



Lawns Park Primary School

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October Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-term already! What happened to those first eight weeks? Well, you know what they say – time flies when you're having fun! Well, we've certainly been having a lot of fun in Autumn 1 and the children have been working their socks off. They came back after the summer holidays refreshed and ready to tackle a new year. The transition into a new classroom with new teachers and staff is always a challenge but we were very impressed with how everyone persevered with the changes.

There have been some fabulous opportunities for learning outside of the classroom this term and you will read below all about how we have been visited by Paralympians, Poets and Pugilists (Boxer – Josh Wisher). Experiential learning is so important in school and it is always lovely to see the children enthralled by the work they are doing.

This term we have launched our new values with the children and staff. Our children are focussing on learning: Positivity, Perseverance, Patience and Politeness. We have now created school teams which are named after the values and the children are earning counters by demonstrating the values around school. The counters are added to a shared team pot and added up every month, with the aim being that the team with the highest total at the end of the summer term will lift the new Lawns Park Team Trophy.

There are lots of exciting things to look forward to in Autumn 2 (including a whole host of Christmas madness which you might not be ready to hear about just yet!) so please keep your eyes on Schoop and the school calendar to find out what's coming up. Otherwise, have a fantastic half-term.

Kind regards, Mr Chapman – Headteacher.

OFFICE REMINDER FOR PAYMENTS

Please can all parents make sure that they have downloaded the app for 'School Gateway'. This is our NEW online payment system which parents will use to make all payments.

Please also ensure the following apps have been downloaded, Schoop, Sims Parent.

Thanks, kind regards, the Office Team.

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY – ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Parents have a legal duty to ensure your child attends school regularly. This means that your child must attend every day, unless:

- Your child is too ill to attend that day.
- You have been given permission by school due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot attend because of a religious observance.

These are the only circumstances where school can permit your child to be absent. If you are having difficulties with your child's attendance and you would like to speak to a member of staff then please phone school and ask to speak to Mrs Miles, Mrs Dean or Mr Chapman.





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Friends of Lawns Park



Our first half term has been a busy one. Firstly, we have joined Asda's Cashpot for schools scheme and currently have raised over £300, with another 40 days to go. We also held our first event of the year, the Glow Disco, and it was so amazing to see the children come along and enjoy themselves. These events helped us raise £600. We have spoken to Mr Chapman and have agreed to raise money to go towards new photography and filming equipment (Camera, green screen and editing items) for the children to use in lessons and clubs. Thank you again for all the support you show The Friends of Lawns Park and the school.





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BONFIRE NIGHT



As the half term break is upon us, so is Bonfire night. Bonfire Night can be a thrilling celebration marked with fireworks, bonfires, and festivities. While it's a time for fun, it is important to ensure that children are safe during the celebrations. Please see attached link to Child Accident Prevention Trust website for more firework safety information that you can share with your children. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable and SAFE half term break.

<https://capt.org.uk/lessons-for-little-ones/>

Firework Code

1. Only adults should light and hold fireworks.
2. Stand well back when watching fireworks and bonfires.
3. Never approach a firework that has not gone off or is used.
4. Enjoy sparklers safely by wearing gloves and holding them at arms length.
5. When a sparkler goes out put it straight into a bucket of water.
6. Keep your pets safely indoors.
7. Have a great time!

Free poster from www.schoolstickers.co.uk/firework
Corresponding stickers available.



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STEM LEGO

(As reported by School Council Chairperson Nico Porritt-Rosero)

When Mr Hunter came to school for a junior stem session, the whole class was alive with ecstasy while Mr Stone was despondent and envious of the amusement we would be having that day. When the time came, we all wanted to prove that we were the supreme Lego erectors in the whole education premise. We started off by discussing the most optimum techniques to make your builds rotate, proceed and have an efficient algorithm so it is proficient of doing many more. We debated the length and width of several pieces and then moved onto my personal favourite activity. Mr Hunter told us to make a revolving Lego contraption, capable of carrying two mini-figures! We had some incongruous ideas. Finally, he gave us a forty-step instruction set on our tablet to make a crocodile with a motion sensor so when it precepted movement, the top jaw snapped down! We sincerely thanked our fellow constructor and we bid our farewells to Junior Stem.





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Paralympian visitor

Lawns Park were thrilled to welcome Paralympian Anthony Cotterill to our school for an unforgettable visit during Autumn term! His inspiring presence brought a wave of excitement as he led us through some fun exercises that got everyone moving and energized. Anthony's motivational speech left a lasting impact on both students and staff, reminding us all of the power of perseverance and determination. In addition to the inspiration, we are proud to announce that we raised a fantastic amount of money for charity, thanks to everyone's generous support. It was truly a day to remember!





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Another kindness star at Lawns Park

We are very proud of all our students at Lawns Park but we would like to take a moment to celebrate Sophia Stead from Year 1 who has raised an incredible £546 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Sophia was inspired by the late, great Rob Burrow to start making bracelets by hand and selling them to raise money. She spent the whole of summer working on these which resulted in her receiving a message from the MND association which read:

"I just wanted to reach out to say a huge thank you to Sophia for making bracelets to raise funds for the MND Association. I can see from the JustGiving page how inspired she has been from the late Rob Burrow. I wanted to send a small appreciation of thanks, so please do see the attached certificate from the fundraising team and Buddy. I hope she will like it.

Also, with a huge £500 raised so far (which will go up once the gift aid is added too), did you know, we could fund: An MND expert researcher for two days, helping us to better understand the disease, provide an information pack for three newly diagnosed people with MND, so they know what to expect and how to access support, software to enable someone with MND to bank their voice, so that should they lose their voice in the future, they can continue to maintain their identity whilst communicating with friends and family, fund an MND Connect helpline advisor for two hours, allowing them to provide information and support for anyone affected by MND."

Well done from all of us at Lawns Park Sophia, we are very proud of your kind heart and charitable nature.





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What's been happening in class?

Year 6

YEAR 6 – A Journey in Time

This half term has been all about World War II for Year 6. They became Class 6S and travelled to 1941 to the night of the Leeds air raids. The pupils dressed up and got into their parts as evacuees. During this time, they handled original artefacts and investigated the lives of children at this time who were taken from their homes in the city to live in the countryside. The pupils wrote letters home in the role of evacuees and also learnt about all the precautions people had to take if they lived in cities during the air raids. In Art, the pupils studied the line-based drawings of Curtis Holder. They enjoyed exploring different pencil holds and adding subtle colours. Finally, the first half term ended with a fun assembly and a good old singsong! Well done for a fantastic first half-term, Year 6!





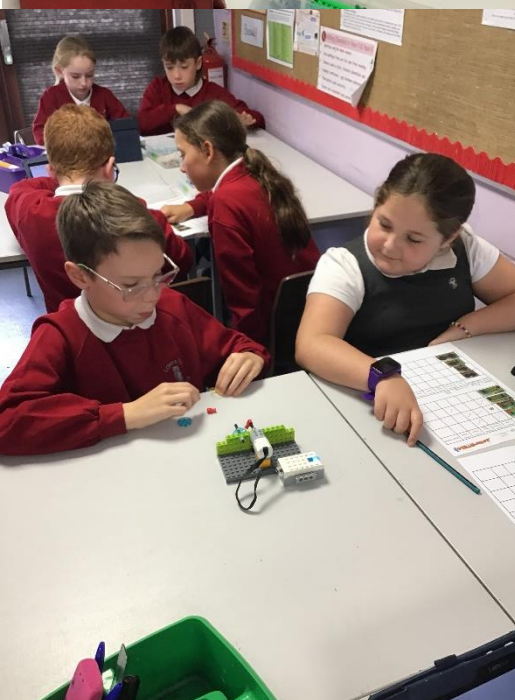
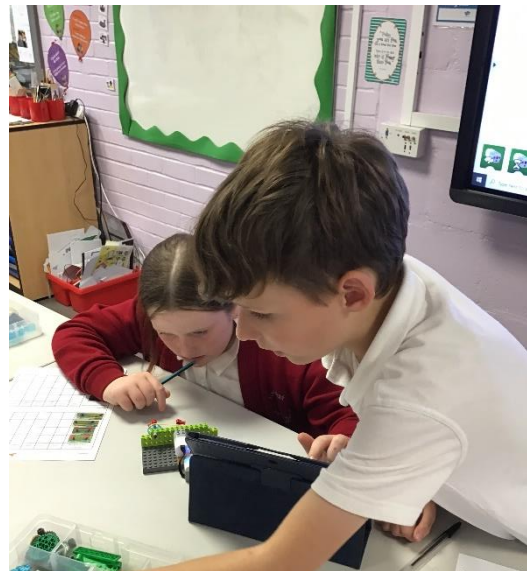
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Year 5

This half term in Year 5 has been action-packed and full of learning! In English, we've been busy honing our writing skills, producing engaging narratives, heartfelt letters, and informative fact files. Our creativity has shone through in each piece of writing, showcasing our growing confidence as authors. In history, we've thoroughly enjoyed diving into the world of the Vikings, learning about their incredible voyages, way of life, and impact on history. Meanwhile, in Maths, we've truly mastered the art of arithmetic, tackling complex problems with increasing speed and accuracy. It's been a rewarding few weeks and the hard work everyone has put in is paying off as we prepare for even more exciting challenges next term!





