is our main form of communication - please check the whole school page and your child's/children's class story daily to keep up to date.



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

School will reopen on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Statistically, pupils make more progress and achieve better, the more they attend school. Our school target is 96% - please help us to achieve this by ensuring your child is in school every day, on-time!

Attendance Matters

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Attendance Matters



LOST MINUTES =
LOST LEARNING!



Attendance matters at Lansdowne Primary Academy.....

For children to be successful in school, your children should:

- Be in school every day and on time!
- Remember that gates close at 8.30am, so be **responsible** and ensure you get to school with plenty of time.
- Organise themselves the night before.
- Remember that good attendance = good learners.
- Think about how much learning time you will lose by having a day off of school....



100% Attendance = 100% Chance

96% and above is the target for good attendance.

What is your child's attendance like?



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Attendance News

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School Attendance Leader Board

2W	95.9
6H	95.6
3G	95.4
6B	95.2
4C	94.7
3M	94.5
6G	94.4
2L	94.1
1B	93.9
2A	93.7
3KG	93.3
4H	93.1
4JC	93
5H	93
5A	91.8
5K	91.8
1S	90.4
RD	89.6
RA	89.6
1T	88.6
RK	88.2



*Autumn Term Golden Ticket winners
Well done to Class 2W
And 3G who are this term's Golden Ticket Winners-winning 3 Golden Tickets each. They now have £25 to spend on a class reward.*

*Punctuality
Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. The gates open at 8.20 and lessons start promptly at 8.30. Arriving to school on time gives your child a better start to their day and ensure that they can fully access their learning . If you need any support with getting your child to school on time please contact Mrs Davey.*

Attendance Target is
96%



Actual attendance
93.1%



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: WEEK 1-3

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Reception	Gabrielle Erney B Amie S Martin D Nova S Italie-Rose D	Cian P Star Louise L Anastasia G Jong Su M Huda A Lexie Mai G	Eliza-Mae M Micael A Emily E Olivia H Fejiro O Ethan B
Year 1	Elisha A Any R Ruby-Leigh H Elsie M Charlie S Jane P	Michael-John Harrison Alannah Catherine Evelyn-Rose Maryam	Angela Mikel Kamila Maliha Lauryn Eden Nick
Year 2	Reyan N Tara S Rebecca A Aderinsola M	Kayson TB Simona K Andrew W Scarlett B	Rosanna D Oliver B Kyle D Evelyn C
Year 3	Aiynna M Tonye O Thomas R	Ruby B Afeezah A Flynn H	Poppie P Yassin B Mylee M
Year 4	Sophie D Zac T Daniel O	Kasier B Oscar D Ibtisam A	Anum Raham Tokoni Otobo Aliyah Islam
Year 5	Tommy W Harlee V Carter-Jay H Franky-Rose B	Yaser C Dara O Ebenezer D Maya G	Isabelle Jamie
Year 6	Mariya Selene David A David B	Ruby M Alfie C Layla-Marie Jack D	Week 4- Kajus G and Macey-Rae D Week 5- Nathan A and Gabriela M Week 6-
Acorn	Serena	Oliver	Evie-Leigh



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Green:** Parents/Carers are invited to attend
- **Blue:** Pupils only [Parents/Carers are not required to attend]

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Date	Year Group	Event Information
Tuesday 10 th January	5	End of day reading 2.45 – 3.00
Thursday 17 th January	2	Key Stage 1 SATS Parent Information Session 2.25 – 2.55
Wednesday 18 th January	Reception	Reading Workshop 2.30 – 2.55
Wednesday 25 th January	Reception	Family Learning Session 2.00 – 3.00
Thursday 26 th January	5	Parent Workshop Maths – Arithmetic Focus 3.00 – 3.30
Thursday 26 th January	All Years	Visit to Elite Dental 9.00 – 12.00
Friday 27 th January	4	Visit to Duxford Museum
Monday 30 th January	5	Hamlet Workshop 9.00 – 11.00/ 1.00- 3.00
Tuesday 31 st January	5	Hamlet Workshop 9.00 – 11.00
Tuesday 31 st January	5	End of the day reading 2.45 – 3.00
Wednesday 1 st February	1 and 2	Read Write Inc Parent Workshop 2.25 – 2.55
Thursday 2 nd February	5	Hamlet Performance – GPFS 10.00
Thursday 2 nd February	1	Family Learning Session 2.15 – 2.55
Friday 3 rd February	4	Family Learning Session 1.45 – 3.00
Friday 3 rd February	2	Great Fire of London Workshop
Monday 6 th February	1	Lego Micro City Workshop
Tuesday 7 th February	1	Lego Micro City Workshop
Tuesday 7 th February	3	Anglo Saxon Workshop
Tuesday 7 th February	5	Family Learning Session WW1 2.30 – 3.00
Wednesday 8 th February	1	Lego Micro City Workshop
Wednesday 8 th February	Reception	Speech and Language Workshop 2.30
Thursday 9 th February	2	Family Learning Session 2.15 – 2.55
Thursday 9 th February	2	Family Learning Session 2.15 – 3.00
Friday 10 th February	2	Great Fire of London Workshop



