

Little Melton Primary School



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Newsletter 13th October 2023

Dear Parents,

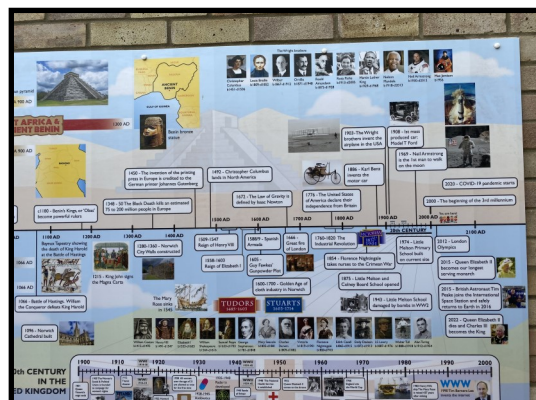
Lots of activity in school as we head towards the final week of half-term. Children in Eagle Owls provided two teams for the inter school football competition at the UEA both of whom played well and enjoyed the event. There are two more evenings of football after half term.

Also in Eagle Owls, both year groups have now attended science enrichment afternoons at Norwich High School for Girls, enjoying their excellent science resources and exploring more about their light topic. Barn have produced some fabulous Egyptian work, Snowy have made amazing moving parts birthday cards and in Owlets there are some superb jigsaw puzzle self-portraits!

Clubs have started this week. Children on the waiting list for Art and Craft will be first in line when the club enjoys a second run after Christmas. There will also be a run of Film Clubs again once the clocks go back.

Elsewhere in the newsletter there are details about forthcoming parents evenings. These have again been split over two evenings to provide more opportunities for parents to attend. We are also happy to offer Zoom call appointments for any parents who would prefer that option— there are details of how to request this elsewhere.

Finally, there are details about our Harvest assembly further on in the newsletter, along with some more information from Friends about fundraising and a forthcoming meeting.



Giant History Timeline

We now have a 6 metre long History timeline on permanent display on the wall at the back of the library classroom. The timeline includes key dates from topics studied in our own History curriculum alongside other significant times in world history and very local history too! Many thanks to the Friends for funding this valuable educational resource for the children.

Parents Evening Dates

Sign up sheets for parents evening will be available shortly after half-term. If you are unable to come into school to sign up for a slot, or would prefer a Zoom appointment to be arranged on a different date, please email office@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk when the bookings open after half-term. Notification will be given when bookings can begin. Year 1 dates are slightly different because we have a member of staff called up for jury service!

Reception, Year 2,3,4,5 and 6

Tues Nov 21st 3.30pm-6.30pm OR

Wed Nov 29th 3.30pm -6.30pm



Year 1

Wed Nov 29th 3.30-5.00 OR

Tues Dec 6th 4.30-6.30

Harvest Assembly– Friday October 20th 10.30am

On the last morning of half-term we will be turning our normal assembly into a harvest assembly. The children will sing a few harvest themed songs and we will have a visit from the local Salvation Army.

Parents are welcome to attend the short assembly. It is likely to be about 20 minutes long.



We are also collecting tins and packets of food for the Salvation Army to distribute. Any donations, please bring to the school office during next week.

Yellow to Orange PE tops!

The children have sometimes experienced problems in recent summers with lots of little bugs being attracted to the yellow PE tops. As a result of this, and following an experiment with two different coloured shirts on a washing line outside Eagle Owls(!), we have decided to transition to orange instead for Citrine team. Any new tops ordered will be orange rather than yellow, but if you already have an orange one there is absolutely no need to replace this until you would normally do when it becomes too small.



Oral Hygiene Visit



Buddies and Mentors!

Alongside our successful Year 6 and Reception buddy system (see some examples above!) we have also now introduced learning mentors into Years 1-4. This pairs up a child from Snowy Owls with a child from Barn Owls and focuses more on personal academic targets and opportunities to share work with each other. There are some pictures of a recent meeting below!



More ways of fundraising for the Friends!

