

# LANGTOFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY BULLETIN

11 March 2022



### F.O.L.S

We'd like to say a big thank you to F.O.L.S for everything that they have fundraised for so far this year. Following a challenging couple of years due to restrictions, the volunteer team have worked hard to organise exciting events to raise much needed, and appreciated, funds for the school. As a result, the children have enjoyed quality new books, magazines and comics, school trips to places including The Space Centre, Christmas Tree Farm and Peterborough Museum, plus a range of new resources in their classrooms.

The latest event, the Smartie tube competition, was a huge success raising a total of £363.27. Year 1 managed to collect the most 20p coins and have chosen a PJ and movie day as their prize on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

F.O.L.S are in the process of organising two discos and the summer fayre, details of which will be published shortly. For further information, or if you are interested in joining this wonderful group of volunteers, please visit their Facebook page.

### UKRAINE APPEAL

Our community has once again shown how generous and supportive it is, evident by the huge amount of items have been donated for the Ukraine appeal. Everything has now been delivered ready to be packed and transported to those who need it. Thank you to all who have contributed.

The DfE have produced some useful advice and resources to support talking to children about the situation in Ukraine. Please visit the link below for information:

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)



### ONLINE SAFETY

Information has been sent via ParentMail today about how to help your child stay safe online along with several online safety guides you may find useful including: TikTok fact sheet and guide for parents; WhatsApp guide for parents; and YouTube guide for parents.

If you have any concerns about your child's online use, please speak to Mrs Wood or Mr Dolby.

## PUPIL PROGRESS MEETINGS

Pupil Progress meetings for parents of children with SEND/Pupil Premium have been rearranged and will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Further details will be sent to parents shortly.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the children who took part in the Annual Primary School Cross Country Championships in Stamford last Saturday. It was a cold and windy event but they braved the slippery conditions in fine style. Each race had in excess of 90 children taking part and our superstars did extremely well. The next cross country competition takes place in Market Deeping on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.



## COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and is to help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine and those attempting to cross the border.

We are inviting children to come to school with a joke to tell. The top voted joke from each class will be then shared in assembly that afternoon.

If you wish to support this cause, you can purchase one of the many Comic Relief items from participating stores or donate directly via: <https://www.comicrelief.com/>



## WRITERS OF THE WEEK

This week's Writers of the Week are **Phoebe G** in Foundation, **Ava B** in Year 1, **Zachary S** in Year 2, **Sophia R** in Year 3, **Eloise T** in Year 4, **Lillyana D** in Year 5 and **Hugo B** in Year 6.

## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

You may remember that I recently wrote to you asking for nominations for the vacancy of a Parent Governor at Langtoft Primary School. There was one nomination for the single vacancy, and as such, Mrs Paula Thomson was elected unopposed. We would like to welcome Mrs Thomson to the school's governing body and we look forward to working with her over the coming years.

# CLASS UPDATES

For week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Please find information about what each class are learning next week.

## FOUNDATION STAGE

This week we will start our new topic 'Spring' and as it is Science Week so we will go for a walk around the school grounds looking for signs of Spring. The children will sketch Spring flowers with drawing pencils, fine liners, charcoal and chalk. They will have the opportunity to mix primary colours to create secondary colours to paint their drawings. In literacy, they will write about their Spring walk and in maths they will continue to explore the composition of 10. In phonics, the children will learn the sounds 'ar' and 'or'. On Tuesday the children will listen to an online story called 'The adventures of Scout: Stop dropping Litter' and discuss how to look after our environment.

## YEAR 1

Next week in year 1 we will be celebrating Science Week! Each day we will be learning about one of the five senses and the parts of the body that they are associated with. I have lots of exciting practical tasks for the children to take part in to explore their senses! In English we will be writing stories with a predictable pattern linked to our class story 'Funnybones'. The children have really enjoyed reading our story and we have been using it to help us learn about nouns and making words plural. In maths we will be starting our topic Weight and Volume and in History we will be finding out about the nurse Florence Nightingale, ready for our trip to Peterborough Museum the following week.

## YEAR 2

In Year 2, we will be reading the text Trust Me, Jack's Beanstalk Stinks. This story gives the giant's point of view and we will discuss whether Jack was right to trespass in the giant's house and steal his things. We will then be writing letters from Jack to apologise and to explain why we stole his things. In maths, we will be revising how to find half and a quarter of a shape or number. Don't forget to keep practising your number facts (the White Rose 1-minute maths app and hit the button are great ways to do this). We will continue to learn about plants and carry out investigations to find out the best conditions for their growth. As the weather begins to warm up we will be planting seeds and bulbs in our garden. In art, we will be drawing and painting plants and learning how to mix colours to create different shades. In RE, we will be finding out how Muslims welcome a new baby into their family. In computing, we will be collecting data and then creating our own pictograms on the computer.

## YEAR 3

Next week, we shall be focussing on everything science! We are currently looking at how bones and muscles work, but we shall also begin to explore how plants grow and how they are made up. In class, we have just started a pea shoot investigation and we will continue to explore these in greater detail. Our class will be entering a science poster competition, investigating what conditions plants need to grow, but also do our body parts grow as we get older? This will involve further research around the school! An exciting week ahead!

## YEAR 4

In Year 4, we will be calculating fractions of quantities and learning how to problem solve using this skill. In English, we will be completing our writing journey with playscripts. We will be making the final edits to our drafts and having a go at performing these too. In science sessions, we will complete our chocolate melting and freezing experiment before exploring the changing states of an ice cube. There will be lots of fun and exciting science this week to celebrate science week. In music, we will be learning how to play the melody of 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers. We will also continue with our 'I am Warrior' topic by looking at the power of the Roman army.

## YEAR 5

In maths, we shall be multiplying a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number using concrete manipulatives, progressing to exploring multiplication with exchange in one, and then more than column. We shall then use Base 10 to represent the area model of multiplication, which will enable being able to see the size and scale linked to multiplying.

In English, we shall begin our new non-fiction unit on persuasive texts, analysing and identifying key features.

In RE, we learn more about how the Qur'an is a book of guidance given to Muslims.

In history, we think about the impact of the Industrial Revolution, engaging with historical sources to make observations about a British city before and after the Industrial Revolution. Pupils will learn about changes to cities, employment, living conditions and the landscape and will have the chance to reflect on whether the effects of the various changes brought about were positive or negative ones.

As part of Science Week, we shall be investigating thermal conductors and insulators

This week, PE days are on Tuesday (fitness) and Thursday (outdoor adventurous activities).

## YEAR 6

This week is 'Science Week' therefore, we will be taking plenty of opportunities to apply our investigative skills in fun investigations, namely: 'Bottle Flip' and 'Grab It!' **If anyone is able to send in an empty 500ml mineral/spring water plastic bottle, it would be greatly appreciated.** We will continue our exploration and writing of texts inspired by the mystery of the Marie Celeste. We will begin our new class story: 'Holes' and read a variety of text extracts in a variety of genres, focusing on questions using VIPERS (vocabulary, infer, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise). Grammar, and punctuation skills will continue, as we develop and embed learnt skills. In maths, we have completely new learning. We will learn the concept of ration, then apply this knowledge to solve problems. We will continue with badminton and work on our stomp/clap dance in P.E. In R.E we will explore the role of charity in how commitment is displayed in Islam. This week in Design and Technology, we will begin to join fabric, selecting appropriate stitch types. In Music, we discover further tracks written by Carole King and continue to learn and perform her song 'You've Got a friend'. Computing will have a focus on understanding the value of spreadsheets. This will lead us into learning how to create a spreadsheet to manipulate data.