



Diocese of Norwich
St Benet's
Multi Academy Trust

Little Plumstead Primary Academy Newsletter



Message from Mrs Holmes, Interim Head of School

Welcome back!

I hope you all had an amazing half term holiday and a well-deserved break.

It was lovely having parents in school this week for parent consultation meetings. We hope you found the sessions valuable and gave you the opportunity to discuss your children with their class teacher. We have a few to rearrange and this will be done as soon as possible.

Next week we have lots to look forward to. We have the first discos of the year for KS1 and KS2. Thank you so much for everyone who has volunteered to support this event; without your time, we would not be able to offer these amazing opportunities. We also have a Friends of Little Plumstead meeting in school at 7pm on Tuesday. Please come along and share your ideas. Everyone is welcome. On Friday, all the children will be going to church to attend a Remembrance Service ahead of Remembrance Day on Saturday.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please continue to raise them with your child's class teacher.

Health and Safety Policy

The Health and Safety Policy sets out how the school complies with The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the subsequent legislation. The Academy is committed to taking effective action "so far as is reasonably practical" to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all the academy staff, employees, pupils, visitors, contractors and any other person affected by its activities.

The policy includes an overview of roles and responsibilities and processes and procedures for Health and Safety. The policy is being sent with this newsletter and is also available in the policies section on the school website.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas card designs will be returned today, to order please go www.apfsorders.co.uk and enter your child's unique artwork code (found on the back of the artwork).

There are Christmas cards, tote bags, mugs, wrapping paper and gift tags available to order with your child's unique design on.

Please submit orders by midnight **Thursday 9th November** for free delivery to the school. Orders placed after this date will have an additional postage cost.

Year 5

Bikeability begins on Monday 6 November for Year 5.

Please remember your bike and helmet! If you haven't returned your checklist, please bring this to school office first thing Monday morning.



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



POPPY APPEAL

POPPY APPEAL PRODUCTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS WILL VISIT EACH CLASSROOM FOR CHILDREN TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS.
WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH LOTS OF WRISTBANDS AND A FEW REFLECTIVE POPPIES AND
BUTTON TAGS.

WE ARE SUGGESTING A £1 DONATION FOR EACH ITEM. THANK YOU.

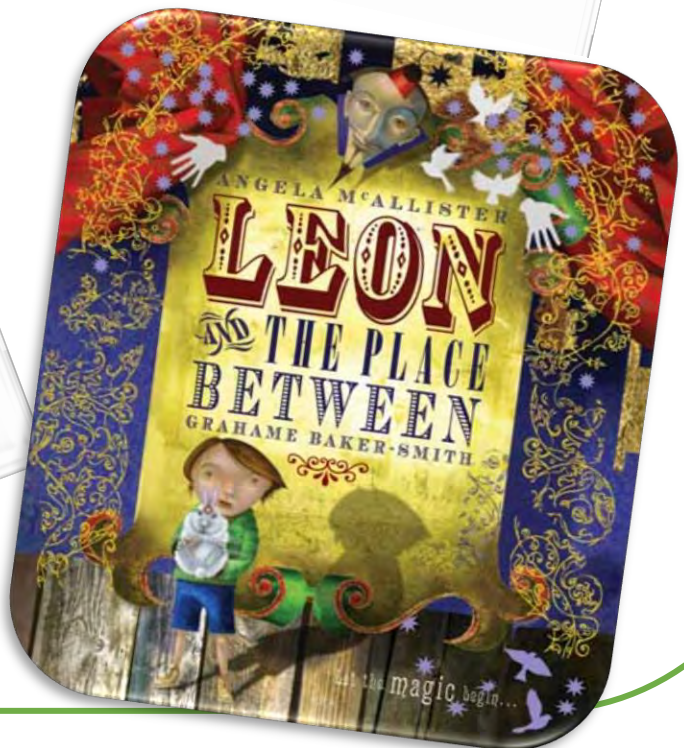
Year 3 - Parks Class

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term
2023/24!



After a whirlwind half term holiday, the children have returned to school settled back into the new term very well. Our new story book focus for Guided Reading is on Leon and the place between by Angela McAllister and illustrated by Graham Baker-Smith. This lovely story is capturing the children's attention and imaginations and they are learning about the impact that illustrations have on the story telling process. We will have a special guest illustrator coming into visit our class in a few weeks' time, to talk to the children about how they illustrate stories and the process that they go through. In our English lessons we have recently begun learning about Non-Chronological Reports, the children are over the next week going to be creating a report on the school which I am sure will make for some very interesting and exciting reading.

Outside of our classroom learning, the children are already beginning to about the upcoming festivities and we hope that you will be able to come and join us at the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert which will be happening in a only a few weeks' time.



TALK FOR MONEY WEEK!



MANDELA



In Mandela class the children decided to hold a cake sale to raise some money. They worked hard in groups to bake and decorate cupcakes, which we sold to parents on Friday. The children raised an amazing £76.40. They have decided to spend £10.95 on 5 bags of play sand and £35 on some new small world toys. The children have decided to save the remaining money. A big thank you to all the parents that supported us.

ARMSTRONG

Armstrong class had a visit from Milo the dinosaur during money week. He helped us identify each coin and learn the shapes and sizes of them. We added them all together to make sure that we had enough for Milo to buy what he wanted from the supermarket and even had some left over.



NIGHTINGALES



Nightingales went shopping with Milo. The children enjoyed working out how much his shopping cost. We have some change left over each time and we had to decide if we wanted to spend it on other items for ourselves or save it all for another day.