School Contact Details

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WELCOME TO LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY



GLC Lansdowne Primary Academy
All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best

THE NAMED MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR CHILD PROTECTION AT
LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY ARE:



MR BURNETT
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING
LEAD



MISS SPARROW
INCLUSION MANAGER

DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING
LEAD



MISS SPINDLER
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING
LEAD 2

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Keeping Safe at Lansdowne Primary Academy

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HEALTH STRATEGY

AUTUMN WHOLE SCHOOL THEME: **HEALTHY HYGIENE HABITS**
FOCUS: Handwashing, coughs & colds, illnesses etc.

WINTER WHOLE SCHOOL THEME: **LIKE TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT!**
FOCUS: Sedentary behaviour

SPRING WHOLE SCHOOL THEME: **HEALTHY HYDRATION!**
FOCUS: Portable water consumption

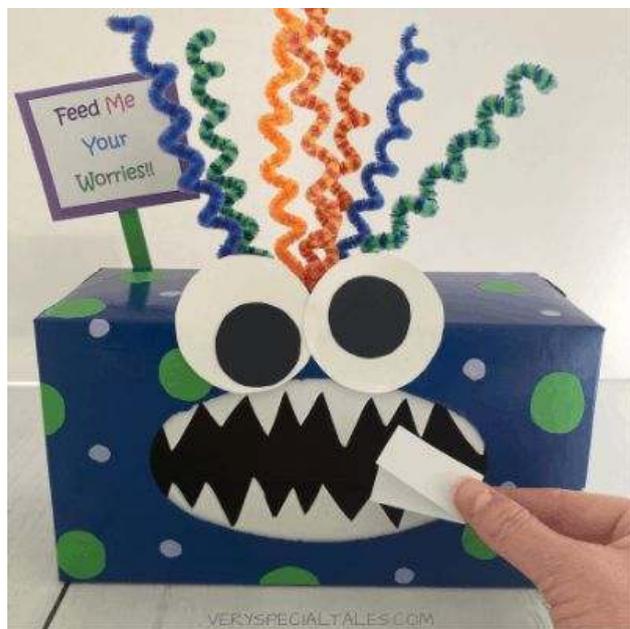
SUMMER WHOLE SCHOOL THEME: **SAFE IN THE SUN!**
FOCUS: Sun protection

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TALK PANTS AND STAY SAFE, LIKE PANTOSAURUS

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE
A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU
N O MEANS NO
T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU
S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

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We have a worry box in every classroom - please encourage your child to use this if they need to...

ANTI-BULLYING PROCESS

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Step 1- Speak up and STAND UP

'I won't watch someone get picked on because I am a do something person'

If I am being bullied or I see someone being bullied I can ...

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<p>I can tell a trusted adult in school</p> <p>It may be one of the 5 adults on your <u>network hand</u>.</p>	<p>I can tell a trusted adult out of school who will talk to the school for me</p> <p>If you feel like you are unable to talk to a school adult, share with an adult at home</p>	<p>I can write it down and give it to my teacher</p> <p>Sometimes it is difficult to talk, we understand. Write it down and we'll help!</p>

Step 2 - INVESTIGATE

'At Lansdowne - bullying is not OK! Bullying bothers me'

The adults in school will listen to me.

They will speak to everyone involved to find out what happened.

I may have to write down what has been happening.

The adult may keep a secret eye on me - they are helping me to stay safe.

Step 3 - FIX IT

'We are a team at Lansdowne and we STAND UP to bullies!'

The adults will talk to the person who is being bullied and the person who is the bully.

The adults will try and understand why something has happened, how everyone feels and what needs to change.

