

NEWSLETTER

The Littletons School – February 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th February

Children Back to School

20th February

Dance Festival

20th and 22nd February

Parents' Evenings

5th March

World Book Day (Dress Up)

5th March

Poetry Festival

12th March

Science Day

18th March

Come Dine With Me (Iguanas)

19th March

Easter Service at Church

22nd March

Last Day of Term



Headteacher's Welcome

It has been a short half term, but we have packed a lot in, with lots more planned after the holiday too!

January has been wet and miserable. There have been a lot of coughs, cold and sickness over the last few weeks, so hopefully a good rest will help everyone to recover and come back feeling refreshed.

As we move into February, the signs of spring are starting to show. We have had our first snowdrops blooming in our Forest School area and the nights are getting noticeably lighter. This always feels like an optimistic time of year, with the promises of brighter days ahead.

Have a lovely break, whatever you are doing, and we'll see you all after the half term holiday.

Our Vision

Just as God has created every individual with unique talents and skills, our school community provides a nurturing and inclusive environment, where everyone is encouraged to explore their individual creativity and to confidently use their talents in order to achieve their God given potential and to make the world a better place.

Playground Trees

Over half term, the horse chestnut tree by the Reception classroom is being cut down. This is not a decision we have taken lightly and we have been in discussion with the Tree Protection Officer about it. We made the final decision based on safety because of the danger of conkers falling, which have nearly hit people on several occasions. This prevents us from using the area around the tree for the whole of the autumn term, which is why horse chestnuts are rarely planted in school grounds now.

One of our Year 3 children raised concerns about cutting down the tree, which she presented to the School Council. They have requested that we plant two trees in the school grounds to replace the one we are cutting down, which we will do in due course.

The School Council are currently working on plans to redevelop the area around the horse chestnut and would like to put a quiet area there to be used at playtimes. We hope to get those plans finalised in the near future.

Wellies

The wellies have been a great success this half term with a large number of children using the field every day, which gives everyone more space. It is great to allow the children to play in our beautiful grounds and spend more time in nature. We will continue with the wellies up until the Easter holidays, so please send them back in after half term if your child wants to use the field.



Attendance

Our School Attendance for the half term was 94.3%. It has dropped significantly, but unavoidably, due to illness, so hopefully the break will help everyone to recover and we can get back up over 96%.

Well done to **Chameleons** class for having the highest attendance for this half term with 96.6%

Sickness

Please remember that children should be off school for 48 hours from the **last time** that they have sickness or diarrhoea. This is to ensure that it is not passed on to anyone else. Thank you for your support with this.



Science Jobs

Thank you to everyone who let us know if you do a job that involves science. We will look at how we can tap into this expertise to support the children's learning and help them to develop a love of STEM subjects.

Young Voices

In January, the Chameleons class were involved in Young Voices in Birmingham. There were over 5000 children taking part on the night and they performed with professional singers and musicians to put on an amazing show.



Art and Design



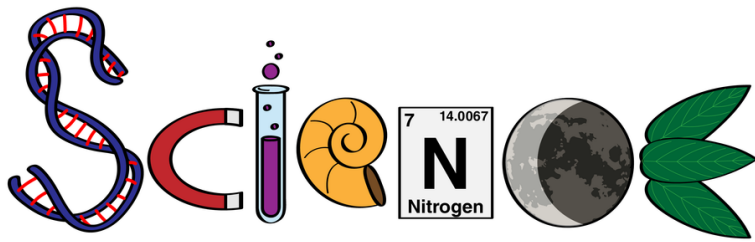
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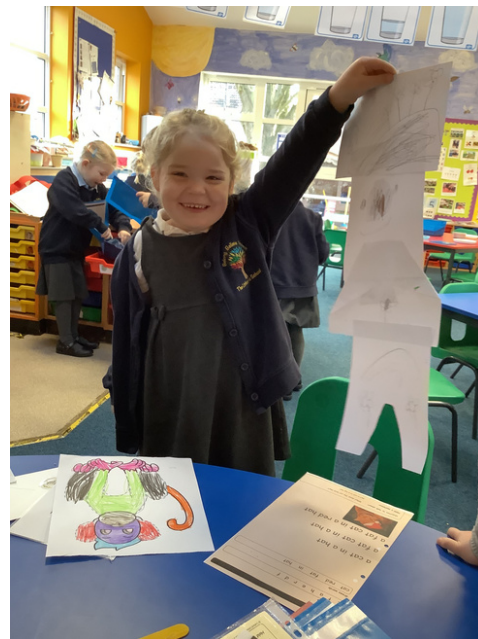
Come Dine With Me – Cobras



Science



Early Years



Forest School

