



# Your News Langley Park Primary School

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Dear Families,

Firstly, I am delighted to share with you the news of the safe arrival of Abigail Kathleen Kelly who was born on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Both Mrs Kelly and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Mrs Kelly and her husband.

I am so excited to let you know that we will all be able to enjoy the field after half term! Only a short time to go. The children have been so patient and I can't wait to see them enjoy their time out there even more. I am not sure I am ready for muddy corridors though!

Another reminder to make sure that you label **everything**. I know that there is much frustration around lost uniform items. With over 200 children here, we work hard to encourage the children to look after their belongings. Please make sure that you show your child where you have written their name so that they know where to check. We continue to encourage the children to put their items on their pegs or in their bags when they are not wearing them.

Finally, thank you for your donations towards Jeans for Genes. We raised a total of **£181.95** which will be gratefully received by the charity.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Kluzek

Head Teacher

## No Idling!

There has been an increase in the number of cars that are congesting the turning circle and that are idling during drop off. The RAC explain clearly why this is dangerous to both the environment and to people.

*Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.*

*These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses*

*including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.*

Please park considerately, not on the turning circle or in disabled bays if you do not need to and switch off your engines. Keeping the environment safe and the air as clean as possible benefits all of us.

## Library Volunteers

Our library ran so successfully last year and we are keen to keep up the momentum. If you are interested in supporting in our library during lunch time please do get in touch with Mrs Nokes so that we can arrange for you to have an up to date DSB check. Thank you in advance to those who can help and for those who were brilliant last year. You're more than welcome back! Without volunteers we are unable to open the library as often as we would like.

## Open Morning



Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help as on one of the open morning sessions. We still could do with more help so that we are not having to turn away anyone who would like to look around.

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

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

[office@langley-primary.org.uk](mailto:office@langley-primary.org.uk)

## Our Values

This week I introduced the word '*integrity*' to the children. I explained that this means doing the right thing even when no one is looking. We spoke about times at school when it can be hard to show integrity. As a school, the children were clear on times when they do this very well and times when they could do this even better.

Ask your child about how they can show integrity at school and the importance of doing so.



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## Safe collections

If your child is to be collected by another adult, please can this information come to the main office **before 2.00pm**. We have a large number of calls after this time with messages for changed pick up arrangements and it becomes much harder to get these messages from the office to the classrooms so late in the day. We do not want any information like this to be missed and we need your cooperation with this. Of course there are the occasions when plans change unexpectedly and we fully understand that. However, if you know of the change earlier in the day, please do let us know earlier rather than later. As the school is growing we need to make sure that we are functioning in a sustainable, efficient and safe way.



With many children having packed lunches, please can I remind you to be cautious that no nuts, or nut products are included in the lunches. We have several children with severe allergies and it is imperative that nut products are not brought into school.

## Reception

We have loved beginning to learn the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' this week. We have unravelled the story slowly and explored the language used to describe the grass, river, mud, forest and snow. We have acted out the story and spoken about our likes, dislikes and discussed any questions we might have for the author. We also have our very own cave in the classroom which we have loved re-telling the story in!



Thank you for sending in your family photos. The children have loved sharing these with each other and they have created their own family portrait and labelled it. In Maths, we have been looking at more and less. We have been comparing sets of objects and representing this in different ways.



Please do remember to provide your child with a PE kit which will be kept in school. We will be having an indoor and outdoor lesson each a week. This half term we will be doing dance inside and football outside. Please ensure that you label **ALL** items of clothing as we have quite a few items without names and would like to return them to their owner.

Thank you to those that attended the reading workshop today. We hope this provided you with a clear overview of what your children are learning at school and some ideas to use at home. If you have any further questions, then please do come and speak to either of us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Blundell and Miss Smith

## Year 1



What an exciting week it's been here in Y1 – a spacecraft crashed onto the playground and when the children investigated they found slime, moon dust, strange letters, alien goo and an alien driving licence!



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It looked like the pilot escaped however, leaving only a trail of footprints as a clue as to where they have gone. We filmed news reports interviewing some of the witnesses who were at the scene and then wrote newspaper reports with some attention-grabbing headlines. We examined some of the evidence more closely in science and thought about which words could be used to describe their physical properties.

In maths last week we looked at recognising the greatest and least amounts, and ordering numbers. We also looked at how ordinal numbers can be used to describe positions. This week we have been looking at 'part-whole' models to show the way that numbers can be partitioned into different amounts.

In music we have been exploring the real-life sounds of the planets using adjectives and musical terminology to describe the sounds we heard. We created mini compositions for each of the planets, recreating sounds using instruments, voices and body percussion.

In phonics we have been looking at the many ways that we can read and write the long e sound (ee, -y, ea, e). Can your children spot any of these whilst reading to you at home?

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reading workshops, we hope you found them useful.

(P.S. What's an astronaut's favourite chocolate bar?.....A Mars bar!)