Next meeting:

Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm—
school



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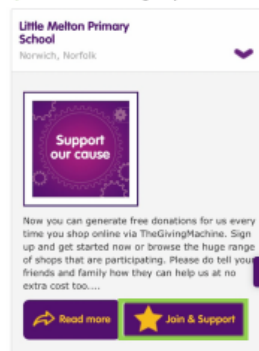
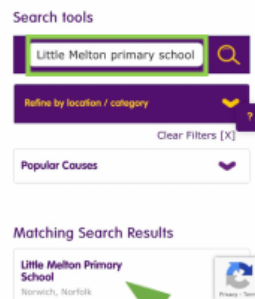
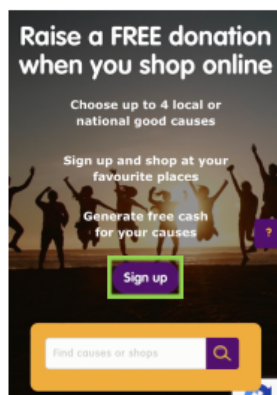
Do you use online shopping? Then why not raise funds to support the children at LMPS at NO EXTRA COST to you? Below are instructions for 2 ways you can support us through your online purchases: Easyfundraising and TheGivingMachine! Please take 5 minutes to set these up and make a difference.

We really appreciate all your support - thank you!

TheGivingMachine:

By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Ebay, M&S, Tui, Sainsbury, John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

1. Go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/little-melton-primary-school>
2. Click 'Sign up' and then 'Join as a giver'.
3. Type 'Little Melton Primary School' and click on our school below.
4. Click 'Join & Support' and enter your details to sign up.



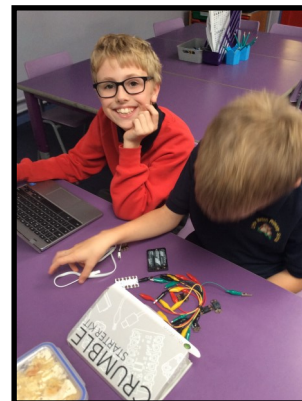
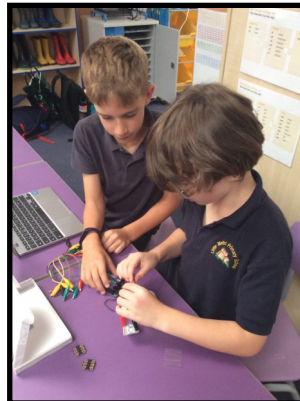
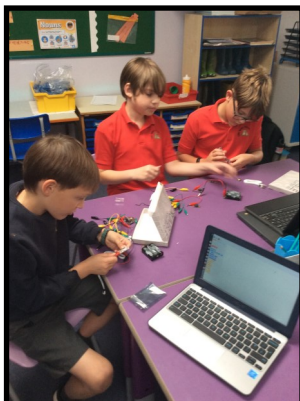
OR:

1. Scan the QR code and enter our sign up code: 63274
2. Enter your details to join and support us!



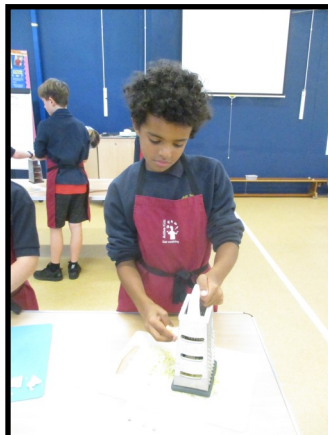
Now whenever you make an online purchase, check on TheGivingMachine to see if the retailer is on there, and raise extra funds for the children at no extra cost to you or even better install the Shop&Give reminder (you will be prompted to do this when you sign up) and you'll automatically be asked if you want to donate when you're on a eligible website.

