

Loseley Fields Newsletter

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is hard to believe how quickly this half term has gone. With a blink of an eye, we have managed to accelerate from the Christmas and New Year festivities right towards our half term break. It has been such a short half term but has been crammed with the most exciting and purposeful learning experiences for your children. I thought it would be nice to take this Newsletter to give you a brief insight into what has been going on across our school in recent weeks.

Key Stage 2 News:

Developing our singing and performing skills at the Young Voices Concert at the O2

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 went to the O2 London to join more than 8000 other pupils from around the country to perform in the Young Voices concert. The children had the chance to perform alongside M People's Heather Small, World Beatbox Champions 'The Beatbox Collective' and violinist Anna Phoebe. Months of hard work and rehearsals paid off as the children sang their hearts out to an arena full of friends and family in the evening. We were incredibly proud of their efforts and how they represented our school on the day.

Year 5 work with Shakespeare Theatre Company to perform Macbeth during literacy

'This half term the Year 5 children were paid a very special visit from a group of actors at the Guildford Shakespeare Company. The children were able to watch their performance of the play, have a Q&A session with the actors and take part in a drama workshop in the afternoon. The children are now working on their own version of the play entitled 'Macbeth Goes Wrong' whilst using it to help inspire their literacy writing.'

Year 3 get historical at Hampton Court

During their visit the children explored the Tudor apartments and the Great Hall, saw Henry VIII's crown, visited the kitchens and made it to the centre of the maze. They also investigated whether Henry had enjoyed being at Hampton Court by studying primary sources.



Key Stage 2 News:

Leo Class become David Attenborough for the day

Leo Class have been learning all about polar explorers so on our David Attenborough Day we made a film of some of the facts we had learnt about polar animals and then had our own 'expedition' on the field. We made 'trail mix', put up a camp, visited the south pole to find out what animals lived there and finished buy toasting marshmallows over the campfire.

Year 6 give their artist impressions of London during the Blitz

Year 6 are learning about the Second World War across the curriculum in History, Geography, English, Art and DT lessons. In recent Art lessons, the children have been creating their own paintings based upon the Blitz. Over the course of several sessions, the children drew silhouettes of the London skyline line, which they painted black, represented the fires caused by the bombing and graduated pallets of red and yellow and finally added blocks of white to show the search lights.



Key Stage 1 and Early Years News:

Year 2 do town planning understand the impact of history on our local geography

In the Spring 1 half term, Year 2 have been learning about 'Innovation and Legacy', exploring the Roman Empire and its effect upon the British Isles. In order to demonstrate their knowledge, the children were asked to construct a Roman town. Their towns needed to include: straight, paved Roman roads, a basilica (town hall), a forum (marketplace), a temple, some villas for the population to live within and a latrine building (yuck). As you can see, they did a fabulous job using their imaginations to represent the buildings and roads with a range of classroom resources.

Our Youngest children investigate habitats in Science

Reception have been learning about different habitats and the animals that live there. So far, we have explored the Artic, Antarctica, Jungle, Rainforest and we even went under the ocean. Children are learning about the different climates in these habitats, the differences between our habitat and the animals, and the different adaptations animals have had to make to survive in their environment.

Year 1 investigated time in maths

How long is a second? What can you do in one minute? An hour? They sorted activities on the school playground. Then they found out how many star jumps we could do in one minute, using stopwatches.



I am sure your children have all been sharing with you the work we have been doing with them in assemblies to introduce the new playground zones so that their lunchtime play is meaningful with lots of exciting activities to take part in. There will be sports zones, creative zones, quiet spaces, and science areas. Thanks must go to Miss Haslingden and Mrs Birch for being the inspiration and driving force behind rolling this out across the school. This week I stumbled across the most amazing activity with Mrs Davis and a group of children one lunch time. They were laying out on cushions in our new quiet garden looking up into the sky. On closer inspection I found that they were examining the clouds and identifying what type of clouds they could see in the sky and what this might mean for our weather. What a fantastic activity for the children to be involved in! Weather permitting, building work on the new infant playground is planned to begin towards the end of February. This is bound to stimulate lots more excitement for the children.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break with your children.

Kind regards

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