



# Leigh and Bransford Newsletter

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This week it is all about winter planting, Black History month, Room on a Broom, vet visits, science, mud & cake!

**Oscar Day** – Thank you to everyone who contributed today, hopefully you are all munching on cakes from the cake sale as you read this spectacular Newsletter. We will let you know how much we all raised very soon. Hopefully this and all the other efforts around the county will get Oscar & his family the help they need. **#Osctober**

**Harvest Festival** – This year our Harvest Assembly is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am will be KS1 & Year 3 whilst Classes 4-6 will be at 10am. Reception Class this year will be doing their very own separate Harvest Workshop – details from Mr Powney to follow. Ticketing this year will be one ticket per child and then a reserve list for tickets left over.

**Mental Health Awareness Day** – All of a sudden it's next Thursday! Remember to send your children in comfortable active wear! We have yoga & tai chi workshops throughout the day. Also, those of you who use Black Pepper Lunches please go onto the website and change your meal choice to a packed lunch – we are hoping to have a school picnic outside.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** - Last call for Football Club for **Class 3 pupils**. Please let the school office know if you are interested and we will send home the sign up forms. Any last payments for external clubs please get them into the office asap.

**Nasal Flu Immunisation** - Consent letters should have now been returned to the office. Any stragglers please return asap as the Health Authority will be collecting them from us on Monday. Remember, these forms are a consent/not consent option, so everyone needs to return them. Immunisations will be done on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Parents Evening**- Slots are filling up, please remember to book yours through your class teacher via **dojo**, not the office.

**Conkers!!** – Our very own Mr Powney has made a request for these, leaves, sycamore seeds (the helicopter shapes) pine cones and anything you may find on an Autumn walk. Not small animals hiding in pine cones though, we do not need those! Leave your wintery finds in the office or at Reception class.

**Family Fun Day (Worcester Racecourse) for Oscar Saxelby-Lee** - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October is fast approaching. Sarah & her team of helpers have been working hard to make this fundraiser a success but there is still time for you to help. The fund pot amazingly stands at halfway so £250,000 to go. The raffle; if you are able to help with prize donations, please get in touch with Sarah or leave them at the school office. The team would be grateful if you could send anything. They are also on the lookout for recommendations food stalls/vans on the day, plus volunteers to help, if you would like your own stall please email her!

They are already selling raffle tickets. If you'd like to buy any please email Sarah alternatively, if you would like to make a donation directly to Oscar's page the link is below, email Sarah and she can give you the raffle tickets (please remember you can't gift aid if having a raffle ticket in exchange) [sarahwurmli@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwurmli@gmail.com) **#Osctober**

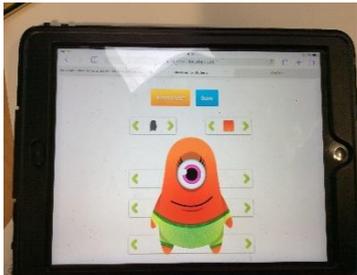
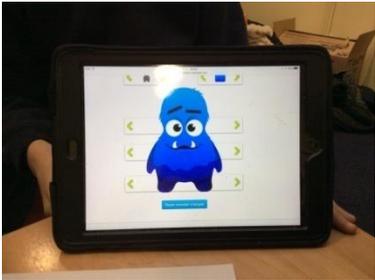
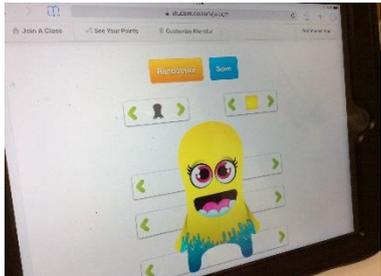
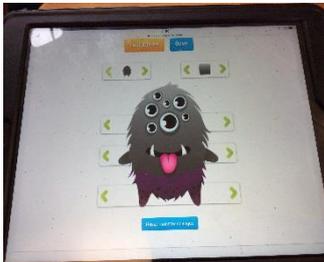
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**Eco Corner** - The children did a fantastic job of helping us pick up litter from around the school site and continued to test felt tip pens in the classrooms. We hope the clothing bin will arrive soon! Please start to collect clothes at home that can be recycled. Inspired by Oxfam's second hand September we would like to host a fashion show from the clothes collected. In the meantime some eco tips to try at home:- Can you save water by turning off taps while brushing teeth? Getting cold? Put on a jumper before putting on the heating. Think about swapping from cling film to beeswax wraps. Need a new toothbrush? How about a bamboo one? Running out of shampoo? Swap to a zero waste shampoo bar. Looking for Halloween costumes; there is lots of choice in charity shops. Having a Birthday party? Make paper pom-poms instead of using balloons Going to a wedding? Collect pretty autumn leaves and use a punch hole to make confetti. If you have any ideas you'd like to share with us we are all ears.

