# Lower Park News 6th October 2023



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The winning house is Yellow and they wear their own clothes to school on Monday.

### Commendation Awards

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

Thomas P	
Austin C	
Ted B	
Sophia B	
Ava B	
Elsie K	
Bethan T	
Max W	
Ezra P	
Maddie A	
Etta M	

### Reception

In Reception, we have been talking about what we can do now and how we have changed since we were babies. We then looked at the text 'Peepo' and discussed activities in the pictures that would now be done in a different way. In Maths, we are learning to recognise and count different representations of numbers up to 5 and have used a five frame to help structure the counting and reasoning. We are learning to understand that even if the order or arrangement changes, the number stays the same.





The children in Year Two enjoyed a workshop in the hall on Tuesday, all about the story of Creation. Sarah from St George's church shared the story with the children and they took part in two exciting activities. They made flowers using paper cases and pipe cleaners and decorated their creations with their own ideas about how they might help the world. The children also had lots of fun making paper stars, writing on their wishes, then watching as the stars opened up when placed in water. What a lovely morning!

All of KS1 have thoroughly enjoyed their art lessons this week. They have been practising their observational skills, looking closely at shells and drawing what they could see. They also rose to the challenge of making continuous line drawings, where they were not allowed to take their pencil off the paper!







## LKS2

This week the children have continued to learn about Katherine Johnson and her impact and importance during the USA and Soviet Union space race. The children have been using adjectives, prepositions, and adverbs to describe the explosion on Apollo 13. In Maths, the children have started their addition and subtraction unit and are using mental and concrete methods to solve problems. In RE, the children have been learning about symbols in Christianity and have recreated these symbols by using natural resources.















### UKS2

This week, the children have enjoyed continuing to explore the fascinating world of the circulatory system. They used Cheerios to represent red blood cells, marshmallows to symbolize white blood cells, and sequins to depict platelets, all coming together to form a model of blood. The children discussed the different components of blood and what role each element plays. Ask your children if they can explain why each component was chosen.

We have also continued reading about the life of Matthew Henson as he Raced to the Frozen North. They are enjoying hearing about his adventures at sea.

















## Librarians

/ Meet Our Y5 Librarians! /

We are delighted to introduce our Year 5 librarians, who will be taking charge of our school library this year. These dedicated students will be responsible for making our library a welcoming and exciting place for all. They will have a number of responsibilities, which includes:

Reading to Younger Children: Our Y5 librarians will share the joy of reading by holding lunchtime story time sessions for our younger children.

Haking Book Recommendations: They will be our go-to experts for book recommendations, helping children discover new reading adventures.

Choosing New Books: With their keen eyes for good books, they will help improve our library collection, ensuring it's filled with fresh and captivating texts.

We can't wait to see the positive impact our Y5 librarians will have on our school library and the reading experiences of our children. Stay tuned for more exciting updates from our library team.



## Gardening Club/Sensory garden

The children in Lower Key Stage 2 are working on the sensory garden for the whole school to enjoy. They have been planting garlic, onions and spring bulbs this week to learn about seasonality.







## RHS Level 1 Award

We are delighted to have been awarded RHS School Gardening Level 1. Well done to Miss Cork who began the planting in the sensory garden raised beds with gardening club and has continued develop use of the garden , planting & produce with the children in school.



## Play Leader Report



## Report

We went to Tytherington School on Wednesday to learn how to be an effective playleader. We discussed what the qualities of a good playleader are such as being patient, setting a good example and using your imagination. We also <u>made up</u> our own games both using equipment and without equipment. These games were called Body <u>volleyball</u>, and Penguin, leopard, seal. It also can be called 'Do what I say, not what I do'. After we had done all the games and activities, we were given a whistle and a gold star badge, so you know who we are and where to find us. It was lots of fun and we are looking forward to <u>practising</u> our new skills at playtime.







Inclusion Team

## 2023 Inclusion Ambassadors!

Hi, there,

We are the 2023 inclusion team. Our fantastic group is made up of 10 people: Freya, Freyja, Izzie, Millie, Lucy, Izzy, Amber, Austin, William, and Jamie. Our aim is to make sure that everyone in the school feels included and has equal rights, no matter who they are.

Just be you!



## 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 SchoolMoney, by Friday 3rd November at the latest. This will be available to pay from Monday 9th October. The School make allowances for hardship. Please contact us in confidence if you need support.

### 12th October - Fancy Dress Sale after School

It's that time of year again when we frantically try to figure out Halloween costumes...worry not, we're here to help. Do you have any unworn, outgrown or no longer loved dressing up/fancy dress clothes? The PTA are planning on setting up a stall outside school on Thursday 12th October for you to grab yourself a bargain and get prepped early. Please drop any donations in to the office by Tuesday 10th October so that we can sort through them.

### 19th October Halloween School Disco

**KS1 Disco** 3:45- 4:45pm (children bring clothes to school to get changed in the classroom at the end of the school day).

Please fill in your child's preference of disco snack and drink on the school spider survey, which opens on Monday (2nd Oct). Before completing this please pay the school office £5.00.

KS1 Parents, please collect the children by entering the hall from the front entrance and then leaving through the back door of the hall.

**KS2 Disco** 5.00 - 6.00pm Tickets @£2.00 each can to be purchased from the school office or pay at the entrance on the night. The snack shop will be open as usual. We recommend children bring £3 with them.

Please note: No mobile phones are allowed at the disco. If a pupil is making their own way home alone, parents must inform the school office/ or teacher via, