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1. Dates for the diary.

Please click on the attachment below to view Autumn Term's calendar and the Term dates

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING AT 1PM ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Please note that we need to add an additional day of holiday to the current school year to compensate for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday which falls in June half term 2022. Therefore, we will move our planned June INSET day to Friday 27th May 2022 and take Monday 6th June 2022 as our additional holiday. This means the children will break up for the summer half term on Thursday 26th May and return to school on Tuesday 7th June 2022.

2. Nursery news...



This week there has been a real interest in small construction. Following this interest, we researched modern and ancient buildings. The children explored building vertically and horizontally. As the week went on the constructions became very creative.

3. Reception news...

This week in Reception, we have been looking at kindness for anti-bullying week. We talked about the importance of being kind and through the story of Elmer, it doesn't matter what we look like, it is what is inside that is important. We have also enjoyed pairing and designing socks, talking about what is a good friend and showing kindness whilst exploring. In Math's, we have been using counting and comparing skills to find one more than a number. We have also been learning the sounds for **j v w x** and practicing reading tricky words. Next week our topic is going to be celebrating weddings from different countries and faiths. If you have any photographs of weddings that you have attended, please send them in. Thank you.



4. Year 1 news...

We have been looking at the difference between a statement and a question and how we can use these in our writing. In maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes identifying patterns and grouping the shapes. In science, we imagined that a puppy had a little accident in the classroom. We used this inspiration to investigate different materials and how absorbent they are, so that we could clean up the mess. In art, we finished making our leaf string print ready to make some amazing prints using paints next week. Finally, we have had an anti-bullying focus this week. The children created a poster of a kind words to go up in our lovely classroom.

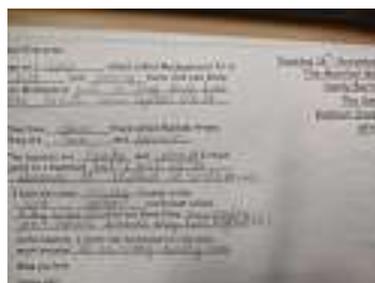


5. Year 2 news...

The children have been extremely hard this week learning all about similes and Madagascar. They then used all the learning we have done so far and wrote some super postcards from Madagascar and character descriptions for some of the characters in the story we are using.

We have also been code breakers in science this week; cracking codes and writing their own. They were fascinated by Alan Turing and all said they wanted to go to Bletchley Park to see the Enigma Machine and first computer.

In maths we have been practicing both addition and subtraction. Next week we will be moving onto money so any recaps on coins or notes over the weekend will be wonderful.



6. Year 3 news...

In year 3 this week the children have worked extremely hard and I am very pleased to say that the children have reached their whole class resilience gem target of 50 and earned their first class treat. The target was set in September and the children have been working very hard as a team to gain 50 gems ever since! Their target was to work as a team to keep the classroom tidy and stay focused during independent learning time by managing their distractions. Information to follow on parent mail about the activity the children have chosen to do for their class treat.

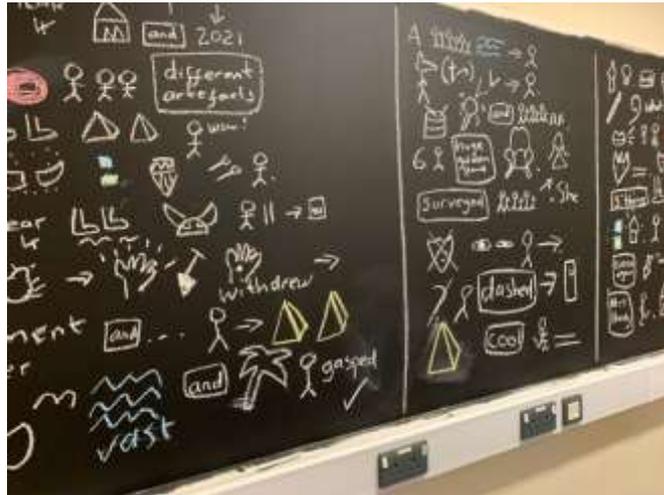


The children are very excited about our school trip to the Roald Dahl museum in Great Missenden next Wednesday 24th November. Please can parents ensure children bring a waterproof coat on this day. We will be walking from the coach park to the museum. During our day at the museum the children will be taking part in various workshops to learn how to become creative collaborators. The children will be getting creative to write and illustrate their very own class picture book for our classroom library. It is going to be a fantastic day and we can't wait to share the book with you in next week's bulletin.



7. Year 4 news...

Year 4 worked super hard all week in order to perform at their class assembly on anti-bullying. They did a great job and really enjoyed working on it. They performed a wonderful poem called One Kind Word and also re-wrote the lyrics to the School Rules Song to give it an anti-bullying theme. This week they also started a new unit in English. They have been learning a story about time travel off by heart with a view to being able to create their own 'portal' stories. It's a new way of learning English for the class – Talk4Writing – and it involves lots of talking and actions which they are all embracing and enjoying. See if they can read any of the story to you from the images we've created as a 'memory jogger' on our classroom blackboard.



8. Year 5 news...

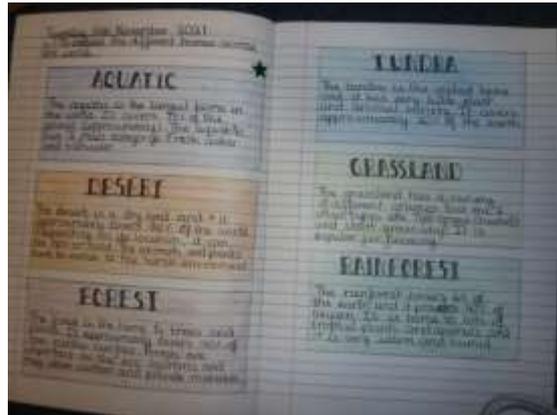
This week in PE, we worked really hard to show our team work whilst developing our hockey skills. We also have just spent some of today at the park as our gem reward; again, this was down to us working as a team. As a class, we are now all familiar with our class story, *Kidnapped*. See if your child can tell you the whole story with the actions we have used to help us memorise it.



9. Year 6 news...

This week, the children have worked really hard on learning and innovating the text 'Beowulf'. We have looked at grammar features such as repetition, dashes, alliteration and engaging story openers. The children are now writing their own version of Beowulf, drawing inspiration from our reading of 'The Hobbit'. The children have also enjoyed learning about biomes in geography, leading on from our work on climate zones last week. In design technology, the children have been busy testing materials for suitability for a flood-proof house, which they are going to design next week.

It has been a fun-filled, engaging week and we are all so proud of our Year 6 children.



10. Local information

<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>



This is such a valuable service – please explore it. If you need any assistance do get in touch and we will be happy to help you.

11. Don't forget...

Nativities and Carols

Nursery will be performing a Christmas "Sing along at 2pm" in the nursery room on the 13th December -

The Reception and Y1 nativity will be taking place on 14th December. There will be a performance taking place at 2:30pm and 6pm that day

Year 2 will be leading the carol singing on 16th December at 2:30pm. ALL parents are invited.

Weather permitting, we would like to hold this event at the front of the school. Mince pies and other festive treats and drinks will be available in the school hall afterwards.

We are so looking forward to seeing you all



Christmas lunches

We will be serving Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 15th December**. Menus will follow soon.

Watch this space



We would like to invite parents in on Friday 17th December to come and make a Christmas decoration with their child(ren) that they can take home and hang on their tree. We will also make sure there will be plenty of mince pies available! You will also have the opportunity to purchase your child's art creation on this exciting day too. More details about this event will follow

EXCITING NEWS...



We will be running a cartoonist club after Christmas if your child loves making their own comic and cartoon characters and wants to learn more about expressive style art, then this is the club to join. I know we have a huge number of very talented artists in our school.

The club can only take 15 children but if it proves to be a success we will keep it running throughout the year so as many children as possible get a turn.

We will let you know when this is going to be launched on parentmail and the cost will be detailed on this launch too.

Mud, glorious mud!



We are really keen to let the children play on the field for as long as possible. However, it is starting to get a bit muddy! Apologies if your child has come home a little dirtier than they arrived.

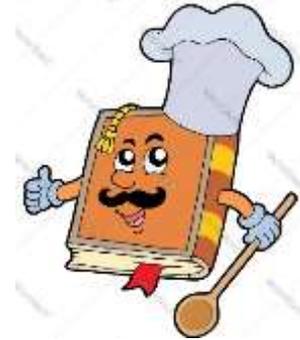
Could we ask that if you child wants to play football on the field that they bring in a spare pair of trainers and a change of trousers/skirt just in case!

Lace Hill Cookbook

I really need help with cooking – I have even managed to burn a boiled egg!

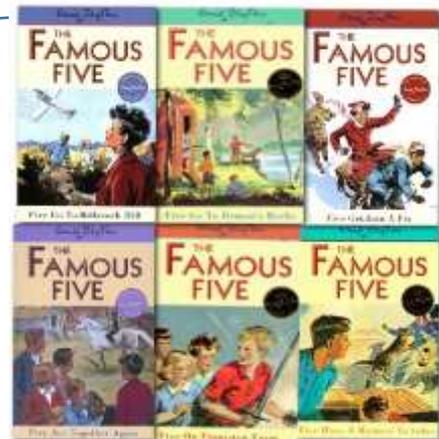
We would love to start a school cook book that reflects our community. We would like everyone to send in their favourite recipe including writing it in their own language. We have such a wonderfully diverse community and we would love to see a selection of different recipes written in a variety of different languages that reflects everyone's culture. Please email your recipe to the school office or drop it in at the office when you come to school.

I will endeavour to improve my cooking skills with your help!



12. Book recommendation

Joseph would like to recommend the Famous Five collection by Enid Blyton. He loves that there are so many adventures and the characters have to be resilient to solve the problem



13. Reading Time

Reading at Lace Hill has become the topic of conversation. Children all across the school are setting up 'companies' and taking requests to write a story of people's choice, create a comic book for everyone, set up a comic competition as well as write play scripts for other year groups to read and perform. These children are AMAZING!

Poem of the week

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;
And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild-plum trees in tremulous white;
Robins will wear their feathery fire,
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;
And not one will know of the war, not one
Will care at last when it is done.
Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree,
If mankind perished utterly;
And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn
Would scarcely know that we were gone.

I have not had many illustration and I know there are budding artists out there – we will be setting up a cartoon club soon so get the practice in now!
Have a go at illustrating this poem and let me have a peak.

14. Contact us

Please feel free to contact us if you need to discuss anything.

Email: office@lacehillacademy.co.uk

Telephone: 01280 823747

We are always happy to speak to you!



16. A huge shout out...



I don't think the children will ever stop surprising me with how fabulous they are. They have shown such kindness to one another – especially our Y5 and Y6 children looking after the smaller children at the zones during lunchtime. I have also been so delighted to receive lots of children at my door to celebrate the wonderful writing they have been doing. I am one lucky lady!

The children that have received the cups for showing fantastic resilience this week are:

Y1 Quentin
Y2 Charlie K
Y3 Jasmin
Y4 Bethany
Y5 Ale
Y6 Kimberly
LHA award Olivia

Attendance cup - Y1 and Y2 AGAIN! We need some other year groups to take on the challenge of beating Y1 and 2 as they are just unbeatable at the moment!

Tidiest classroom Y6 – what a face lift your classroom has had!