PARKS



In Parks Class, we considered how and why we use money in different ways from budgeting to pay bills through to buying the things that we want. The children were more than a little surprised at how families have to decide on their own wants and needs.

POCOCK



Pocock's big question was 'Where does our money come from?' As part of this exploration, we considered the reasons why we work, and we ranked some possible reasons by order of importance in a 'diamond 9' formation. We had lots of varying ideas on what was important! We also thought about different job types and the amount they are paid. We had a go at putting some jobs in order by what we assumed their annual salary was, before finding out how accurate we were - some of the real annual salaries really surprised us! We very much enjoyed our exploration into money this week.

EARHART

Earhart's have been learning about how we can look after our money, how we save our own money, looking at different types of bank accounts. We learnt about how interest and borrowing works, and investigated how much interest we would need to pay if we took out a small loan. Finally, we explored how we can help others with money, what fair trade is and our responsibility to our global community.



THUNBERGS



During money week we thought about the way we use and spend money. We looked at and decided how much we would spend, how much we would save and how much we would give away from an amount of money, and importantly - why we made those decisions. We also looked at taxes and being charitable.

TALK FOR MONEY WEEK!



CHILDREN'S COMMENTS

KS1 COMMENTS:

"If I was Milo I would go to the shops and buy something for someone"

"If I was Milo I would spend a little bit and save a little bit."

"We have been reading a book about Milo. He is a dinosaur and he helps us learn about money and what we can do with it."

KS2 COMMENTS:

"If you put money in the bank you get interest"

"If you take out a loan you have to pay interest"

"We learnt how to save electricity and how much it costs to run a house"

How does money make you feel?
"Lucky and grateful because you can buy enough food for your family and have nice stuff."

"Give money to those who need it. Buy others food so they don't starve."

"You can use money to buy treats and essentials like food and clothes"

SPOTtacular Non-Uniform Day for Children In Need

Little Plumstead C of E
Primary Academy



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Friday 17th November 2023

We'd like to invite everyone to come to school in something spotty for BBC's Children In Need for a suggested donation of £1, payable via Parentmail (we cannot accept any cash in school)



SCHOOL DISCO

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Friends of Little Plumstead would like to invite children to a disco on

Monday 6th November

KS1: 4:30pm to 5:30pm

KS2: 5:45pm to 7:00pm

£2 per child (cash only on the night). Further details will be emailed by Friends.



National Sleep Helpline:

We are sending information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. They can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the National Sleep Helpline. It features a photograph of a woman and a child sitting at a table, looking at a book together. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a dark blue background. The helpline's logo is at the top right, and the main headline asks if children suffer with sleep issues. Below this, three questions address bedtime struggles, sleeping in their own beds, and the helpline's ability to help. The contact number and hours are prominently displayed at the bottom. A secondary graphic on the right highlights that 50% of children have a sleep issue at some point, and provides more details about the helpline's services and partners.

the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

50% **Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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POWERED BY **the sleep charity**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **Furniture Village**

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021



The graphic features a photograph of a young girl with glasses, smiling and engaged in a science experiment. The text is overlaid on the image in white and blue boxes. The main message is that missing a single day of school is equivalent to missing over two years of school, emphasizing the importance of daily attendance.

Every Day Counts ✓

Missing a day of school a week

is the same as missing over 2 years of school.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES		
DATE	TIME (where applicable)	EVENT/ACTIVITY
6 th – 9 th November		Bikeability course Y5
6 th November	KS1 4:30pm – 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm – 7:00pm	School Discos
7 th November	2pm	New Intake Open Day
10 th November		Armistice Service in church (Pupils only)
17 th November		Children In Need – The Big Spotacular non-uniform day
30 th November		Flu Vaccinations all years.
4 th December	9:15am	Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
5 th December	9:30am	KS1 Nativity in school hall
6 th December	1:30pm	KS1 Nativity in school hall
8 th December	2:30pm	KS2 Carol Concert in school hall
13 th December		Christmas Lunch – details to follow
19 th December		Christmas Service in Church (Pupils only)
21 st Dec – 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
4 th January		School starts
11 th January		YR National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
w/c 5 th February		Children’s Mental Health Week (details tbc)
14 th February		Church Service - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins (Pupils only)
19 th – 23 rd February	SPRING HALF TERM	
26 th February		School starts
27 th February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 th February	TBC	Parent Consultations
4 th March	TBC	School Discos
6 th March	TBC	Mother’s Day Assembly KS1
7 th March		World Book Day
8 th March	TBC	Mother’s Day Assembly KS2
26 th March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
28 th March – 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
15 th April		School starts
6 th May		Bank Holiday
13 th – 16 th May		KS2 SATS
22 nd May		Church Service (Pupils only)
27 th - 31 st May	SUMMER HALF TERM	
3 rd June		School starts
3 rd July	TBC	Sports Day
11 th July	TBC	School Discos
17 th July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 th July	TBC	Leavers Assembly

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Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Outreach

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Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Outreach presents

MESOZOIC MATHS

@ The Forum, 10am - 4pm
Sunday 5th November

SUN 5 Nov

10am - 4pm : The Atrium

ACTIVITY DROP-IN FREE LEARNING

No booking required

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The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1TF
01603 727 950

Join Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form for a fun-filled day of interactive mathematics activities.

Following on from last year's success, our Maths Week programme is taking on a new theme - dinosaurs. Try your hand at a range of T-rrific tasks with members of Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form's excellent teaching team to be in with a chance of winning a roar-some prize.

Discover more about their programme so far, as well as details on their upcoming events and opportunities for teachers, parents and students to engage with Maths at all ages and levels.

Visit the Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form website for further information.