

Little Melton Primary School



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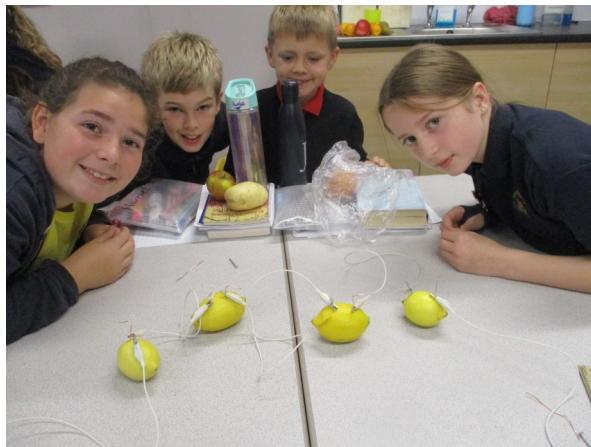
Newsletter 11th November 2021

It's been a particularly busy week back in school, with lots of fabulous activities going on.

First of all, a big well done to all of the children who took part in the cross-country event at the UEA last Friday. They all participated well, and all completed the gruelling run finishing in creditable positions. It was also excellent to have lots of parents able to attend and cheer them all on! We had a record number of top ten finishes this time, which was great to see. There are some pictures further on in the newsletter.

Also on a sporting theme, our Eagle Owls football team enjoyed their second evening of competition, again at the UEA. They played very well, and collected a couple more victories too! Our Year 3 team also played against a strong Ashleigh team on Tuesday after school, and although they found it tough, kept going to the end and competed well throughout and again it was great to have parent spectators at both events, supporting the children.

Yesterday we enjoyed World Science Day. The question the children were investigating was which fruit or vegetable was best at conducting electricity. It was brilliant to see a wide range of fruit and vegetables tried out— including a fantastic water melon!— and I know that each class enjoyed discovering the results. To add an additional element to this the older children joined the younger classes to help them to complete the experiment, as well as talking them through some of the science behind it. We were also joined by Professor Fountain (Sophie and James's Dad) and Dr Evans (Tabitha's Dad) who both delivered excellent presentations on their respective jobs as real investigative scientists. These presentations both really captured the children's interest, as evidenced by some super questioning and engagement. Hopefully they will have inspired some future scientists here!



Science Day



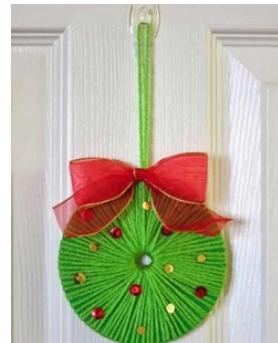
Little Melton Church Christmas Art Project

Donations required!

Later this term, all of the children will be working together across the classes, to produce decorations for our local church. The theme this year is 'recycling'.

To support with this, please could we ask for any donations of the following:

- DVDs / CDs
- ribbons
- wool
- beads
- sequins



This year we are planning to resume offering our traditional whole school Christmas performance – Including with an audience. This is clearly another welcome step back towards a more 'normal' life after last year's Covid-19 restrictions.

Norfolk County Council do however rightly still require us to adhere to their 'compliance code' for events, which includes, reduced capacity, increased ventilation and a range of hygiene measures. We will also sadly have to retain the option to move the performance to 'without audience' if we suffer a significant increase in cases in the local community.

With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that we will have four performances instead of three this year, but with a smaller audience at each. Families will be able to apply for a maximum of 2 tickets in total, plus an additional one for any parent living in a different household. The tickets will be available to order in the next couple of weeks (details to follow soon). We are also hoping to film the event and provide a DVD, or possibly a live stream, for any one unable to attend.

The performances, this year, will be trialled as only within the school day. This is because we have often had a lot of tired children, and lower attendance for the evening performances, and want to see if this works better.

The dates/times will be:

Monday 13th December 1:30p.m Tuesday 14th December 9:30a.m
Wednesday 15th December 1:30p.m Thursday 16th December 9:30a.m



Thank you for all your support this year for the poppy appeal. The Year 6 children running the stall also did an excellent job. All of the money raised will of course go to the Royal British Legion. The children and staff all observed a two minute silence at 11am today.