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Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic half-term and have shown immense maturity and resilience! This included writing time travel leaflets to persuade people to travel back in time to visit Ancient Greece in its prime as well as building Lego and programming it to move! In History, we have been learning all about Ancient Greece and putting our Greek knowledge to good use to help us in our English sessions. In maths, we have been mastering place value and addition & subtraction. In art, we used different desserts to support our observational drawings in the style of Wayne Thiebaud - then we got to eat them of course. Lastly, in science, we have been grouping and classifying living things by using classification keys and closed questions. All in all, a busy, fun-filled 8 weeks! I can't wait for us to do even more exciting learning next half-term!





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Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing term and they settled in brilliantly! The Year 3 team are so proud of the progress they have already made in 8 weeks. We have been busy with our topics of the Stone Age, settlements, skeletons and so much more. In particular, our themed Stone Age day was a hit and the drama the children produced was super; the actors were very impressed. We have worked extremely hard in Maths this term and have been practically using equipment to help with partitioning and making numbers. Next term, we will be studying the book Iron Man (Miss Ball's favourite!) We will be producing some character descriptions to describe the Iron Man's appearance. In DT we will focus on designing and in Science we will be moving onto learning all about rocks.





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Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the new year and have settled in nicely! We have been wrapped (or should that be bandaged) up in our history topic of 'Florence Nightingale' which the children have absolutely loved. It has been the inspiration for both of our writing pieces and the team have been so impressed with the quality of work the children have produced. We were lucky to have the author Dom Conlon come and visit us and chat about his books and the process he uses to write poems. As well as this, we have been mastering place value and addition and subtraction in maths using lots of practical resources to aid our learning. In science, our topic was animals - where we explored the different characteristics of animal groups and discovered what all of them need to survive on their own. Our art topic has been a firm favourite, where we have been studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy and using his drawings to inspire some of our own drawings and as you can see from the pictures the children loved it! Finally, towards the end of the term we had an exciting visit from 'The Lego Man' (Ian) who delivered some wonderful STEM focussed workshops which gave us the chance to build and program our own cars using Lego and coding on tablets. The children were certainly inspired and had great fun. We are already looking forward to the Christmas term but hope you all enjoy the week off beforehand





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Year 1

Year 1 have settled into their new routines and classroom fantastically well! This half term we have learned all about hot and cold places on Earth, including how animals have adapted to their environments. In Science, we have drawn and labelled body parts and carried out investigations based on our senses. A class favourite was definitely the taste test lesson. In Art, we created our own Keith Haring inspired artwork before creating a life-size version for the classroom. The class are amazingly creative and love having opportunities to design and build, so our recent DT challenge to create a strong, stable and free-standing bridge was met with much excitement! Prior to building, the children learned about Brunel and became engineers inspecting the school grounds for examples of strong structures (of course, we had to wear hi-vis vests).

Finally, we have had some brilliant visitors and experiences such as the Lego STEM workshop, the Great Athlete Event, a Bonfire chat from PCSO Dean Scott and our mysterious visitor at the start of term who inspired some incredible writing. The children have definitely earned their week off, they must be shattered! Have a lovely half term and the Year 1 team look forward to more fun in Autumn.





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Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have made a super start to the new school year. We have welcomed many new children, their parents and carers to the Lawns Park family. The children have adapted well to the routines of the school day and are busy rekindling old friendships and building new relationships with those new to our school. We have focused our learning this half term upon stories about friendship, meeting 'The Colour Monster' and 'Stick and Stone,' along the way.

Next half term we will be scientists, exploring seasonal change. Artists, studying sculpture, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Geographers, exploring local landmarks, manmade and natural through the story on The Gingerbread Man. Historians, as we remember the fallen and celebrate historical events such as the 'Gunpowder Plot. If you would like to keep abreast of learning in the Foundation Stage please refer to our subject planners on the school website, www.lawnsark.org.uk/





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Key Dates up to December Half-Term

Main dates for Autumn 2 half term – 4 th November – 20 th December			
Autumn 2 week 1 November	Monday, 4 th November	School opens for Autumn 2 term	After school clubs begin this week
	Wednesday 6 th November	Bonfire Night Menu	
Autumn 2 week 2 November	Monday, 11 th November	School Photos (Individual)	
	Friday 15 th November	Children In Need	
Autumn 2 Week 3 November	Wednesday 20 th November	F2 & Y6 Height and Weight	
Autumn 2 Week 4 November	Monday, 25 th November		
Autumn 2 Week 5 December	Tuesday 3 rd December	Y4 Bikeability	
	Friday 6 th December	FLOPS Winter Fair (12- 5pm)	
Autumn 2 Week 6 December	Tuesday 10 ^h December	Performing Arts Christmas Production – A Fireside Nativity	
Autumn 2 week 7 December	Thursday 19 th December	Performing Arts – Carols at New Farnley Cricket Club Christmas Dinner	
	Friday 20 th December	Singing in the playground (2.15pm – 3.15pm)	

If you have any comments/questions/feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
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Kind regards,

The Lawns Park Team