

Little Melton Primary School



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Newsletter 16th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It has been a really enjoyable start to the new academic year, despite the obvious challenges of the ongoing building work on the school site.

Thank you all for your support with the contingency day on Tuesday. Despite the weather, the children enjoyed the visit to Gressenhall, and our new Reception children had a good morning too at the village hall. There is an interesting video below of the modular unit being craned into place, and I know that the Eagle Owls children and staff are all looking forward to being able to move in, in the near future!

Video of crane putting in new mobile: <https://youtu.be/DOJWPJzqy74>

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is lots of information about some new (and returning!) school activities, and with a theme of welcoming parents back into school on a more frequent basis, as the CV19 restrictions on schools have significantly eased.



Open Tray Afternoons

Each half-term, each class would like to invite you to an 'open tray' after school session (3.15-4pm). This is an opportunity for your children to bring you into the classroom immediately after school and show you the work they have been doing.

The first open tray session will be on the following dates for each class:

Owlets: Thursday October 7th
Snowy Owls: Thursday October 7th
Barn Owls: Wednesday October 6th
Eagle Owls: Friday October 8th

We will vary the day of the week each half-term, to perhaps enable more parents to visit.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents' Consultations

The formal Parents consultation this term will be in the **week beginning October 18th**. **More details to follow nearer the time.**

The appointments will include a choice of either meeting in-person or virtually by Zoom. This is to help more parents attend, and recognises that platforms such as Zoom do offer some significant advantages over the traditional face to face, even beyond any considerations of CV19.



Film Club

This term we would like to bring back **Film Club**.

It will run from 3.15pm until either 4.45pm or 5pm (depending on length of film) on selected Friday afternoons.

We will send out a booking link next week. It will be £1.50 (paid directly to the school bank account—no cash), and the children will also have a small portion of popcorn - or fruit, and a drink of squash.

This term's dates and films are:

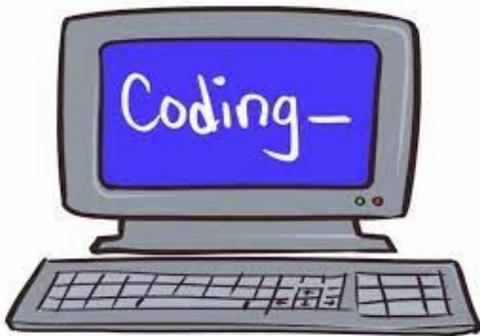
Friday September 24th Secret Life of Pets 2 (U)

Friday October 15th Gnomeo and Juliet (U) 4.45 pick up

Friday November 5th Top Cat (U)

Friday November 26th Planes (U)

Friday December 10th The Grinch (2018 version) (U)



Science and Technology Clubs (Mr Pritchard)

Later this half-term, we would like to run some Technology clubs based around computer programming.

The clubs will **start in the week beginning 27.9.21** and **run for 4 weeks**.

Numbers are limited, but children who miss out will be prioritised next time the club runs.

Scratch Coding (Years 4/5/6) Monday 3.15-4pm (starts 27.9.21)

Scratch Junior with Ipads & Apple Robots (Years 2/3) Thursday 3.15-4pm (starts 30.9.21)

Sign Up Link: <https://forms.gle/W9WSk3aKammboXaFA>

Once our hall is back in action and we have completed the migration and set up of the new classroom, we will be able to offer a wider range of clubs next half-term.



We are planning to start a new school Twitter account **@LMeltonPrimary**. The school Twitter feed will be used to show photographs of school activities and excellent work completed by the children. Tweets will be protected and only viewed by followers and we will only accept family members and other school staff as followers of the account. **It will not use any identifiable personal information (names, pictures of the children's faces or named work)** and whilst there is no legal requirement therefore to seek consent, we have chosen to do so in order to ensure that everybody is happy to be involved— use the link below to inform us of your preferences.