The adults will continue to monitor the situation and support the victim to feel empowered as well as supporting the bully so that their behaviour changes.

The adults will try to help mend any broken relationships if this is wanted.

The adults will check in regularly to make sure that we are safe and happy.

If I **STAND UP** against bullying - the adults in school will support me.

Consequences of Bullying

If I am bullying another child, this means I am making our school unsafe and unhappy. I will not be allowed on the playground for an amount of time and there could be more serious consequences.

Roblox and how children can play this safely:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/>

Parents guide to Roblox and how your kids can play it safely

Andy Robertson | July 20th, 2022
Andy Robertson has three children and has written about technology for families for 15 years. He is a freelance family technology expert for the BBC and recently wrote the Terrific Gaming book for parents. The book is supported by a Family Video Game Database.



How can I help my child stay safe while playing Roblox? This is the question that a lot of parents grapple with when it comes to the popular platform. To help ease those fears, tech journalist and games expert

Our Core Values across The GLC

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Aspiration - We aim high and work hard to make it happen. We believe everybody can achieve something great and realise the importance of 'improving upon our best'.

Responsibility - We take charge of our own actions and behaviour, recognising that we play a fundamental role in shaping our lives, the lives of others and every aspect of our world. We understand the importance of 'making the weather'.

Resilience - We tackle challenges head on, bounce back from any setbacks and approach situations people and experiences with confidence and a positive mindset.

Compassion - We care for ourselves and one another, are concerned about the suffering of others and want to act to make a better world.



Please talk to your children about how we demonstrate our Core Values in school and outside of school.

Our Learning Competencies

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Our 4 Learning Competencies will equip students who leave school to engage in the personal, cultural, economic and social challenges they will inevitably face in their lives:

Communication: The ability to express thoughts and feelings and confidently in a range of media and forms

Curiosity: The ability to ask questions and explore how the world works better

Creativity: The ability to generate new ideas and to apply them in practice

Critical thinking: The ability to analyse information and ideas and to form reasoned arguments and judgements



Please talk to your children about how we demonstrate our Learning Competencies in school and outside of school.



PE AND SCHOOL SPORT

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KS2 Boccia/Kurling

On Friday 18th November children from Lansdowne took part in the Boccia and New Age Kurling event at William Edwards. 15 schools across Thurrock competed. The children worked hard and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. For both Boccia and Kurling, Lansdowne finished top of their group which saw them go through to the finals. Overall, Lansdowne finished third in both the Boccia and Kurling event earning themselves some bronze medals! A huge congratulations to all the children who took part!



Year 5&6 Badminton

On Friday 25th November, Year 5 & 6 children at LPA participated in a badminton competition, competing against schools across Thurrock. The LPA team finished first in their group and third overall which saw them win the bronze medal! The team worked extremely hard in preparation for this competition, attending a morning badminton club at 7:45 every Monday morning. Congratulations to the children who took part, the bronze medal was well deserved!



GLC Badminton

A huge congratulations to our very own badminton team who participated in the GLC Badminton event Thursday evening! The children were able to win all eight of their games against and bring the trophy back to Lansdowne. This was the second event this brilliant badminton team have participated in and once again they have brought home some medals! Well done team! All of us at LPA are extremely proud of you!



KS2 Archery

A huge congratulations to the children who participated within the KS2 Archery tournament on Friday 9th December. With 14 schools taking part, Lansdowne came third earning themselves some bronze medals!! Also, a huge congratulations to Kajus Glodenis who was the second highest scoring boy during the tournament earning himself a silver medal! Well done to everyone who participated! We are very proud of you!



Nursery

In our SCARF lessons the nursery children have been learning about being kind and importance of sharing. Last week the children decorated a biscuit and shared it with a friend! We have also been doing lots of Christmas activities and especially enjoyed working together to decorate our Christmas trees!



Reception

In Reception this week we have been preparing for our Christmas show. We have been working very hard to practise our songs, remember our lines and our routines. We performed two amazing shows to our adults!



ACORNS

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In Acorns we have had fun taking part in lots of festive activities, including making Christingles and developing our fine motor skills by creating different Christmas tree pictures and decorating the class tree. We also enjoyed playing Jingle Bells for our class performance, which we can't wait to share with our parents. We made Christmas decorations and chocolate covered pretzels to sell on our Canadian stall at the Christmas Market, as well as decorating a table cloth with maple leaves.



