



Newsletter

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The festive season is always a busy and exciting time of year in school! It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying our Christmas Fair on Wednesday. We truly appreciate your support and are delighted to share that we raised an amazing £1272. These funds will go towards purchasing some much needed new bikes and outdoor equipment for our children in EYFS.

Please take a look below for a reminder of key dates over the next few weeks:

8 th December	KS2 Christmas Production 9.15am KS1/Reception Christmas Production 1.45pm
9 th December	KS1/Reception Christmas Production 9.15am KS2 Christmas Production 1.45pm
10 th December	Nursery Christmas Production 9.15am
11 th December	Nursery Christmas Production 2pm
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th December	Christingle Workshop and Service at Holy Trinity Church 1.30pm
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
19 th December	End of year Christmas parties Last day of school

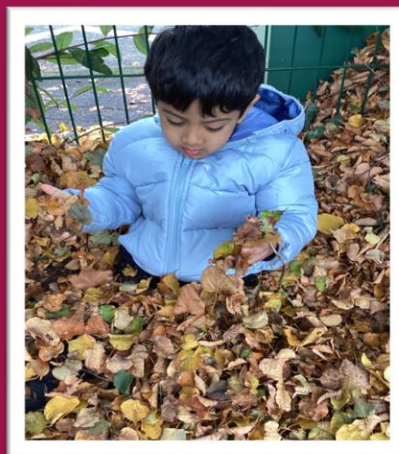


Teaching and Learning

This half term we are exploring the theme 'Courageous Acts and Symbolism' in our topic learning. We are incredibly proud of all of the children's achievements- their attitude to learning is excellent!

Nursery

In Nursery this half term we have been learning about the changes we see in Autumn. The children have loved exploring Autumn's natural treasures as loose parts, and talking about their features. As part of this learning, we have enjoyed reading this half term's book- Owl Babies. We have loved getting to know the story and retelling the story with props and puppets.



Reception

We have had lots of fun in Reception this half term.

In computing, the children created their own scarf designs which incorporated repeating patterns. They used computational thinking skills of creating, pattern, and logic.

We have used our fine motor skills to create some bravery badges using different materials and explored times when we were brave.

In maths, we have explored how to represent 4 and 5 in different ways.



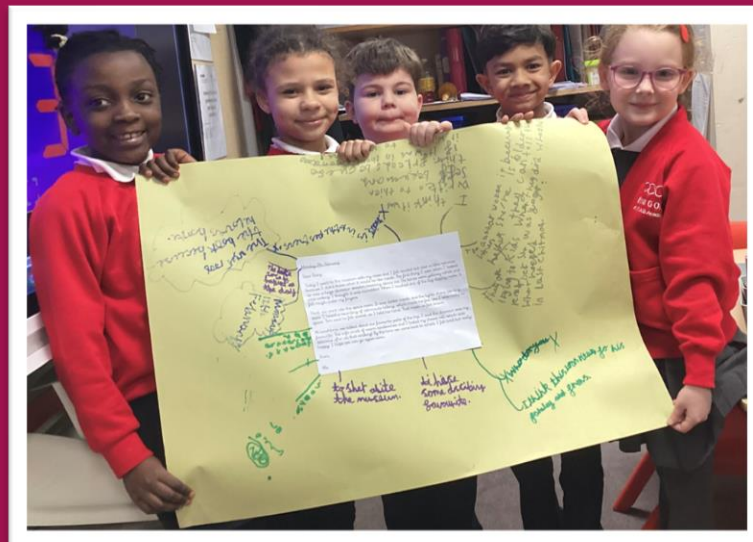
Year 1

For our topic 'Courageous Acts and Symbolism' this half term, we have been learning about Sir Francis Beaufort. Sir Francis Beaufort was a sailor who showed courage by sailing through dangerous weather in order to develop his Beaufort Scale to keep sailors safe at sea. We used feathers to demonstrate our understanding of what the different numbers on the wind speed scale mean!



