



# Your News Langley Park Primary School

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Dear Families,

It has been another great week here and I have been so impressed with how well our Robins and Puffins are settling in. They even went on a full tour of the whole school this week and had great fun exploring upstairs. There have been great examples of respect, with the children actively showing care and consideration for each other.

In assembly today, I reminded children about the right choices to be making in the playground and the rules that the School Council created last year. Thank you in advance for talking these through with your child at home as to support the messages that we are telling them at school.

## Rules for the playground

**Have fun safely.**

**Speak to an adult if you are unhappy.**

**Use kind words, hands and feet.**

**Keep the playground tidy.**

**Be a team player who makes other people happy.**

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Kluzek

Head Teacher

## Open Morning

# Volunteers Needed!



Are you available to help us on one of our Open Morning events? Can you spare an hour to help run tours around the building for our prospective families? Promoting the school is so important and we need your help to do it.

Please do email Mrs Nokes, our Admin Officer, if you are able to help on any of the dates.

**7<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup>  
November, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9.30am –  
10.30am**

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## Our Values

As we continue to focus on **respect**, we have spoken to the children about how we can show respect in the playground and around the building. Last year's school council worked hard to create a set of rules for the playground and the restaurant. We are working hard to show off how well we understand these through the choices that we are making.

I also explained to the children that not only can we show respect but that we can also respect people because of their actions. I introduced the children to Greta Thunberg and explained why I have a huge amount of respect for her.

Can you think of someone who you don't know but respect and share this with your children?

I would really like to hear from them about some of the discussions that you have at home.



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Our Voice counts....



Congratulations to all the children who were elected school council representatives and deputies. It was fantastic to recognise this achievement in celebration assembly last week and to give the children their badges. We had our first meeting this week and the representatives were assigned their first task: to create a 'suggestion box' for their classroom. This box will be in each class so that all pupils can 'post' their suggestions of how we can collectively make our school even better. As a council, we will then vote on which suggestions to act upon. I know we have a fantastic school council team and I am excited to work alongside them as we drive further school improvement.

Miss Smith – Deputy Head Teacher

## Reading Challenge Celebration



Well done to all those children who visited their local libraries and completed the Summer Reading Challenge in the holidays. We want to celebrate your love of reading as well as your perseverance in a special school assembly. Please ensure medals or certificates are in school on **Tuesday 1st October**.

## Violin Lessons



There are currently spaces for violin lessons. Please do get in touch with our admin team if you would like a BYMT music form.

## Eco Warriors in the Making

I received this wonderful email from Audrey and Sophia's grown-ups.

'Walking up Hawksbrook Lane on their first day of school, they were saddened by how much litter was on the pathway and thrown over the fences. Audrey and Sophia then suggested using some litter pickers to have a clear up stating, "We have to look after our environment!" We are so proud that our girls have this awareness at the age of 4.



So we ordered some litter pickers and we arranged to have a tidy up after school. The girls really got stuck in and an hour later we managed to fill over two bin bags of rubbish.'



*Well done Audrey and Sophia. We are super proud of you both.*



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## Reception

Wow what a great start the Reception children have had at Langley Park Primary School! The children have settled really well and are quickly becoming accustomed to the routines of the day. We have created portraits of our classes, which are on display in the cloakroom so please take a look.



We have begun our first Power of Reading text this week, which is Owl Babies. The children have engaged with the book and have been exploring outside to find leaves for leaf printing and also whether feathers float or sink.

We have also begun our phonics lessons and the children have learnt five new sounds this week. They will be coming home in your child's book bag for you to practice reading and writing at home. Remember this doesn't have to be for a long time, just a few minutes now and again in a fun way such as a letter hunt. This coming week we will be starting Guided Reading and your child will get their book wallet in their bag. Please look after this.

We are sending home 'Wow cards'. Please write a card when your child does something amazing at home. It could be that they have been particularly helpful or it could be something new that they have achieved. Some examples are: Today Lacey dressed all by herself for the first time. Brett tidied up all the toys without being asked. Daisy did brilliant reading using her sounds. We read them to the class and put them into your child's learning journey. We want to put one in at least every half term.

We will be starting PE and although we are taking this slowly, the children are still getting to grips with their clothing so please be patient with them and us. We do return all clothing that we find as long as it is named. This includes coats and shoes. Please practice allowing your child to dress themselves independently at home as this really helps them at school. The children will be in control of looking after their own items of clothing so please encourage this at home. We have had lots of unnamed items already so please name **ALL** items that your child is bringing to school. If in doubt, name it anyway!

Thank you for a fantastic start to Reception this year. We are very excited to see what this year brings!

Miss Blundell and Miss Smith

## Year 1

Year One have had an 'Out of this World' start to the term! Our Power of Reading book 'Man on the Moon' has really got us excited about potential life on other planets. Last week we took a trip to the moon and wrote postcards home. This week we have been designing and writing descriptions of our very own aliens. We have even taken our space travel knowledge into our P.E. dance lessons with the children showing off how a rocket might zoom through space and how astronauts move about on the moon.

In maths we have been learning about place value to ten, expanding our vocabulary to include greater than, less than, equal to, many and few. We have been using resources to help us compare numbers.