Year 1 have been very busy learning all about the nativity story, they have sequenced the events and they have written sentences of their own to tell the story of the birth of Baby Jesus. The pupils have been baking and cooking their food ready to sell at the Christmas market, this created lots of excitement and they are hoping that all of the adults will come to the market and buy their delicious food.

The Christmas performance of 'The Magical Toy Box' based on the music of Tchaikovsky, was a great success, lovely dancing, beautiful singing and signing. A huge thank you must be given to the PE team for all of their help in creating and practising the dances.

In maths this week, pupils have been learning to identify and name 2D shapes, they used the shapes to make a Christmas picture.



Year 2 has been filled with excitement this week as the pupils have been busy making, cooking and baking their delicious treats ready to sell at the Christmas market. In writing, the pupils have been enjoying the story of 'The Snowman'. They have watched clips from the film and used this to inspire writing character and setting descriptions. They have used images from the film to create their own version of the story. All of this hard work was celebrated during their 'snowman party' this week, where they used shaving foam and a variety of materials to make a snowman character just like the one from the story.

In maths this week, pupils have been developing their metacognitive talk, thinking out loud about how best to solve a maths problem. Great problem solving year 2!

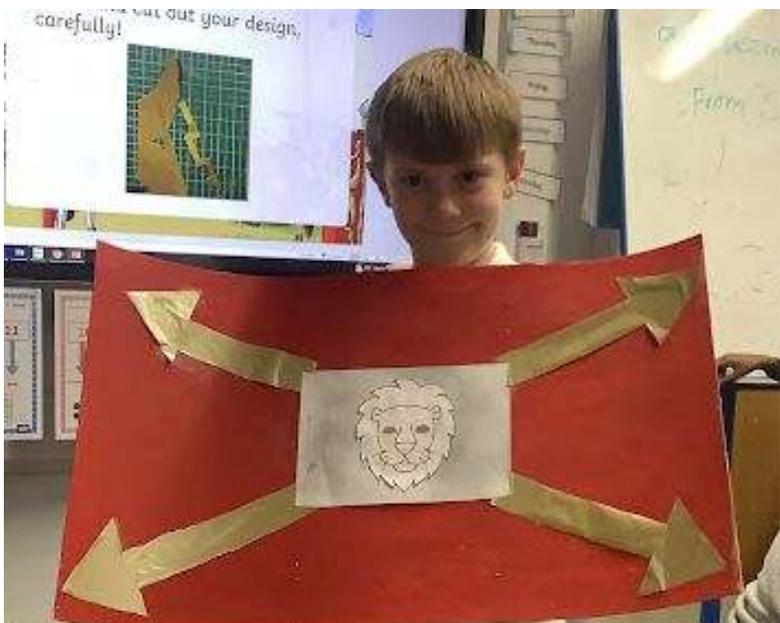


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Year 3

We have been having an absolute blast learning about the Romans and making the shields with our families. Thank you so much for helping us, we really appreciate the support you have given us this half term. In addition to this, we thank you for supporting us by attending our christmas concert, it was great to see you all in the festive spirit. Next half term we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons so stay tuned for when our next family learning session will take place.