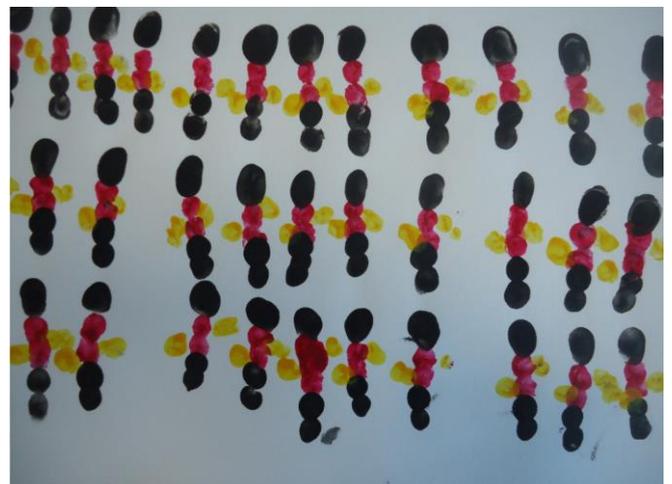
## Year 2

Year 2 are continuing to make excellent progress throughout the autumn term, with the Year 2 classrooms being busy places to be.

In maths we have been continuing to develop our knowledge of place value by looking at how the value of each place changes and then using what we know to help us solve problems. We have also looked at inverse operations and applied our knowledge of the commutative rule to help us when creating fact families.

In English we are continuing to explore the events of Tyrannosaurus Drip and were most surprised to find that a T-Rex had broken into the Year 2 classrooms and caused quite a mess! Luckily no one was harmed (although Miss. Crosbie's morning read was definitely interrupted!). Luckily our Year 2s did some expert reporting in the form of writing newspaper articles to explain the event. Additionally, we retold the story of Tyrannosaurus Drip and looked at how we can use different sentence types to make our writing more engaging for the reader. Year 2 did a fantastic job that would've made Julia Donaldson proud.

Our topic of *Beat! Band! Boogie!* has meant that the Year 2s have had the opportunity to create some fantastic pieces of art using marching bands and music notes as a stimulus. We have experimented with different mediums, such as paint and sketching pencils.





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In science we have furthered our understanding of animals and their habitats as this week we looked at food chains. We were introduced to new vocabulary such as prey, predator, producer and consumer, and also learnt that the beginning of a food chain starts with a producer which is then followed by consumers.

Keep up the excellent work Year 2!

(P.S. How do you ask a tyrannosaurus out to lunch?....."Tea, Rex?")

## Year 3

We have found out so much about the Stone Age these past two weeks. The children know all about diet, farming, housing and famous monuments. The children have done some research and can even explain the differences between the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. We will now begin learning all about the Bronze Age!

In English we have been writing from the perspective of a child in the Stone Age and we have written a leaflet encouraging people to try out our Stone Age foods.

In Maths we have continued developing our knowledge of place value and we have been practising our times tables from Year 1 and Year 2, the 2s, 5s and 10s.

In Science, we have been learning about the life processes and have used this information to predict what different conditions a plant will grow in and what will happen to a flower that has been left in coloured water.

The Year Three Team

## Punctuality

It is just as important to arrive to collect your children promptly as it is to drop them into school on time in the morning. After 3.30pm, those children who are not collected will be taken to the main office to wait there. Those who are collected late are signed out as such as we monitor this in the same way we do at the start of the day.

### School Matters!



**Our overall school attendance is still at 97% since the start of this term.**

#### Attendance this week:

Well done to Robin and Puffin class who have managed 99% attendance this week

	Lates	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Total Attendance
Class	No.	Number	Number	%
Robins	2	0	0	99.2
Puffins	1	0.5	0	99.1
Kingfishers	2	1	0	98.3
Wrens	1	2.5	1	97.0
Nightingales	1	5	0	96.3
Starlings	0	0	6	94.8
Hérons	0	10	1.5	90.4
Hummingbirds	1	17.5	1	87.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>95.1</b>



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## Gold Certificate Awards

### Last week's Golden Certificates:

**Robins**

Charlie

Demi

**Hummingbirds**

Mitchell

Laila

**Kingfishers**

Natalia

Francisco

**Starlings**

Ryan

Bella

**Puffins**

Connie

Artur

**Nightingales**

Eliana W

Alex

**Hérons**

Noah

Isla-Mae

**Wrens**

Josh

Thomas D.C

### This week's Golden Certificates:

**Robins**

Max

Faye

**Hummingbirds**

Anoukh

Zyanna

**Kingfishers**

Thomas

Nathan

**Starlings**

Cameron

Raffi

**Puffins**

Neel

Tayah

**Nightingales**

Maxwell

Fiona

**Hérons**

Sahara

Ethan

**Wrens**

Joe

Jamie

This week's house point winners are **Hawksbrook**  
Dates for your diaries

- **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
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up for half term at 3.20pm (EYFS and KS1) 3.25pm (KS2)
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Open Morning for reception 2020 (volunteers needed)
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Open Morning for reception 2020 (volunteers needed)
- **18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019** - Parents Evenings – (Details to follow)
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Open Morning for reception 2020 (volunteers needed)

## 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**