

Little Melton Primary School



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Newsletter 4th November 2021

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an excellent half-term.

This is an exciting time of the year for the children, with the run-up to Christmas, and there are lots of school events coming up too, in a packed newsletter!

Thank you all for the donations to the Harvest Festival held on the last Friday before the break. We were joined in a short assembly by Alison Gibson from the Salvation Army who spoke to the children about the reasons behind the appeal and some of the difficulties faced by less fortunate people in our local area.

This week, the children also enjoyed an educational visit by a dentist (Chloe) from the Happy Smiles Club— reminding them all of the importance of good oral hygiene. She was very impressed with the children's knowledge, questions and clearly in the vast majority of cases, well supported good habits. There are some pictures later in the newsletter.

Finally, the new Eagle Owls classroom is now complete and our school hall back in operation too. This is obviously great news, and allows us to resume using it for lunches, assemblies and PE lessons— as we have started to do this week. Eagle Owls children made a lovely thank you card and present for our Parent Governor, Mr Herculson (Thea and Ben's Dad), who has worked so brilliantly to support us throughout this lengthy project. We are all delighted with the end result, and the new building will no doubt be of benefit to all of the Eagle Owl children, present and future!



World Science Day,

Wednesday November 10th

Next week, we will be holding a special whole school day. All of the children will take part in a scientific investigation to find out the answer to an interesting question, and then in the afternoon produce some writing and creative art work on the same theme.

We will also have two members of our parental community joining us, both of whom work in the scientific field, to talk to the children about what it's like to be a full-time scientist.

To help with this day, **we'd like to invite all of the children to bring in with them either an item of fruit or a vegetable!** They are free to choose whichever they like, but they should be at least roughly as large as an apple (ie hand size).

There will be some pictures of the event, and answers to the scientific questions posed, in next week's newsletter.

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



Science and Technology Clubs with Mr Pritchard

This half-term, I would like to offer two more Science and Technology themed clubs.



Year 2/3/4 Apple Robots (4 weeks), 3.15-4pm, Thursdays

Thursday November 18th, 25th December 2nd , 9th

Year 5/6 Writing a Blog (3 weeks), 3.15-4pm, Mondays

Monday November 22nd, 29th, December 6th, 13th

Please use sign up link below:

<https://forms.gle/1RmRcK5hcjujzgrt6>



Good luck to our Y3 football team in their match at home against Ashleigh next Tuesday

Kick off is 3.15. Spectators welcome.



Good luck also to all of our children taking part in the Norwich schools cross-country event at UEA on Friday. Hopefully the weather will be kind!



Operation Ocelot at Little Melton Primary 2021!

November 15th– 26th

This year, to coincide with the global COP26 convention on climate change, we would like to invite the children to take part in 'Operation Ocelot'.

Operation Ocelot has been set up by the World Land Trust. They are an international conservation charity that protects the world's most biologically significant and threatened habitats, with the key aim of raising awareness, in the UK and elsewhere, of the need for conservation, to improve understanding and generate support through education, information and fundraising.

The idea behind Operation Ocelot itself is to fundraise to save an area of the ecologically significant **Guatemala equivalent to an area of our school field**. We will be aiming to fund raise £500 to save an area of 60x60 m (3600 square metres).

To fund raise we would like to run the following events:

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!



Remembrance Day– Stall

This year we will again have a stall on the playground to sell Remembrance items on behalf of the British Legion. The times will be:

Friday 5th before school

Monday 8th before school

Tuesday 9th before school and after school

Wednesday 10th before school and after school

Thursday 11th before school

Electrician Wanted!



As part of their topic on Electricity this half-term., Eagle Owls would really like an electrician to come in and talk to the children about their job.

If you can help with this, please contact the school office.

Odd Socks Day– Monday 15th November



Early notice for this. On Monday 15th, to co-incide 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



Thank you for all your support with the Smarties Challenge over half-term– hopefully there were lots of helpful chores completed as a result! A reminder that tubes should be returned tomorrow.

