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The winning house this week is Green House who may wear their own clothes on Monday.

Commendation Awards

This is awarded by the class teacher to children who have been demonstrating the school values. Congratulations go to:

Leo B
Alex R
James R
Isaac P
Alexander C
Arun G
Julien G
Olivia B
Anna B
Chloe M

Reception

In Reception, we have been talking about festivals we enjoy celebrating with our families. We know that Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th November every year. We discussed what happened during the Gunpowder Plot and can explain who Guy Fawkes was. We also enjoyed learning some firework songs. In Maths, we have been exploring 3D shapes. We have named the different shapes and looked at whether they roll or stack, depending on the shape of the faces.





KS1

The children in KS1 have made a great start to the new half term! They've thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to swim in the pool, and those who overcame some nerves about trying something new should be particularly proud of themselves.

This week we have also begun our new Design Technology unit by investigating books with different moving parts, including lift the flaps, levers and wheels. The children loved the chance to share different books with their friends and will be using their observations to create their own moving pictures later on in the term.



LKS2

What a busy week LKS2 have had! The year four pupils have started their swimming lessons and are progressing brilliantly, it's been wonderful to watch pupils grow in confidence. The year three children

enjoyed their swimming lesson on Thursday and were 'buzzing' with excitement when they got out of the pool! This term we are going to be looking at bread in our Design and Technology lessons. This week, we have learnt about the Ancient Greek diet and talked about what foods would have been available then. We then looked at the bread making process that the Ancient Greeks would have followed and learnt about the importance of each ingredient in a bread recipe. The children are really looking forward to making their bread in a few weeks!



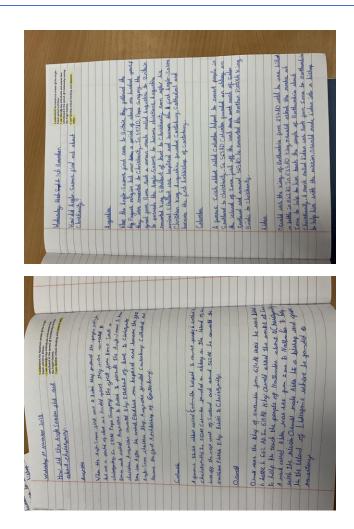


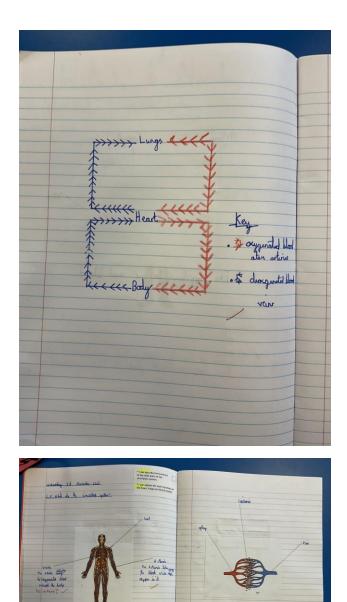
UKS2

Our Upper Key Stage 2 children have been diving into the fascinating world of the human body, this week. In science, they've been focusing on the heart and circulation. The children have been learning

about the structure and function of the heart. Hands-on activities, experiments, and discussions have made this complex topic come alive in the classroom. Beyond the heart, our young scientists have been tracing the pathways of blood circulation throughout the body.

In history, the children been thinking about how the Anglo-Saxons found out about Christianity. We've looked at the role of missionaries, like Augustine of Canterbury, and how his influence helped change the face of Britain.





Caretaker Vacancy

The caretaker vacancy is still open for applications until the end of the day on Sunday. Please see the website for details.

Christmas Theatre



This year we have again arranged a Christmas theatre trip for KS2 children to see 'Cinderella' at Buxton Opera House on Monday 18th December 2023. As last year, the performance starts at 1pm and will finish at approx. 3.30pm, so it will be a late return to school (approx. 4.30pm/5:00pm). Children will need to bring a packed lunch to school on this day, which they will eat before departing for Buxton. Children can take a drink (not fizzy) and a snack/sweets with them, for the interval. The cost of the KS2 trip will be £20.00. This is made up as follows: Admission (Reduced rate for schools) £ 12.00 and coach £ 8.00

After the popularity of the travelling pantomime that have visited school for the past 2 years, we have rebooked them to perform their new show, 'Aladdin' for our younger pupils.

