



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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Dear All

What another busy week in school! It was lovely to welcome Wrens back – but sadly Eagles have had to work at home this week. I pray that next week we can all be in school together. The fun of our virtual fair begins tonight, so please try and join in with the virtual quiz at 7pm if you can. The Catch the word game is new, but I think that the children would love a game before the virtual bingo. Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale – the children thought that they were all delicious.



Stars of the Year

'Shine like stars in the world.' Philippians 2:1

Little Lennie's	Esme
Blackbirds	Maeve and Sam
Doves	Poppy and Edison
Eagles	Dua and Adam
Falcons	Jasmine and Roman
Hérons	Martha and Ali
Kingfishers	Sally and Edward
Owls	Georgina and Riley
Robins	Georgie and Sander
Swifts	Imogen
Wrens	To be announced at the Year 6 Prize Giving

Let's Localise

I am delighted to announce that Rev Tracy and I have been able to organise a Virtual St Leonard's Fair via Let's Localise.

www.letslocalise.co.uk





If you login to the platform, you will see lots of the usual stalls in the school shop as well as some virtual entertainments, such as a family quiz, bingo and a new game called catch the word! Please support the activities on offer as much as you can. As always, funds raised from the fair will be split between Church and School.






Dinner Money – Could all outstanding debts please cleared through your Parent Pay account. Thank you

Diary Dates

Saturday 10 th July	Virtual St Leonard's Summer Fair. Please login to Let's localise to join in the fun.
Friday 16 July	9.00 Year 6 Prize Giving and Leavers Service. Parents will be able to watch this service through google meet. 1.30 The school year ends

Class Updates

Little Lennie's 	<p>Wow, what a busy week we have had! Our story this week has been Little Red Riding Hood. This story has led to many conversations about safety and strangers, the children were fantastic and very knowledgeable in this area. We went for a walk in our woods to see if we could find the Big Bad Wolf and Granny's house. Fortunately we didn't find the wolf but we did find Granny's house! We have also been busy decorating biscuits and making cakes. This progressed to discussions about weighing and measuring, hygiene and safety in the kitchen. Our artist of the week has been Christine Onward who paints the most beautiful pictures onto rocks. The children, and adults of course, went on a rock hunt to find perfect rocks on which the children have done some beautiful artwork. As usual we have done lots of dancing and playing and generally having a lovely time in Little Lennie's.</p>
Blackbirds 	<p>This week we have been reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman.' We have thought carefully about a range of words such as 'publish,' 'address' and 'yours sincerely' finding out about what these mean and using them as we play and learn. We have continued to have such fun in our class Post Office - writing postcards to send to our friends. One of us brought in some wild comb from a real bee hive and we enjoyed taking our learning further by writing facts about bees and drawing them. We were very excited to meet our new teachers this week too and enjoyed a little time with them. With only one week left to go until the end of term, we are looking forward to our Reception Graduation where we will celebrate everything we have achieved this year. Well done everyone! 😊</p>
Doves 	<p>We have had an amazing week in Doves this week! It started with a rather wet visit to the woods where we completed a woodland orienteering challenge and created our names using natural materials. I was amazed by the imagination shown by the children. We also enjoyed our first dodgeball tournament which was a great success and I think we will continue with our game next week! On Wednesday, we had a whole day to spend on a DT project, where we made moving vehicles using different axles - they are absolutely amazing! We have worked in teams to design train traps and have even found time to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly! Well done everyone - this week has been great fun!</p>
Eagles 	<p>I have been really proud of Eagles class this week. From last Friday, we have been learning at home and all I have seen is bounds of enthusiasm, loads of smiles, super courage and perseverance from everyone. It has been truly heart-warming to see all your happy faces on all our Zoom lessons. Eagles have worked well in Phonics and English and are starting to persuade the 'Fat Controller' to take their train back to the 'Isle of Sodor'. In maths, they have all been measuring their rooms in their houses, their families and anything they can find at home! In RE, they thought about their special place and where they feel calm and at peace. In PE on Wednesday afternoon in preparation for the England match, children had a 'Monster Kickabout' and shared videos of their skills on Seesaw, I think we have some future superstars in our class! In our history lesson and reading comprehension we learnt about Amelia Earhart and why she was a famous pilot. In Science, they have used their imagination to create a minibeast of their choice with junk modelling and writing about the habitat it lives in.</p> <p>I am really looking forward to seeing you all in school on Monday – when we will be making our moving vehicles and having a lovely Den Day in the woods. A massive well done to all Eagles (and parents for your support!) - you have made me extremely proud to be your teacher.</p>