Miss Kirby-Jones and Miss Wickenden are incredibly impressed with the quality and quantity of 'space-related' home learning that we have already seen! We look forward to seeing more in the coming weeks.

Miss Kirby- Jones and Miss Wickenden



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## Year 2

The start of the new school year has also meant the start of our new English text, *Tyrannosaurus Drip*. We looked at the different ways that you can retell a story and created some excellent story maps to help us learn the story by heart. After creating story maps we then retold the story through drama, as our classrooms became filled with mean and grizzly Tyrannosaurus Rexes, sneaky comps and friendly duckbill dinosaurs. Year 2 also created 'Wanted' and 'Missing' posters in which they included some fantastic descriptive language to describe the characters in the text.



We were lucky enough to be visited by a reptile expert this week. We were able to ask lots of questions and found out that some snakes even eat other snakes! We were lucky enough to see a range of reptiles such as a bearded dragon and

I don't think any of the children will forget having a Burmese Python draped around their shoulders! It was lovely to see children facing their fears, being brave and even stroking a crocodile. After our very exciting morning we then wrote some excellent recounts of the visit using adjectives, adverbs and adverbials of time.

Starting our topic learning in *Beat! Band! Boogie!* gave us a great opportunity to investigate one of our most valuable assets; our ears! We looked at the science of sound and were very interested to find out that sounds occur when objects vibrate. We identified the external and internal features and created a labelled diagram of the ear. Additionally, we have also created some fantastic artwork featuring the instruments you would find in a band. We used the technique of collage using vibrant colours to create pieces that will brighten up our classrooms nicely!

Year 2 have been looking at place value in maths. We've looked at the value of the tens and ones columns and challenged ourselves to look at how many ways we can show the place value of any given number. We represented our numbers using, dienes, counters, arrow cards and much more. We have also explored what each digit is worth and have identified how many tens and one are in any given number.

Well done for such a great start Year 2!

(P.S. What's the coldest type of reptile?.....A blizzard!)





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## Year 3

Welcome to Year 3! We are very excited to finally have a Key Stage 2 and be able to make use of our upstairs classrooms. We have had a fantastic start to the year and are very happy to have welcomed new children and new staff to Year 3. We can't believe how smart the children look in their shirts and ties and they have certainly had attitudes to match their appearances. The children have conducted themselves as true role models moving around the school, especially on the stairs. We have dived straight into our exciting new topic 'Tribal Tales' which has started with us learning about the Stone Age. We have had to do a lot of inferring to work out what life was like in the Stone Age, as this period of time was before any written records. We must also comment on the quality of the Home Learning we have already seen, the tools look as though they have come directly from the Stone Age. In Maths, the children have been building on their knowledge of place value and have begun developing their mental maths strategies. In English we have been making predictions about our new text 'Stone Age Boy', while developing our descriptive writing skills. Thank you for all your continued support, we are already very proud of all the children and look forward to the year ahead.

(P.S. let us know if you can solve our Stone Age anagram- *boats other*)

### School Matters!



**Well done everyone for super attendance this week. Our overall school attendance is the best that it has ever been at 97% since the start of this term.**

**Super well done to Kingfishers who have had 100% attendance for this week. WOW!**

	Lates	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Total Attendance
Class	No.	Number	Number	%
Kingfishers	1	1		100
Puffins		1		98.9
Hummingbirds		2		98.3
Nightingales		3		97.5
Starlings		3		96.7
Hérons		4		95.8
Robins	3	4		95.7
Wrens		6		95.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97.3</b>

#### OUR GOLDEN RULES

*These are our Golden Rules for children, teachers, associate staff, volunteers and parents.*

**We are kind, polite, respectful and helpful**

**We listen carefully to each other and care for each other**

**We try our best, work hard and learn from our mistakes**

**We always tell the truth**

**We keep ourselves and each other safe and tell someone if we have a problem**

**We look after our school and everything in it**



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## Gold Certificate Awards

### Last week's Golden Certificates:

<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>Nightingales</b>
Oliver	Charlie
Evelyn	Oliver
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Hérons</b>
George	Chloe
Elijah	Ralph
<b>Starlings</b>	<b>Wrens</b>
Arthur	Zoe
Isabella	Oscar

### This week's Golden Certificates:

<b>Robins</b>	<b>Puffins</b>
Jamie	Demi
Violet	Charlie
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>Nightingales</b>
Archie	Rishi
Micah	Eliana
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Hérons</b>
Shivani	Aiza
Ray	Jan
<b>Starlings</b>	<b>Wrens</b>
Bella	Noah
Joshua	Jessica

## This week's house point winners are Wickham Dates for your diaries

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Year 1 information session (Reading)
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception information session (Reading)
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Morning for reception 2020 (volunteers needed)
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual and sibling photographs
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA disco
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival (donations for Food Bank – suggested list to follow)
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up for half term at 3.20pm (EYFS and KS1) 3.25pm (KS2)
- **18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019** - Parents Evenings – (Details to follow)

## Uniform Donations

Thank you for all of the uniform donations. We have more than enough now. What we are short of is tights. If you are able to donate any grey tights to the school that would be much appreciated. Anything from age 4 up to age 9 would be gratefully received.