'Our Panto is filled with laughs, boos, lots of songs that will help tell the story, it is packed with traditional Panto fun and finishes with a good old sing-along.'

The price for the EY and KS1 pantomime is £5.70.

The school must confirm bookings and make payment in advance; therefore, we would ask for your contribution and consent for your child to attend, via School Money, as soon as possible. The School make allowances for hardship. Please contact us in confidence if you need support.

Charity Bake Sale - Pupil Organised





WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE CHRISTMAS DAY FOR A CHILD IN NEED?

While you are out doing your Christmas shopping, please pick up an extra gift to donate to this fantastic cause.

A collection box is located in Reception of Lower Park School and all gifts will be collected on **30th November23** for delivery to the Salvation Army in Stockport.

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are un to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (p ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have be from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

Thank you for your support and for further information, please contact Joanna Thornton (07736 466 369)





PTA

Thanks to everyone that donated to, and bought something from the costume sale last week. We raised over £260! Ruth Stevens has been very busy trying to sell the remaining stock on Facebook so this figure is likely to increase. Based on the success of this event we're planning a Christmas clothes sale on 23rd November to get everyone togged out for the run up to the festive season. Watch this space for further information.

PTA save the dates, all details to follow

16th November - KS1 Film Night - Please look out for the survey on School Spider

28th November - Bag2School collection -see flyer below for details

7th December - Wreath Night See flyer for details- Tickets available from the school office from Monday 6th November

Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December (11.30 - 2.30)

The Christmas Fair is fast-approaching and we are busy planning and prepping for a brilliant day! Next Friday (10th November) is the first collection day. We are asking for donations for the 'Elfridges' room, a secret present room where the children can choose and wrap a gift for their adults. We would really appreciate donations such as unopened toiletries/stationery/confectionery, used but excellent condition jigsaws/books/games and other unwanted gifts in need of a new home. In return, we invite the children to wear onesies/pyjamas/cosy clothes.

We would like to invite the children to dress up as follows if they'd like to, in return for a small contribution to the Christmas Fair. All optional and no pressure.

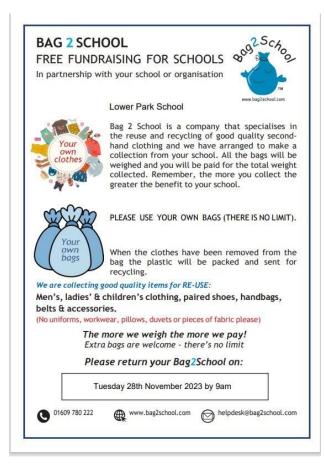
10 Nov - onesies/PJs/cosy clothes - To bring: see above

17 Nov - own clothes day. To bring: a bottle for the adult tombola

24 Nov - silly socks and/or crazy hair. to bring: unopened packet of sweets/chocolate (nut free)

1 Dec - Christmas clothes (jumpers/t-shirts/dresses/shirts/socks-anything!) to bring: baked Christmassy goodies or a £1 donation!





Dates for the diary



Diary dates for Autumn 2023

13th - 17th November - Anti-bullying Week

13th November - Monday Wear odd socks to school to launch anti bullying week

Thursday 16th November - RE workshop for KS2

16th November - PTA KS1 Film night

20th November - Anti bullying Workshops and Activities

21st and 23rd November - Visit to Weaver Hall Year 2 and Year 1

23rd November - PTA Christmas Clothes Sale - Details to follow

5th December - Fluenz vaccination for all children

7th December- PTA Wreath Night

Monday 11th December - KS1 dress rehearsal pm

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity afternoon

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity evening

w/c 18th December – KS2 carol concert – tbc

Monday 18th December – KS2 panto at Buxton and KS1 travelling panto

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Parties, Christmas Dinner & Talent Show

Friday 22nd December School closes at 3.20 for Christmas holiday

Community noticeboard