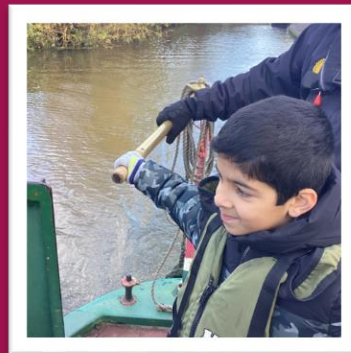
Year 2

In Year 2, we've had a wonderfully busy half-term. We learnt about Sir David Attenborough and admired his courage and dedication to the natural world. We also observed animals in their habitats and recorded our own voice notes, pretending to be TV presenters like him! In English, we have been writing diary entries about trips to the zoo. We thought carefully about what we might smell, hear and see there, and explored how these experiences would make us feel. In maths, we have been using our tens and ones to subtract. We all showed great courage and perseverance, especially when the challenges felt a little tricky!



Year 3

This half term, Year 3 have been learning about the sailor Dame Ellen McArthur, who was the first woman to sail solo around the world. As part of their learning, Year 3 went on a narrow boat down the canal! They learnt the names of the different parts of the boat and even had a go at steering. They enjoyed observing all the nature they could see, although were disheartened by the amount of litter. They have since learnt that Dame Ellen is campaigning for a more circular economy where items are repurposed rather than thrown away.

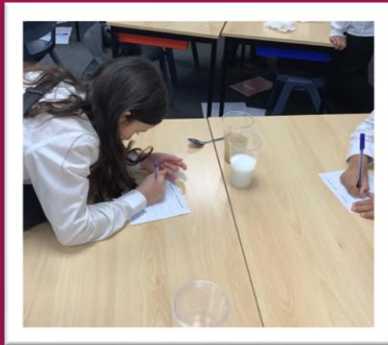


Year 4

Year 4 have been studying cartography, the study of map drawing, in geography. Captain James Cook, an explorer, is a well-known cartographer, who the children are learning about. The children went on a walk to canal, which they previously planned using Digimaps. As they explored the local area of Lenton, the children had to identify the human and physical geographical features they could see. When we returned to school, the children used their cartography skills in order to create their own maps of the Lenton area.



Year 5



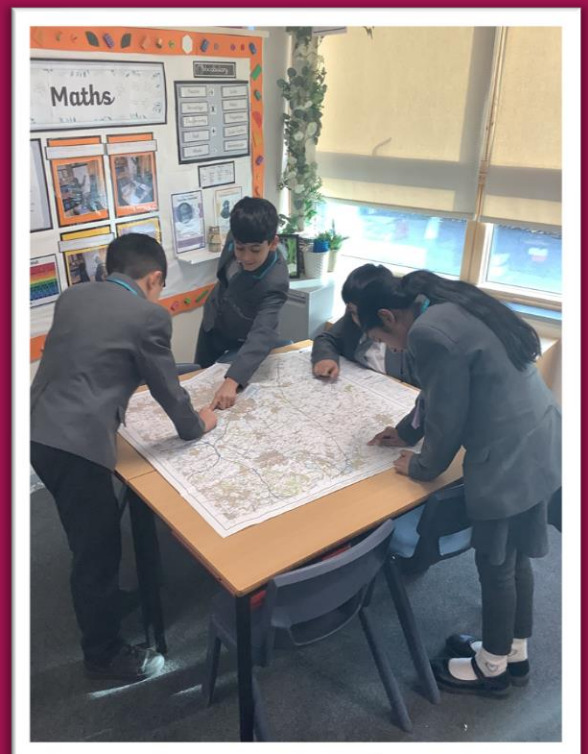
Year 5 have been working incredibly hard on their winter production, while also turning their attention to the key grammatical features needed for the narratives they will be writing in the coming weeks. In maths, the children have begun exploring fractions, a challenging area, but they are showing great determination and perseverance.

In science, the class had lots of fun experimenting with dissolving. They investigated which solutes dissolve in solvents to form a solution and which remain undissolved. Meanwhile, in computing, the children have been experimenting with Micro-Bits and are excited to continue developing their skills with these devices.

Finally, in art this half term, Year 5 have been focusing on portraits and studying the work of Frida Kahlo. They have zoomed in on their own facial features and worked carefully to capture them in detailed drawings.

Year 6

In geography, Year 6 focused on improving their map-reading skills. We used 6-figure grid references to find precise locations and collaborated in groups to interpret a variety of map symbols. They showed great communication, resilience, and attention to detail.