We have also run a school Facebook page on a similar basis since 2019- again used just to show photographs of school activities, news, and showcase excellent work completed by the children **without the use of any personal information (pictures of faces/names/named work)**. If you have not visited this before, the page can be found at:

Little Melton Primary School



Twitter/Facebook Preferences link: <https://forms.gle/Mn9vjNMR8ft3zLVP8>



Curriculum Information for Parents:

This term's 'Topic Webs' and accompanying 'Knowledge Organisers' are now available on the school website at:

<http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/topic-webs-for-parents/>

The 'Topic Webs' are an overview of what your child will be learning about in class and the 'Knowledge Organisers' represent some key factual content and vocabulary that they will be covering. Some classes have also now taken home paper copies.

There will again be an **online 'Headteacher Quiz' (with prizes!)** for Year 1-6 with questions based on each child's Knowledge Organiser, later in the half-term.

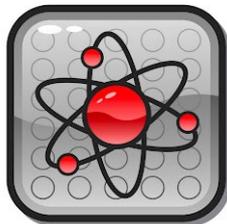
If you would like to view the full learning journey the children make across their whole seven years of Little Melton, the full overviews (content and skills) please go to the Curriculum tab on the front page of the school website and follow the links.

<http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/>



Science Focus Term

This term we will be having a particular curriculum focus on Science and Technology, building towards a special whole school day on World Science Day on November 10th.



If there are any parents working in a scientific field who would be interested in coming into school to talk about their work with the children at any time this term, please contact the school office and we would be delighted to involve you.

New Member of Staff:

Ms Plant has joined Barn Owls this year as a new Teaching Assistant.

She will be working with both small groups and individuals in the class. Welcome aboard!



Around The Classrooms

This week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 		<p>Barn</p> 	
<p>Snowy</p> 		<p>Eagle</p> 	
Next week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	<p>Listening games</p> <p>Writing our names</p> <p>Matching and sorting activities</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	<p>English: The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess</p> <p>Maths: Place Value</p> <p>Science: Functions of different types of teeth</p> <p>Topic: Where in the World is Egypt?</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	<p>English: Red Rocket and Rainbow Jelly</p> <p>Maths: Number and Place Value</p> <p>Topic: Family Trees</p> <p>Data Handling: Eye and Hair colour</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	<p>English: Spy School novel</p> <p>Maths: Place Value</p> <p>Topic: Cooking with apples</p> <p>Music: Playing the recorder</p>



Parent Survey– July 2021

We were very pleased with the responses to the end of term Parent Survey, which were highly positive- see results below. Thank you to everyone who took part. We will repeat the exercise again later this academic year, and also work on the areas where we did not achieve 100%.

Results:

My child is happy at this school:

Strongly Agree/Agree : 100% Neutral: 0% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 0%

My child feels safe at this school Strongly Agree/Agree : 100%

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved Strongly Agree/Agree : 96%
Neutral: 4%

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively:

My child has not been bullied: 88%

Yes, the school dealt with it effectively: 12%

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

Strongly Agree/Agree : 92% Neutral: 4% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 4%

When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.

Yes: 92% Mostly:4% Occasionally:4% No: 0%

My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

My child does not have SEND: 79%

Strongly Agree/Agree: 13% Neutral: 4% Disagree: 4%

The school has high expectations for my child.

Strongly Agree/Agree : 92% Neutral: 0% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 8%

My child does well at this school.

Strongly Agree/Agree : 96% Neutral: 4% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 0%

The school lets me know how my child is doing.

Strongly Agree/Agree : 92% Neutral: 0% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 8%

There is a good range of subjects available to my child in this school.

Strongly Agree/Agree : 100% Neutral: 0% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 0%

My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

Strongly Agree/Agree : 96% Neutral: 4% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 0%

The school supports my child's wider personal development.

Strongly Agree/Agree : 96% Neutral: 0% Strongly Disagree/Disagree: 4%

I would recommend this school to other parents

Yes: 96% No:4%



Birthdays last/this week

Stan age 9
George age 9
Ted age 8
Taylor age 5



Owlets - All children

Snowy - All children and special mention to Flora and Harry

Barn - All children and special mention to Verity

Eagle - All children



Last week's attendance was: 99.62%

R, 2, 3, 5, & 6 year groups achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 99.62% (excluding self-isolation)



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

Friday 24th September - Film Club 3:15 p.m

Wednesday 6th October - Barn Owls open tray afternoon 3:15 - 4:00p.m.

