



# Newtown Linford Primary School

Half-termly newsletter: 11th April 2025

Dear parents,

There has been an extremely strong group of candidates this week for Headteacher interviews and an appointment has been made. You will hear more soon from the Trust once it is all signed and sorted.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and that the good weather holds.

*Mrs Kennedy*

## School Values

*Individuality*

*Excellence*

*Adventures*

This terms focus is –

**Individuality**

## Headteacher Updates

### Does anyone know...

anybody who may have a picnic bench/outdoor table to donate?

We are happy to paint and spruce it up.

Also, we would love some den building equipment e.g. carabiners, tarpaulins etc.

### CAR PARKING UPDATE

We have been informed that the pub car park is highly likely to be closed in the mornings after the Easter break.

We therefore encourage you to bear this in mind when dropping off as you may need to park further away.

I must also make you aware that parents' parking was raised as a serious concern at the latest Parish Council meeting. Please do not park on double yellow lines, in front of the pub or blocking driveways. The police will be completing spot inspections in the coming months.

### Year 6 SATs Information Evening

On **Wednesday 30th April at 7pm** we will virtually hold an information evening with more details on SATs week, for example timings and how to support your child if anxious. The SATs will be held in the week commencing 12th May.

Your children have revision booklets to work through. If you have any urgent questions please email the school office.

## PTA

It's been a fantastic start to the year and we have thoroughly enjoyed organising various fundraising events and activities for the children. We were delighted with the children's hard work in creating their self-portraits for the school tea towels, and we hope that you all enjoyed receiving them as much as we did. The initiative managed to raise £200 for the school, which left us immensely pleased with the outcome.

Our school's spring fling disco was another success, with the children having a great time at the event. Not only was it a fun-filled occasion, but it also helped generate some additional funds for our school.

As we look forward, we have some fantastic events planned ahead, such as the Village Quiz night on Friday 9th May, where proceeds will support the PTA and Falcon Support Services. Reach out to a PTA member for ticket enquiries.

Finally, we'd like to remind you about easy fundraising which allows you to raise money for the PTA whilst shopping. It's easy to sign up and links have been issued through class WhatsApp Groups.

Thanks for all your support!



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## Office Team Updates

### New menu

Caterlink is introducing a new menu after Easter which is available on the School website. Please keep us updated about any allergies or changes to dietary requirements.



### Free School Meals Protections Update

With effect from 1 April, the DfE has updated arrangements around means tested Free School Meals entitlements. Existing recipients will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (ie primary or secondary) at which point eligibility will be reviewed. New claims accepted after April 2025 will be reviewed for eligibility more regularly and we are waiting for more details on this.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 28th April	Back to school!
Wednesday 30th April	Virtual Year 6 SATs Information Evening 7pm
Monday 12th May	SATS week (Year 6)
Tuesday 20th May	Class photos
Wednesday 21st May	Drumming assembly 2pm (for drumming students and their families) ** please note change of date from Thursday 8th May**
Thursday 22nd May	Coffee & Cake (Bradgate Class) @Village Hall, 11am
Friday 23rd May	Colour Dash event for Leicester Children's Holidays
w/c Monday 26th May	Half term
Monday 2nd June	Back to school
Wednesday 4th June	Sports Day
Friday 13th June	KS2 trip to Curve Theatre
Wednesday 18th June	Back up Sports Day
Monday 23rd-Tuesday 24th June	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 25th June	Massed Choir event (KS2 choir)
Friday 27th June	Year 2 sleepover @School
Monday 1st July	Transition fortnight begins Wednesday 2nd July (Folklore Fortnight)
Monday 7th July	Warning Zone trip (Year 6)
Tuesday 8th-Wednesday 9th July	Old John play @Village Hall
Friday 11th July	Leavers assembly Last day of term



## From the School Journalists

We interviewed staff and children about their highlights from this term.

**Violet** - I enjoyed making cards with stencils.

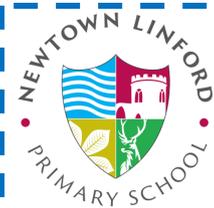
**Mrs Hindocha** - I loved the Spring Fling disco.