Join the **100 club** - your chance to win money and support the school. Look out for a letter with more details and how to sign up. The first draw will be at the end of November."



Chloe from 'Smiles'– with help from Rudi and Rose!

Around the classrooms

This week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	 <p>Pasta pattern necklaces</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	 <p>Teeth/egg experiment!</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	 <p>Writing about Space!</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	 <p>Diwali Lamps</p>
Next week:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	<p>Recognising and using the number 2</p> <p>Phonics– v,w,x,y</p> <p>Bonfire night and Guy Fawkes</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	<p>Writing a story based in Ancient Egypt</p> <p>Digestive system</p> <p>Changing ourselves into Pharaohs!</p> <p>Addition methods– Y3 partitioning– Y4 column methods</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	<p>Addition on a number line</p> <p>Locating Norwich on a map</p> <p>Finding out about different planets</p> <p>Writing about the Solar System</p> <p>Planet Art!</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	<p>Fractions</p> <p>Developing characters based on Spy School</p> <p>Electricity– thinking about circuits</p> <p>Netball and football</p> <p>Playing the recorder</p>



Birthdays this week

Sophie age 10

Seth age 9



Owlets - Elsie, Evie, Thomas

Snowy - Adam, Charlie

Barn - James, Trixie

Eagle - Leo, Erin, Evie, Annabel, Kodey, Mollie D.

Housepoints:

Annabel 1000

Molly B. 900



Last week before half term attendance was 96.76%

Year s 1 & 6 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 98.12%



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

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

Friday 5th November - Cross Country at the UEA

Monday 8th November - UEA Football afterschool

Thursday 11th November - Flu vaccinations

Friday 19th November - cake stall and clothes swap
3.15 - 4p.m school hall

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)

Friday 10th December - 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

Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st - Year 6 Bikeability

30th May - 3rd June 2022

Summer holidays commence

25th July 2022

Yours faithfully

Alex Pritchard
Head Teacher

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,

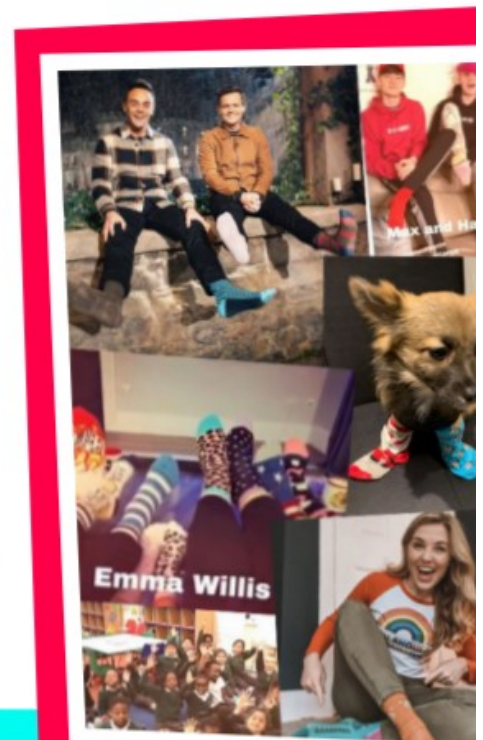
**WOOHOO... MONDAY
15TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

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

Sat Nav: NR9 3BW



Freshly cut Norway Spruce and Nordmann
Fir trees from our own plantations.

Come and select your tree where you can
see and smell how fresh they are.

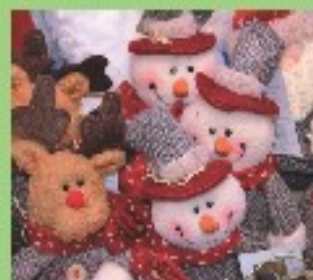
Also available:-

Decorations ♦ Tree Stands
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Holly ♦ Mistletoe ♦ Wreaths

Open Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm
Sundays 10am-4pm

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November

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Don't wait. Book now at
www.lta.org.uk/Youth/start

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