Operation Ocelot at Little Melton Primary 2021!

November 15th– 26th

Monday November 22nd Cake Stall and Clothes Swap

On this day, please bring in cakes for a cake sale in the school hall from 3.15-4pm.

We will also be holding a separate stall for a ‘clothes swap’. This is a further idea to support the environment by encouraging people to pass on good quality used clothes so that the best can be made of all resources. This was an idea suggested by Zac Smith, in Year 3, and inspired by his visit to the Norwich Science Festival in half-term.

Thursday November 25th Eco Quiz Afternoon 3.15-4.15pm School Hall

This will be a special fun quiz hosted by Mrs McEvoy from the World Land Trust (Ollie and Lenny’s Mum). All of the questions will have a conservation theme, and there will be a prize for the winning team and something for everyone who enters. Teams should be up to 4 people and can include an adult. £2 entry per team. There will be a Google Forms link to sign up teams for this in next week’s newsletter— to give you time to organise your team!

Friday November 26th Non-school uniform day

This will be a non-school uniform day. We will be providing animal masks to decorate which the children can wear— or bring their own (non-scary please— Mr Pritchard to judge!). There is a suggested donation of £1.

Friday November 26th Special Film Club

We will be watching the film '**Over the Hedge**' (2006, U). This fun animation has a good conservation message and we will ask for £1 to attend. Popcorn will be provided as at usual film clubs.

Sponsorship Challenge at Home (November 15th-26th)

Finally, we will also be giving the children an ecology themed challenge to try out at home— more details next week!

Operation Ocelot– This Week’s Update!

The **link to enter a team for the quiz afternoon** is: <https://forms.gle/8JHMXxF5gisDv9v7A>

The £2 entry fee will be collected on the day.

The sponsorship challenge is: '**Can you perform 10 actions that will help the environment during Operation Ocelot!**' These could include recycling, reusing, conserving electricity at home, tidying an area— there are endless opportunities.

The **list of ten actions should be submitted using this link**, and excellent examples will be shared in a future newsletter.

<https://forms.gle/aeWaKtqWfJsMbJMP8>

If you would like to make this a sponsored activity then we have set up a special ‘Just Giving’ page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lmps-opoc>

All monies contributed will go directly to the charity, and it is also possible to add a comment when you give.



Curriculum This Half-Term:

All of the overview information for what is going on in each classroom this half-term is available at:

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

There are also some weekly highlights in each newsletter in the 'This Week Next Week' section.



Knowledge Organiser Quiz Prizes!

The prizes have now arrived, and the winners will receive them in assembly tomorrow!

Odd Socks Day– Monday 15th November



On Monday 15th, to coincide with national anti-bullying week, we are going to again run 'Odd Socks Day'. No contribution required for this, but the children can come to school wearing odd socks, as a message to promote inclusivity and celebrating diversity.

Friends of LMPS

Well done to everyone for supporting the Smartie Challenge!



The event raised an amazing £370.15

The children will find out tomorrow which class raised the most money per pupil!



Building Work on School Lane

I am very aware of the disruption and problems caused this week by the building site across from the school. Along with a number of parents, I was particularly concerned about the volume of large trucks visiting the site during school drop off and pick up times. Clearly it is a narrow and busy road at the best of times and there are obvious dangers if this continues. I am now in contact with the Site Manager and have raised our concerns with him. It would also help the situation if parents could also please avoid parking on the road outside the school at these busy times.



Norwich Schools
Cross-Country Run
5th November
UEA



Around the classrooms

This week:

Owlets



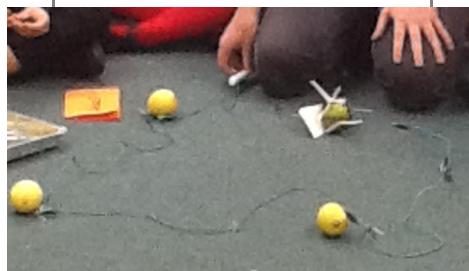
Autumn Leaves

Barn



Egg Experiment Results!