<p>Falcons</p> 	<p>Falcons have had a wonderful penultimate week. We began on Monday with a DT day in which the children made their cars. They were so careful to do it neatly and be accurate with their cutting and gluing. The finished products look amazing - and they rolled very well when we raced them in the hall. I look forward to seeing more from the cars at home, posted on Seesaw. The children also had a special day on Wednesday when they were in the woods doing orienteering, scavenger hunting, creating names out of sticks, toasting marshmallows, and making armpit fudge! Well done, Falcons</p>
<p>Hérons</p> 	<p>The Herons have had another wonderful week of learning and it's been my absolute pleasure to teach them. They are thoroughly enjoying our recount unit in English, gathering content for their newspaper reports. Our budding reporters interviewed characters from The Gingerbread Man; we have star actors in our midst. They also examined techniques of writing an interesting newspaper headline and created their own. In maths we have continued with comparing, adding and subtracting capacity and volume. We started to make sweet dispensers which are fun and creative. We created a double page spread in Science to display learning on the digestive system and we learnt all about Ancient Roman life in Topic. In RE we examined existing prayers and wrote our own versions. Changing emotions were examined in PSHE and the children played games to tell a time when they felt the differing emotions. The children met their new teachers and are excited to fly the nest. I am very proud of them all. Well done to the Heron children.</p>
<p>Kingfishers</p> 	<p>Kingfishers have been extremely busy this week. In English we analysed the structure of newspaper reports. In maths we thought about angles (Y4) and measured lines to the nearest cm and mm (Y3). We had a very special RE lesson in which the children wrote their own prayers using contrasting language. Some children chose to read them aloud which they did beautifully. The children helped to compose a piece for the latest edition of our school newspaper - so look out for that when it's published! In design and technology, the children planned the sequence of work that they plan to follow next week when making their innovative sweet dispensers.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>This week in Owls we have been continuing our learning on the Ancient Romans by exploring where they settled around Britain. The children produced some lovely maps that contained lots of details about the different settlements including Ribchester. In Science we pulled all our learning on teeth and digestion together to produce wonderfully detailed webpages full of information to share with others. In English Owls have written their own newspaper article based on the attempted invasion of Britain by the Romans in 40AD. Their sweet dispensers have been finished and I am really impressed with the time, care and effort you have taken over them. Looking forward to our last week together as Owls next week.</p>
<p>Robins</p> 	<p>This week, we have played rounders again in our P.E. lesson and seen some amazing bowling, catching and batting. In science, we have been describing and classifying some very unusual animals and plants. We have begun a new unit in English, reading and writing poems about the sea. In maths, we have been converting units of measure and telling the time. We learned how to say the four points of the compass in Spanish and used this to write some sentences about where we live. In music, we began to learn how to sign The Fresh Prince of Bel Air using British Sign Language as well as playing some fun games involving rhythm. In R.E., we learned about the journeys of St. Paul around the Mediterranean and wrote a letter to a friend encouraging them with something they were struggling with. It has been another fabulous week in Robins class-well done everyone!</p>

Swifts

Swifts Class have continued to focus on a range of topics this week. It has been a busy week and some of the year 6 children have enjoyed the experience of visiting their future high schools. In maths the children in year 5 have consolidated their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and the children in year 6 have focused on all aspects of pie charts. In English the children produced a range of work including a double page spread about the Titanic. The children have reflected on the year they have had and written some wonderful reflection prayers in RE. The children in year 6 enjoyed watching the Diocesan Year 6 Leavers' Service and considered a range of important questions based on the future. In PSHE the children also reflected on the factors that impact on their decisions as they get older and how they approach the opportunities given to them. The children have also demonstrated their creative talents by creating more Tudor art and sketching Stonehenge. Well done Swifts Class – keep up the good work!

Wrens

It was lovely to see Wrens class back in the classroom this week. The children have been researching facts about the Titanic in English and have produced some super information texts about it. In maths, the children have been consolidating their skills as well as beginning a project based on costing a playground and equipment which will use the whole range of their skills. The children have been carrying on with their transition work and considering various factors which may have an impact on their high school journey. Some of the children have been to visit their high school this week, and it has been lovely to see how excited they are to take this next step. We also enjoyed watching the Diocesan Year 6 Leavers' Service and thought about who is with us on life's journey. I have, as always been really pleased by the children's behaviour and effort - well done Wren's class!