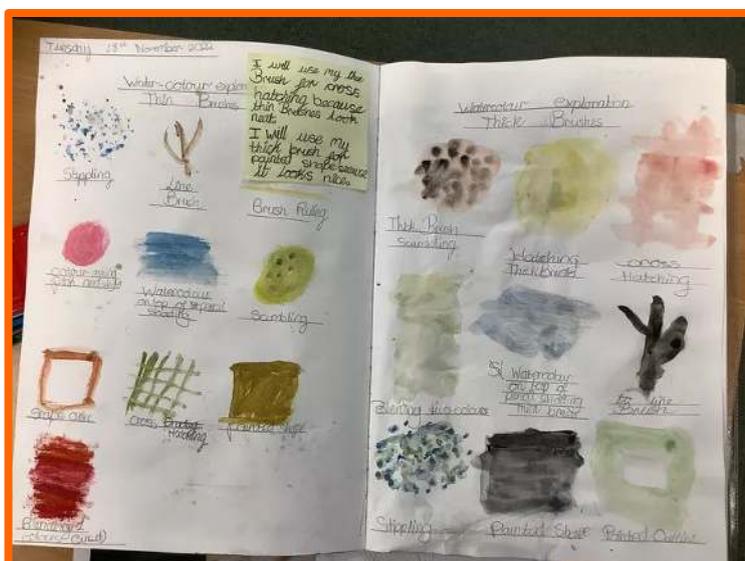
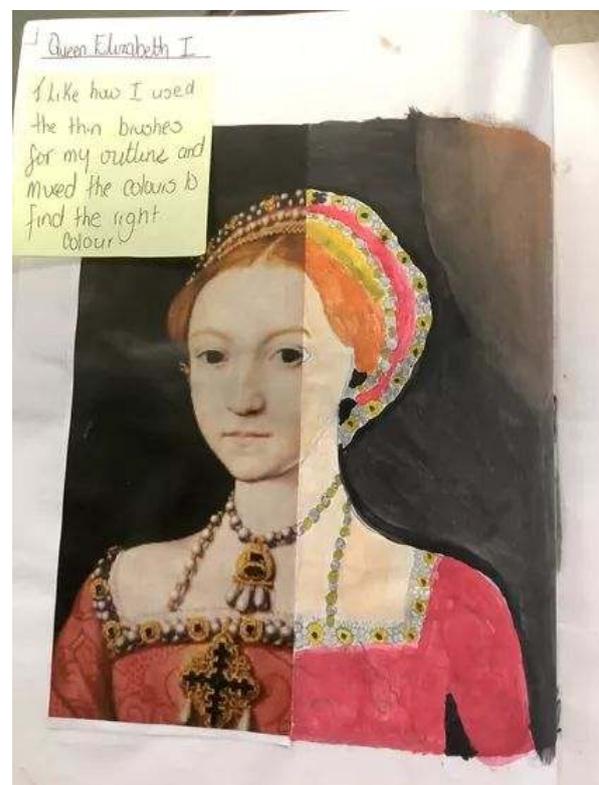


Year 4

In Year 4 we have been learning about Queen Elizabeth the 1st and improving our sketching and watercolour painting skills. As you can see below, there have been some fantastic outcomes in their artwork and definitely some up and coming artists! We thank you to those who came and

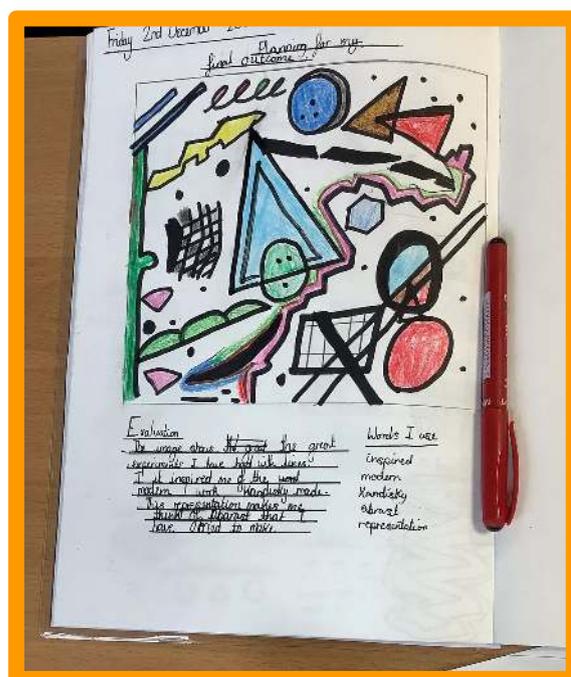
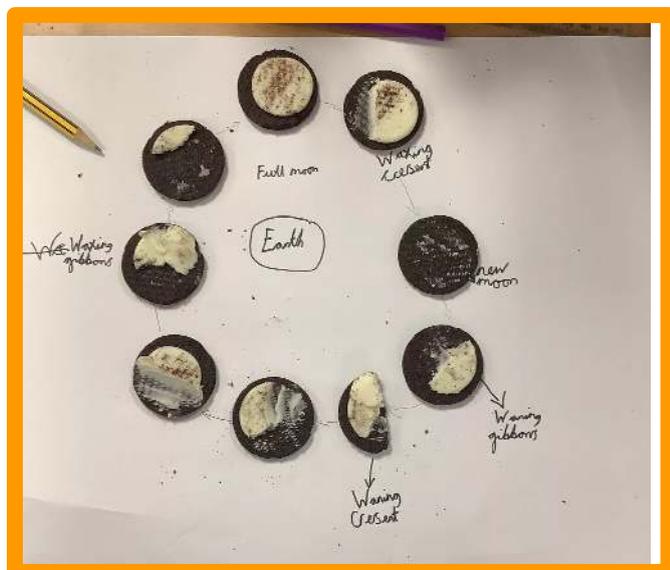
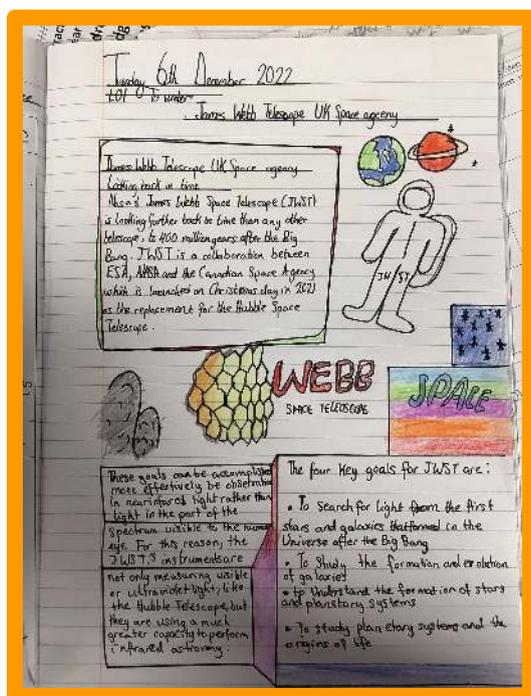