**Life Skills** - As we continue develop our refreshed L&B Curriculum we will make links to the life skills work that we already have in place. I thought that I'd take this opportunity to remind you of our half termly focuses.

Our stated schools aims are: To provide an exciting, happy and secure place where high quality education enables pupils to develop as individuals and prepares them for successful lifelong learning. We achieve these goals by providing a curriculum with many opportunities for pupils to use and apply previously taught skills in order to deepen their learning and effectively interact with others. Our school successfully strives to develop pupils with the highest levels of academic skills along with vital life skills that we feel will serve them well in their future academic and work careers.

In order to meet these aims we work hard to develop key life skills alongside our pupils' academic input. Please see an explanation below which is the result of a collaboration between our school council, staff and the University of Worcester.

<p>Thoughtful Theodore</p> <p>Intuitive Forward thinkers Empathetic</p> 	<p>Respectful Rhian</p> <p>Trustworthy Empathetic Good manners</p> 
<p>Creative Clive</p> <p>Creative thinking Using your imagination</p> 	<p>Determined Dotty</p> <p>Perseverance Resilient Motivation</p> 
<p>Expressive Elliott</p> <p>Confident individuals Expressive communicators Active participators</p> 	<p>Brave Briony</p> <p>Courageous Risk takers Confident individuals</p> 

Each half term we focus on a different character and reward our pupils for displaying the attributes of this character. This half term we are focusing on **Brave Briony** as we know starting a new school or a new class requires great courage!

We underpin all of our work by using "growth mind set" techniques which encourages our pupils to try their hardest and not be afraid of having a go. This technique also teaches pupils not to be afraid of coming up against problems that they find hard and it gives them methods to work through such problems.



**Reception, Mr Powney** – This week in reception we have been busy in our outdoor area planting flowers ready for winter. We looked at the roots and talked about what they do and what plants need to live. In maths we have been making haunted house pictures using 2D shapes and talked about some of their properties. Our literacy work has included more phonics and rhyming games, lots and lots of stories and a visit from Geraldine the Giraffe.



**Class 1, Miss Knight** – In Class 1 we have been learning about Room on a Broom, the witch from the story crashed into our class last week! We have been on a hunt to help her find her cauldron. The teddy had it in the school hall! We also had lots of fun in Forest School making potions to go in the cauldron.

**Class 2, Mrs Tedds & Miss Gilmore** - We have been enjoying our topic of 'people who help us' with another visit, this time from Kirsty and Sophie from 'Best Friends' Vets. They told us what Vets do. They showed us some x-rays of animals and we looked at models of animal jaws and all their teeth! We got to listen to our heart beats using a stethoscope and some of us dressed up as if we would perform an operation. Finally we enjoyed stroking two friendly tortoise. We would all like to say thank you to Kirsty and Sophie for answering all our questions and taking the time to come in. In DT, we have all enjoyed making a moving fire engine with spinning wheels and we used a fixed pivot lever for the ladder. We have finished our work in Literacy on Narrative and we have all written a story based on 'Zog and the Flying Doctors'. Mrs Tedds was so impressed with our writing she has displayed some in our classroom. In maths, we have been trying to use 'mental maths' to work out number facts rather than relying on our fingers which can be quite tricky. We have also been adding higher numbers by 'counting on' using number lines, cubes or



number squares.