Teddy Bear Hospital

Nursery and Reception were lucky enough to have a special visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital! With the support of the Nottingham University Hospital students we learned about visiting the doctor, washing our hands, brushing our teeth and exercise. The children engaged with each different station to learn about how we can take care of ourselves and keep our bodies healthy.



Primary Parliament

On Wednesday 26th November, we had the most amazing time representing Edna G. Olds at Primary Parliament. The day was hosted by IGnite at the Council House. The theme was 'Anything is possible'.

We used our voice to express our views and opinions. We are supporting Nottingham to gain their UNCEiF accreditation for a child friendly city.

Dyna, Rahaf, Emmanuel Year 6



Pupil News

A huge well done to Kingsley and Tiarla-Nae in Year 3. It was lovely to see your gymnastic certificates today. We are very proud of your achievements!



Winter Goody Bags



We're delighted that once again Himmah is spreading some seasonal cheer by providing *Winter Goody Bags* for primary school pupils that are eligible for free school meals for families who may be struggling.

Each goody bag contains a selection of small toys treats and educational gifts. The goody bags have been thoughtfully packed to bring a smile to children's faces during the winter period. This year, the goody bags have been kindly sponsored by Ideagen, whose generous support has made this initiative possible.

Thank you also to Nottingham Forest Community Trust who assisted Himmah with the distribution of the bags.

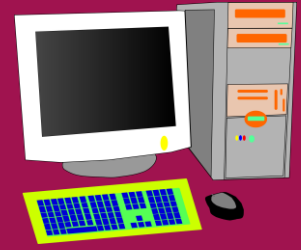
These goody bags have been fantastically received over the past years and feedback from both parents and children has been great.

If you are eligible for free school meals then please collect your bag from the school office anytime from 8th December.



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Online Safety



It has come to our attention that more children are using WhatsApp to chat with friends and classmates. While messaging can be a fun way to stay in touch, we want to remind families that WhatsApp has a minimum age restriction of 13. We will continue to educate children in school about how to use social media safely and within the appropriate age guidelines.

Please find below a link for some further supportive guidance for parents:

[#WakeUpWednesday - Free resources for trusted adults](#)

Christmas Lights Switch On



On Friday 21st November our fabulous choir performed at the Christmas Lights switch on at Canning Circus. The children sang 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer' in front of an audience and had a wonderful festive time. It was a great opportunity for the children to experience performing as a musician and to soak up the community atmosphere.



Festive Art

Every year children across LEAD Academy Trust have the wonderful opportunity to design the front of the Trust Christmas card. We are delighted to share that our nursery children's design is one of the Trust Christmas card winners. Well done to all the children that took part- we had some very thoughtful designs this year.



Lillian Greenwood Christmas Card

As a school we also took part in Lillian Greenwood's Christmas card competition and are pleased to announce that Jamila Choudhry, in Year 2, was awarded the 'best in school winner' for Edna G. Olds Academy.





Core Values Achievers



Nursery	Arsh	For using excellent vocabulary during his play with dinosaurs.
	Nainika	For demonstrating excellent engagement and motivation during group times this week.
Rec	Talya	For demonstrating fantastic effort and motivation in her writing.
	Haseeb	For demonstrating great effort in our Christmas production dress rehearsal.
Year 1	Jhene	For her excellent performance in the KS1 Christmas production dress rehearsal.
	Matteo	For always demonstrating curiosity and engagement in his learning
Year 2	Mahira	For really confident speaking during our dress rehearsal this week.
	Hana	For building up her confidence when speaking in our production.
Year 3	Jenan	For learning to read lots of her key words
	Aimar	For improved focus and better listening, plus lots of creative ideas.
Year 4	Dania	For taking personal responsibility in learning her times tables and going above and beyond.
	Eisa	For always being resilient towards all his learning and being respectful to his peers.
Year 5	Imran	For his positive attitude and dedication to his learning in class. Keep it up!
	Alice	For her confidence and powerful use of her voice during rehearsals. Well done Alice!
Year 6	Rayhan	For his determination to improve his mathematics.
	Aizah	For always showing motivation to try her best in lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.

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