Thursday 7th October - Owlets and Snowy Owls open tray afternoon 3:15 - 4:00p.m.

Friday 8th October - Eagle Owls open tray afternoon 3:15 - 4:00p.m.

Friday 15th October Film Club 3:15p.m

W/c 18th October - Parent Consultations

Friday 22nd October - Harvest Festival 1:30p.m.

October Half-term
25th - 29th October 2021

Friday 5th November - Film Club 3:15p.m.

Friday 26th November - Film Club 3:15p.m.

Christmas Holidays
20th December 2021 - 4th January 2022 (Inc. extra day for Queen's Jubilee)

Staff training Day - School Closed
Wednesday 5th January 2022

February Half-term
14th to 18th February 2022

29th March - 1st April Eagle Owls PGL Residential

Easter Holidays
4th April to 18th April 2022

Staff Training Day - school Closed
Tuesday 19th April 2022

June Half-term
30th May - 3rd June 2022

Summer holidays commence
25th July 2022

Yours faithfully

Alex Pritchard
Head Teacher



UKE CLUB AT LITTLE MELTON

WE ARE PLEASED TO SAY THAT WE WILL BE STARTING UKULELE CLUB AGAIN AT LITTLE MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



The ukulele is a great way to get children into learning music in a fun way. The lessons will be taught by myself, Gemma Cullingford, an experienced musician and ukulele tutor. I'm offering tuition to Years 2-6 from 21st September.

The lessons will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes across two groups - one for years 2 & 3 and the other for years 4,5 & 6

To register your interest, please email gemma@iloveuke.co.uk by Friday 17th September.

Price for the Autumn term is £55(11 lessons).

Spaces will be given on a first come first served basis. There will be up to 15 people in each club, If we are over subscribed your child may be put on a waiting list.

We have worked with the school to ensure that all COVID guidelines are adhered to and will send out our own risk assessment ahead of the start date. If the club has to be suspended due to COVID restrictions, the remaining lessons will be refunded. For more information, check out our website at www.iloveuke.co.uk.

Thanks! Gemma



Register interest



EMAIL:

gemma@iloveuke.co.uk

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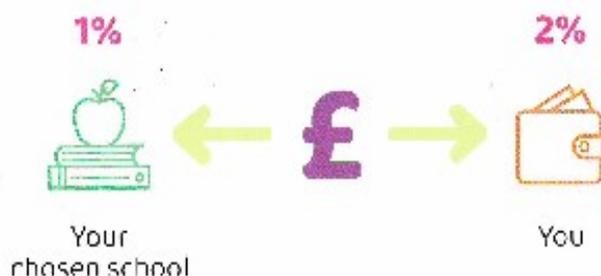
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Tuesdays 5.30-7.00pm

**Daynes Sports Centre, Norwich School
St Faiths Lane, Norwich, NR1 4DL**

Sessions run on alternate weeks:

U11 (Year 5/6)

07/09, 21/09, 05/10, 19/10, 16/11, 30/11

U13 (Year 7/8)

14/09, 28/09, 12/10, 09/11, 23/11, 07/12

- *Children should wear appropriate sports attire and bring a water bottle.*
- *Parents must stay onsite during sessions.*

There is no parking available at the Daynes Sports Centre, the nearest public car park is Rose Lane (NR1 1PY).

For more information contact gashton@norwich-school.org.uk



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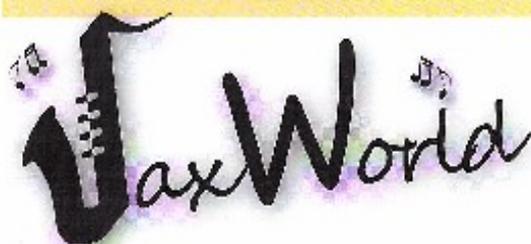
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