**Class 3, Miss Radford** - This week in Class 3 we have started making fact files about Rosa Parks using the research and information we have discovered. This has contributed towards our work on diversity this half term, amongst learning about Mary Seacole, which the children have already begun to produce amazing homework about.

Our maths lessons have been very practical and have taken place outside this week as we have been looking closely at comparing and ordering numbers.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the artist Heather Galler recently, and we have begun to create our own landscape artwork. This started by us taking photographs of the beautiful landscape that is outside our classroom and drawing lines and making patterns using mixed media.

We are also coming to the end of our narrative topic of Aladdin, which has involved making story maps this week before we move onto our own narrative writing next week.



**Class 4, Miss Albutt** - This week Class 4 have been getting their hands dirty in Forest School! Pupils in our class decided that they would like to help the birds around our school prepare for the colder seasons by creating unique, fruity bird feeders.



Class 4 have also been learning about solids, liquids and gasses in Science. They have been exploring the particle changes materials go through when they change state. Take a look at our chocolate melting experiment, where the children investigated the speed at which chocolate can reach its melting point.

**Class 5, Mrs Sage** - We had a really creative Forest Friday in the mud last week! The mud kitchen was very popular this week with a start-up mud factory continuously supplying it with fresh ingredients! We also had dens, shops, and garden tools made out of sticks. Even when the rain poured it certainly did not dampen our spirits.



In celebration of October's Black History Month, Year 5 are learning about pioneering historical figures that stood up against all tyranny for the freedom of others. We kickstarted our historical studies with learning about Harriet Tubman who, in the beginning of the 19th century, was born into slavery. At the age of 29, she bravely escaped and walked 90 miles to Pennsylvania. 11 years later she started her rescue operation and walked back to rescue her family. After 19 return walks and over a period of 10 years, she liberated over 70 slaves. We have learned so much about how one person's selfless act had an impact so many others lives.

**Class 6, Miss Hutchinson** - This week Class 6 helped to organised the Macmillan Coffee morning. We had lots of fun making malteser chocolate Tiffin cakes to sell at the event. We're pleased to say the year 6's worked hard behind the scenes: organising teas an coffees; collecting and counting money and setting up and clearing away.



## The Friends Zone

**MacMillan Coffee Morning** – Thank you to all who contributed! Time, cake or money. A grand total of £323.30 was raised.

### Friends of L&B Black Tie Dinner – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Get your tickets (£40ph) whilst you can from Mr Powney or Laura Tocknell.

([laura.tocknell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:laura.tocknell@hotmail.co.uk)/07771502296)

Any additional donations such as services/hampers or experiences still gratefully received for silent auction.

### Friends dates for your diary – More information to follow.

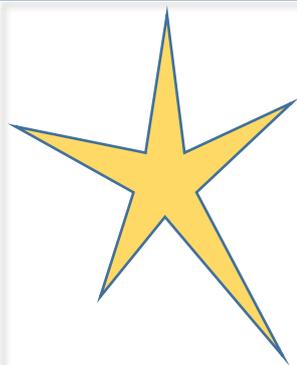
25<sup>th</sup> October – Non uniform day & Halloween Disco.

8th November – Black Tie ball

29<sup>th</sup> November – Non uniform day

6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas fete.

## Celebrating Success!!



Robyn	Effort in literacy.
Eva	Great 2D shape work.
Finley	Independent work.
Freya D	Always rising to the challenge.
Timmy H	An improvement in concentration.
Poppy D	For always being well behaved and helpful around the classroom.
Lily D	For always being well behaved and helpful around the classroom.
Ned	For being responsible and helpful to his peers.
Lily HS	Always having such amazing presentation.
Henry T	Extremely kind & caring member of Class 4.
Rosie R	For a mature attitude to all learning.
Oliver C	For helping others with their learning in Maths.
Riley H	Fantastic effort in handwriting.
Bryn L	Working hard to complete work in the given time.

