Little Melton Primary School



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Newsletter 13th May 2021

It has been an enjoyable week in school with the children benefitting from the improved weather and the opportunity to play outside- including the return of the table tennis tables! Summer sports clubs in Snowy, Barn and Eagle have all started well, and there are also places still available if any other child would like to try them. The children also engaged well with the photographer on Monday, and the pictures are now becoming available online. Parents evenings are ongoing over the rest of this week and next - there are a few appointments left if you have not yet registered.

Around the school, there has been a lot of impressive work going on. A couple of honourable mentions, alongside the pictures elsewhere in the newsletter, are fabulous mosaics in Eagle Owls made from real porcelain tiles (there will be some pictures of these in the newsletter next week) and Barn Owls have also produced some super results making stop-go animations using the IPads. This week they used plasticine, in morph-style, to make short animated films. Click on the link below to watch one of these, called 'The Snowman' by Sophie Fountain.

https://youtu.be/DrmzGY00ZiI

Finally, thank you to everyone who has completed the RSHE parent survey last week. The link is still live for any further replies. Tomorrow in Owlets, a reminder that 'Bike Day' is back again, following the success of last time. Miss Church has been working on some new courses too!







Lunchtime Sports Clubs - Owlets and Snowy

Headteacher Knowledge Organiser Quizzes - online now!

Year 1 and Year 2 https://forms.gle/4K4WvfXzVTfc1tAY7

<u>Year 3 and Year 4</u> https://forms.gle/PE9zwdYiPuhB6PC49

<u>Year 5 and Year 6</u> https://forms.gle/TSkMcPJJXu3Rt67H7





Weekly Headteacher Zoom Meetings – every Friday 1.15-2.15pm

Starting April 23rd, I will be setting time aside each week to offer individual Zoom meetings with any parents who would like to discuss any whole school items with me. If you would like to take up this offer, please email head@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk and I will set up an appointment time and email a joining link.



Around the Classrooms:

This			
week:			
Owlets	Using a magnifying glass.	Barn	Looking at roots under a microscope
Snowy	Minibeast portraits	Eagle	Albora key: Is if blook key: Is if blook and when? Is if company blook? Is if compan
Next week:			
Owlets	Numbers 13-19CVCC wordsSewing	Barn	 Decimals: tenths and hundredths Function of stems Deforestation
Snowy	TemperatureArrays (Y1)Minibeast acrosticsUsing atlases	Eagle	 Division How to Train your Dragon How borders change— physical or man made?



Oscar age 5



900 points - Ben

800 points - Sam

700 points - Leo, Riley, Molly B, Oliver, Leticia, Lily

600 points - Lily, Leticia

500 points - William, Matilda, Eloise, Erin, Maya, Alfie, Sofie



Owlets - Charlie & Alfie

Snowy - Jayden & Oscar

Barn - Rose & Seth

Eagle - Mollie, Eloise & Annabel



N.B. These dates/times could be subject to

May Half Term Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021

Wednesday 9th June - Barn Owls trip to Gressenhall

Friday 11th June - Eagle Owls Viking Day Monday 14th June - Eagle Owls Bake-Off

Thursday 24th June - Eagle Owls sailing trip at Filby Broad

Monday 28th June - Eagle Owls bikeability group 1 Tuesday 29th June - Eagle Owls bikeability group 1 Wednesday 30th June - Barn Owls trip to

Amazonia Zoo

Friday 2nd July - Eagle Owls West Runton beach

trip

Monday 5th July - Eagle Owls bikeability group 2 Tuesday 6th July - Eagle Owls bikeability group 2 Wednesday 7th July - Hethersett Academy transition day 1

Friday 9th July - Hethersett Academy transition

day 2

Friday 9th July - Whole school orienteering day Friday 9th July - Year 6 leavers movie night Wednesday 14th July - (provisional) Eagle Owls canoeing at Whitlingham

Wednesday 14th July - Owlets & Snowy Owls trip to Banham Zoo

Friday 16th July - Year 6 leavers midnight game night

Monday 19th July - Year 6 leavers water fight

Summer Holidays commence Thurs 22nd July 2021

Yours faithfully

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Mr Pritchard <u>Headteacher</u>



Last week's attendance was: 97.94%

Years 2 & 4 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 97.24% (excluding self-isolation)





Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Presented by The Reading Agency.

Delivered in partnership with libraries.

The Summer Reading Challenge is launching on July 10th!

The Facts:

- The Summer Reading Challenge is designed to prevent a dip in children's literacy levels over the summer holidays and encourage a reading for pleasure habit.
- This year the Reading Agency in partnership with libraries are aiming to reach 1 million children in the UK. The theme is nature and the environment and is also in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund
- Children are more likely to engage with the Summer Reading Challenge if it is promoted and celebrated within their school.
- · Libraries in Norfolk are open and want to encourage children back.
- The Norfolk Library and Information Service has stopped overdue charges from all children's cards in order to remove any obstacle to library membership.
- The Norfolk Library and Information Service has developed electronic joining and registering systems and improved the online services to improve access.

The Norfolk Library and Information Service will support school engagement by providing the following:

- Electronic promotional material to distribute with your newsletters including local events.
- Electronic forms to help families register with the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library.
- Electronic forms to make it easy for families to join their local library and borrow books from their local library or online e-books.
- YouTube video to explain the challenge to your students and/or virtual attendance by a library staff member at an assembly.
- · Top tips to support schools who want to engage children in the challenge



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What will happen next?

- · You will be sent your electronic pack via the Education Library Service
- You will be contacted by your local library to ask if you have received this notification, answer any questions and offer a chance for virtual attendance at an assembly, as it is always nice for children to meet local library staff.

What you need to know:

- Libraries are open but, for those of you familiar with the Summer Reading Challenge, it is still not quite business as usual. We will be keeping our community safe by not encouraging large gatherings so, sadly, will not be offering school visits this year.
- We will be holding live online author and interactive story events throughout the challenge that families can access via zoom. The popular storyteller John Kirk; author, vet and TV presenter Dr Jess French; and author and vet Gill Lewis.
- Every week a new activity sheet will be available from local libraries to pick up along with the next book to read to encourage families to visit regularly.







10th to 16th May is Christian Aid Week

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.

Here at Little Melton Church we want to help make a difference. We will be delivering envelopes to every house in Little Melton during Christian Aid Week. Please give if you can.

Envelopes can be taken to the shop or the address on the envelope.

We have children's activity sheets which you can collect from the church anytime it is open.

If you would like to know more about the work of Christian Aid visit www.christianaid.org.uk

THANK YOU!