Snowy



Science Day

Eagle



Science Day

Next week:

Owlets



Numbers 3 & 4

Phonics: z, zz, qu, ch

Autumn crafts and Remembrance

Barn



Scarab Story by Pie Corbett

Addition

Pharaoh Transformations!

The Digestive System

Snowy



Sources of light

UK in the World

The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers

Subtraction (Y1) Money (Y2)

Eagle



Spy School

Place Value

Subtraction Methods

Using circuits

Netball



Birthdays this week

Annabel age 11

Sophie age 9

Thomas age 9

Charlie age 6

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Last week's attendance was 99.24%

Years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 98.30%

Yours faithfully

Alex Pritchard
Head Teacher



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

Monday 15th November - R/1/2 Parent phonics workshop 3:30p.m

Monday 22nd November - cake stall and clothes swap 3.15 - 4p.m school hall

Wednesday 24th November - mobile library van 3:15p.m.

Thursday 25th November - Eco Quiz 3.15 - 4.15p.m.

Friday 26th November - Non-school uniform day

Friday 26th November - Film Club 3:15p.m. (Over the Hedge)

Wednesday 8th December - Sugar collection

Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December - Santa Dash

Friday 10th December - Film Club 3:15p.m.

Mon 13th December - Christmas play performance 1:30p.m

Tues 14th December - Christmas play performance 9:30a.m

Tues 14th December - Friends Christmas pizza lunch at The Village Inn

Wed 15th December - EATS Christmas lunch

Wed 15th December - Christmas play performance 1:30p.m

Thurs 16th December - Christmas play performance 9:30a.m

Thurs 16th December - Panto p.m.

Friday 17th December - Carols around the tree on the playground 2p.m. All welcome.

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
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st - Year 6 Bikeability
30th May - 3rd June 2022

Summer holidays commence
25th July 2022



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
we are holding

Odd Socks Day

on
MONDAY 15TH
NOVEMBER
2021

Come to school wearing
your odd socks to
celebrate what makes
us all unique!

Dear Parents/Carers,

**WOOHOO... MONDAY
15TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/cbbc) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **One Kind Word**.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.





NORFOLK CHRISTMAS TREES

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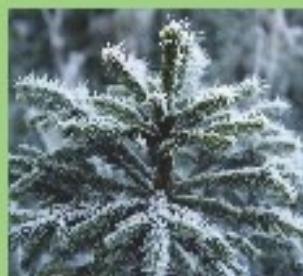


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Join us for

Quiz 'n' Chips

our first big fundraising event!



Saturday 27th November 2021 at 6pm

Little Melton Village Hall

Tickets: £15

Teams of max. 6 people

To book your tickets or for further information, please
email fundraising@takeourhand.org.uk

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Little Melton Church Christmas Art Project 2021



Create hanging decorations from recycled materials. Try not to use materials that would normally go in the green bin if you can!

The Church will be open every day from mid November and the decorations need to be delivered there by the 3rd December.

All will be for everyone to see in the Church at the Christmas Fayre 2 til 4pm on Saturday 11th December



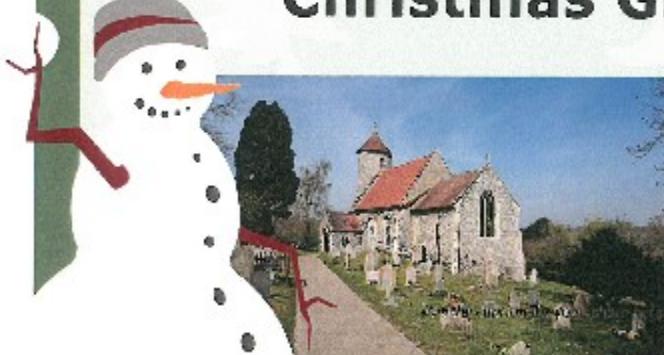
CHRISTMAS FAYRE BAWBURGH VILLAGE HALL

**Saturday November
20th 2021
From 10am—3pm**



Light lunches and
snacks
available from the café

**Locally produced
Christmas Gifts**



In Support of
Friends of Bawburgh Church

Free Entry