supported us on the school trip and our christmas concert. Next half term we will be learning about World War 2. We look forward to seeing you again at our family learning session.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy few weeks learning about space. The children loved learning about the phases of the moon using oreos to represent each phase - they enjoyed eating them afterwards too. We have learnt a lot about space this half term and the children have enjoyed all the hands on learning we have completed from rocket launches to making craters. The children completed their final piece for our abstract art unit this week. They used different shapes, colours, lines and patterns to design and create piece of abstract artwork. They then evaluated their piece and shared their work.



YEAR 6

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Year 6 attempted to travel back in time to the Victorian Era on Wednesday. Sadly, the time machine went wrong and a Victorian teacher, Miss Francis, was transported to the future. She insisted that the children were separated into girls and boys for their lessons for the remainder of the day.

The children experienced what a Victorian classroom was like and then spent time learning about how women and girls were treated then compared with today. Both groups spent time trying to convince the Victorian teacher that women and girls are equal to men and boys and therefore should have the same rights. We were particularly impressed with the views of the boys, who strongly put forward a case for equality for women - some of the boys were wise beyond their years and we were very proud of how they put forward their opinions.



At LPA we are looking at ways to have a more environmentally friendly Christmas.

Have an eco-Christmas

Help save the planet this festive season!

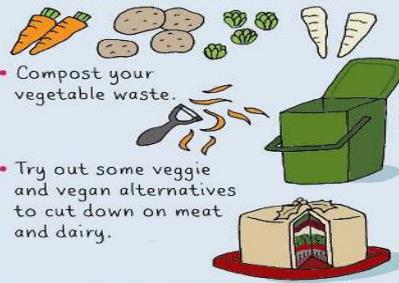
PRESENTS

- Try making gifts yourself! From knitting a scarf to baking a batch of cookies, there are lots of fantastic presents you can DIY.
- Buy presents from shops that make their products in an ethical and sustainable way... just like The Wildlife Trusts' store.
- Think quality not quantity: having a family Secret Santa means you don't have to buy for everyone and helps to create less waste.
- Avoid non-recyclable wrapping paper by using brown paper and brown paper tape. Better yet, go for a reusable option like a bag or a box.



FOOD

- Plan your meals so food doesn't go to waste. Leftovers can make some of the tastiest meals!
- Shop local. Are there ingredients for your Christmas dinner that you can source from local farms or shops?
- Compost your vegetable waste.
- Try out some veggie and vegan alternatives to cut down on meat and dairy.



DECORATIONS

- If you already have a cupboard full of sparkly Christmas decorations, make sure to reuse them.
- Instead of plastic tinsel, try using bunting, pinecones, or popcorn tinsel instead.
- Avoid buying Christmas crackers that contain plastic toys. You might want to try making your own using toilet roll tubes instead. Writing your own jokes is the best bit!



Save any Christmas cards and cut them up to use as tags for next year.



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Our student Parliament visited the council offices this term and met the Mayor. The Mayor even allowed us into the chambers to have a debate.