**Miss Patel** - I enjoyed looking after the little ones.

**Will** - It was fun being taught by Mr Paparazzi.

**Mr Brierley** - Old John's trip to Think Tank was a great day out.

**Mrs Kennedy** - Seeing so many children gain confidence, make great progress and be happy coming into school.



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## Class Updates

### Linford Class

We have had such a busy half-term again and it is wonderful to see the amazing progress that the children are making in their learning—they are all absolute superstars! The children were very excited to start using our new Balance Bikes (thank you Mrs Bickerton for teaching us how to use these properly and safely!)



Our overarching topic this half-term has been Town Vs Country, exploring the differences between these two environments and where we would prefer to live. We enjoyed retelling the story The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse, and we innovated the story by coming up with our own characters, settings and events instead! The children have been working incredibly hard in maths too, with EYFS learning about doubles, odds and evens, and Year 1 learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as



learning about monetary coins and their value. Linford class are always keen to express their artistic side and have created self-portraits, explored colour mixing, and created observational and imaginative drawings of flowers and the countryside scenes using paints and oil pastels. We finished off the last couple of weeks with an RE focus,

learning the Easter story and why/how Christians celebrate Easter. Year 1 also learnt about the Muslim story and celebration of Eid Al-Adha and compared the two different religious festivals. We hope you enjoyed the Easter service at the church and that you have a safe and restful break! - **The Linford Team**

### Bradgate Class



Bradgate have had a fantastic term, filled with creativity, exploration and plenty of fresh air! Forest School has been a real highlight, sparking children's imaginations and inspiring wonderful springtime free-verse poetry and non-fiction writing about farming through the seasons.

In Maths, pupils have been busy mastering addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers, applying their skills to tackle tricky one- and two-step problems.

Geography lessons have sparked some great discussions as pupils debated whether they'd rather live in a bustling city or the peaceful countryside, learning about the physical and human features that make each unique. Meanwhile, in Art, Picasso has been our muse! After studying his self-portraits, pupils created their own masterpieces—some opting for his early realistic style, while others embraced his bold and abstract later work.

Additionally, it has been great to hear about pupils' sporting achievements outside of school—whether it's football, tennis, swimming or other activities, we love celebrating their successes!

It has also been wonderful to see a real love of reading shine through in the classroom, with pupils eager to read aloud to both adults in school and their classmates. We hope they continue to enjoy plenty of books over the well-earned two-week break.



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#### Tyburn Class

Tyburn have had a brilliant half term, filled with creativity, problem solving and teamwork. In theme this term, we have been looking at how our world is changing. The children have really enjoyed learning about global warming and have been thinking about how we can make our school more eco-friendly.

In English, the children have been incredibly creative by writing fantasy stories and acrostic poems. They have all created some beautifully descriptive work, showing off their powerful vocabulary and similes. We have also been writing letters, encouraging Mrs Kennedy to help make our school more eco-friendly. I'm sure Mrs Kennedy will be persuaded!

We have also been working really hard in Maths, particularly learning about fractions and time. The children have been challenged by applying their learning to word problems. We have also been continuing our work on times tables, year 3's have been mastering the 3 times table and year 4 have been improving their fluency and recall speed.

Finally, we all had such a fantastic time at Beaumanor on our residential! The children made us all incredibly proud, working as a team and pushing themselves individually. It was such a special time and an absolute pleasure for us to see the children flourish and grow!

Thank you all for your continued kindness and support. Have a lovely Easter break!

**The Tyburn Team**



#### Old John Class

This term in Old John, the class have been learning about rainforests across the world. They now understand what a biome is, what it means for an environment to be 'tropical', and have learnt the impact that deforestation has on both animals and tribal communities in the Amazon. The children have really impressed me with their empathy, understanding and depth of knowledge in this topic.



On top of this, we had an excellent trip to ThinkTank in Birmingham. This was to support our learning of Earth and Space from our previous terms. The children were excellently behaved and were a great representation of the school as they ogled taxidermy animals, experimented with lifts and pulleys in the Science Garden, and learnt about space and our Solar System in the planetarium!

In our English, the children have produced their own newspapers about news stories they have created (did you know Sabrina Carpenter was arrested for shoplifting? According to one of the kids, they have!), persuading the reader to take a stand on a topic of their choice, and have finished the term retelling the thrilling story of Gawain & The Green Knight.

In Maths, the children have been learning about position & direction, angles, statistics and are finishing the term converting measurements. Lots of diagrams and drawing have been taking place, much to the chagrin of some who prefer a straight-forward calculation!

SATS are around the corner and I believe the Y6s are ready to take them on with gusto. Let's get it!

Well done, Old John!