Crumble Computing Club with Mr Pritchard



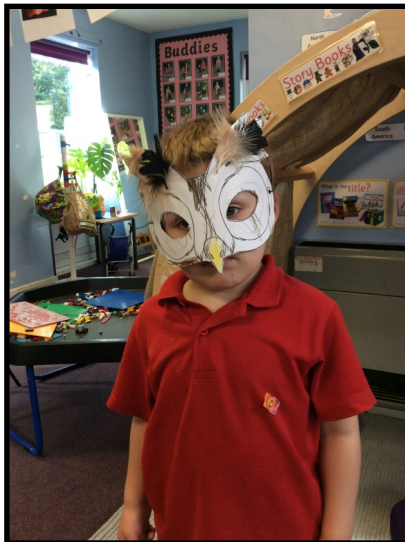


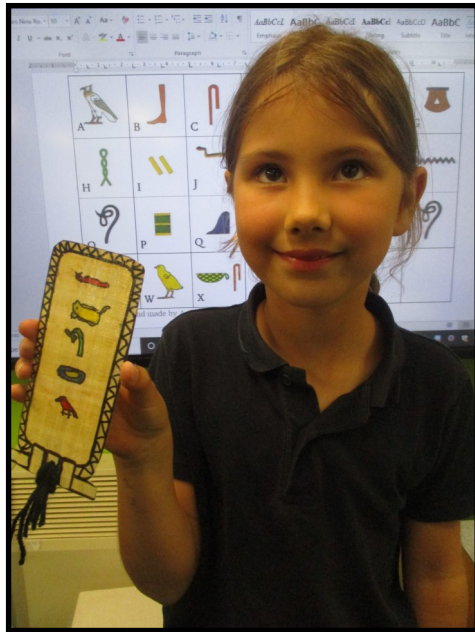
Eagle Owls– cooking
through the decades





Owlets





Monday 9th October

Task: Use your research notes to write an information page about Ancient Egyptians and cats.

Success criteria - remember to:

- Ideas grouped together in paragraphs
- Descriptive word choices
- Well-designed page - easy for reader to follow
- Neat handwriting

INTRODUCTION

Cats have an amazing history with Ancient Egyptians they were loved and played to the highest esteem. Read on to find out more...

THE IMPORTANCE OF CATS AND DEATH

No culture has embraced cats as much as Ancient Egyptians. Cats were protected under strict laws. If someone harmed a cat their punishment would be harsh and if somebody killed a cat they would be killed too. Once a man killed a cat by accident and he still faced punishment. The laws forbade cat exportation so when cats were illegally exported out they sent armies out to get the cats back from the foreign lands. The Ancient Egyptians were once at war with the pharaohs and the person who developed a plan to new would work so he sent his armies to kill as many cats as he could. The Ancient Egyptians lived in the desert so much they were the way to the pharaohs. When cats died they were mummified like humans.

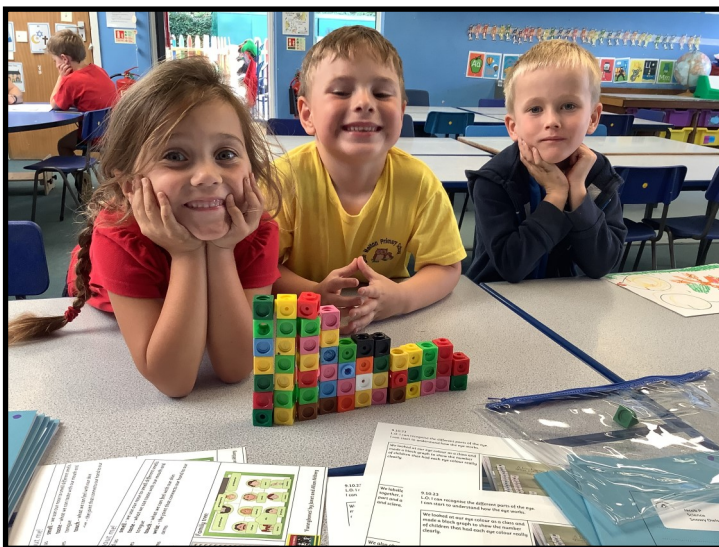
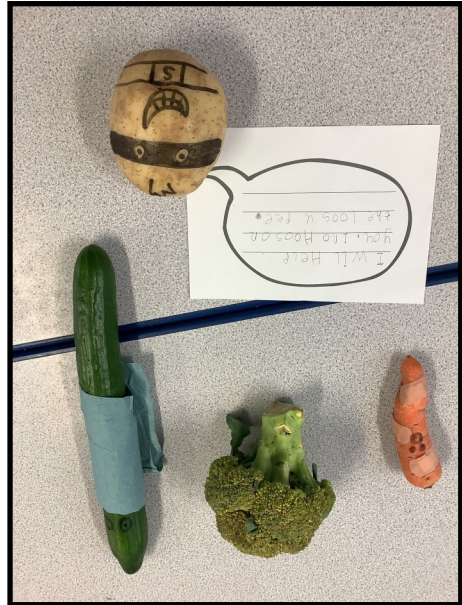
BASTET THE CAT GODDESS

There is an Egyptian cat goddess called Bastet. She has a cat head and looks after children, women and homes. She is gentle and protective. Bastet is had a seasonal banishing. Bastet cat are created a bit like dolls. It is said that the Tally in today's world might have descended from an Ancient Egyptian cat.

Food, hunting and pets

Ancient Egyptians kept crocodiles, birds, dogs and cats as pets. Nearly all homes have a cat. Cats caught mice, rats and snakes they were taken on hunt trips to catch birds and fish. There were legends as cat are sculptures, amulets, ornaments and so. Keeping a cat would bring you protection and good luck. If you dreamed about a cat it was a bring you good fortune. People believed the cats had magic powers and looked after children and the house hold.

Ancient Egyptian topic– Barn Owls



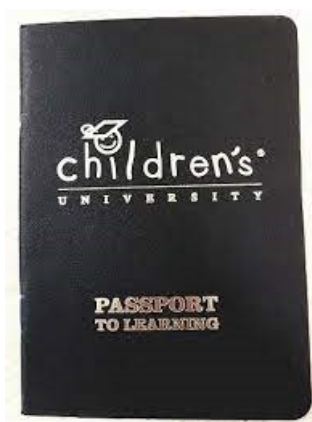
Snowy Owls

Some useful codes:

Pensthorpe	red	1648
Gressenhall	green	9146
Castle Museum	yellow	1113
Strumpshaw Fen	red	7914
Blickling	yellow	2594
Trowse Netball Club	red	1289
Swimming	red	2383
Hethersett Rainbows	blue	3822
Hethersett Brownies	purple	zero298
Hethersett Athletic FC	blue	8020
Perfect Performers Dance	yellow	2961
Norwich Swans	green	4508
Norwich Brownies	purple	4276
Anna Stone Piano lessons	blue	8673
Central School of Dance	green	9584
LM Karate lessons	purple	8169
Wymondham rugby club	red	7304
Heigham Park FC	red	5207
Triple Threat Drama	purple	7564
Easton Tennis Club	green	7,946
Wham Drama Club	red	9237
Woodside Cubs Group	orange	5659
Hethersett 3rd Guides	purple	5181
Crusaders Rugby	red	7263
Easton Gymnastics	purple	7862
Wymondham Beavers	orange	1073
All Stars/Dynamos Cricket	yellow	6957
LMPS Tennis Club	red	3640
Hethersett Cubs	yellow	6218
Limelight Drama	yellow	2584
Star Dance	green	7236
LMPS Uke	blue	3072



Norfolk Ski Centre	red	4435
Norfolk Hoopstars	yellow	2799
Norfolk swim school	blue	1554
East Anglia Tennis & squash club	blue	1085
Gain Fitness Club	yellow	8531
Eska Karate	purple	2944
Norwich Penguins	orange	6120
LMPS Singing	purple	5431
LMPS Chess	yellow	9886
LMPS Boardgames	green	7340
LMPS Mindfulness	green	7814
LMPS TTRS	red	1732
FITC football	purple	6720
Hethersett Beavers	red	6963



Please continue to email me for any regular clubs that need a code.

Some useful codes:

Support with emotional wellbeing.

Mrs Plant, our mental health lead, has curated a selection of free and paid for online resources and contacts for children and adults.

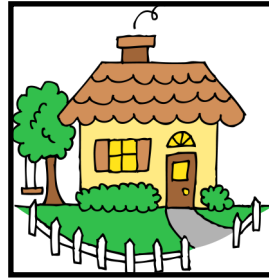
These can be found on our school website at:

<http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-information/support-with-emotional-wellbeing/>

Knowledge Organiser Quizzes– Autumn Term 1st Half

Snowy Owls

All About Me



<https://forms.gle/UQpBU2PmfqEibUJNA>

Barn Owls

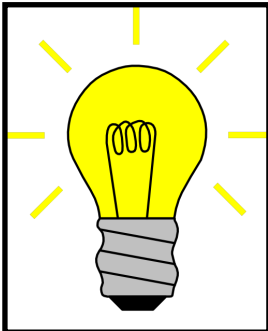
Ancient Egypt





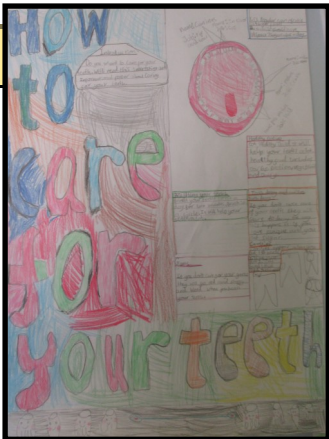


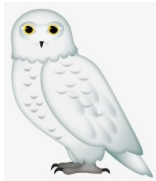

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Eagle Owls

Light



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Recently:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	 <p>PE in the Hall</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	 <p>Healthy Teeth</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	 <p>Investigation with Data</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	 <p>Visit to Norwich High</p>
Coming up!			
<p>Owlets</p> 	<p>Phonics– h b f l</p> <p>Numbers to 10– consolidation</p> <p>Harvest</p> <p>The Little Red Hen</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	<p>The Time Slip Scarab</p> <p>Negative Numbers</p> <p>Roman Numerals</p> <p>Egyptian Pharoahs</p> <p>Christmas Play Auditions</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	<p>Adding and Subtracting</p> <p>Using Part-Whole Models</p> <p>Reading Assessments</p> <p>Moving Parts Cards</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	<p>Adding and Subtracting</p> <p>Light</p> <p>Using semi-colons and colons</p> <p>Vegeburgers</p> <p>Rugby</p>



Recent or Upcoming Birthdays:

Bertie 7
Jack and Ellie 6
Hazel 5



Friday 20th October– Harvest Assembly
10.30am

Friday 20th October– Last Day of Half
Term

Monday 30th October– School Opens

Tuesday 31st October– live music visit

Monday 6th November– Travelling book
fair

Tuesday 7th November– Barn Owls Castle
Museum visit

Wednesday 15th November– Snowy Visit
to Playhouse Theatre



Last week's attendance was: 96.42%

Attendance year to date is: 96.54%

Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can
purchase it direct from this website:

<https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/>



Owlets: Jasper, Ava, Freddie & Harley

Snowy: Freddie, Joshua, Amber, Thomas

Barn: Oscar, Lottie, Grace, Ollie, Emelia, Flora

Eagle: William, Rose, Sophia



Nut Free School



A general reminder that we operate a nut-free policy in school for all food. Please be particularly careful with any food provided to celebrate birthdays as some chocolate can include traces of nuts. We do have some children with severe allergies in our school and we obviously want to look after them to the very best of our ability.

House
Points
Latest
Score:

651	716	745	682	

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.

Naming uniform

We've had a lot of unnamed school uniform left behind by children recently. A reminder that naming makes it obviously a lot easier to return items.



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Wednesday 8.30am - 1pm

Thursday 8.30am - 1pm

Friday 9.15am - 12.15pm

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CHILDREN THRIVE AND PLAY, WITH THE DEDICATED SUPPORT & CARE OF A PROFESSIONAL TEAM.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE OR ARRANGE A VISIT,
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH BY EMAIL OR PHONE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**



Our local Crusaders rugby club are hosting a **Quiz night** on **24th November** at Crusaders Rugby Club for parents.

Further details will be provided by them after half term.

Information about the club can be found at:

<https://www.crusadersrugbyclub.com/>

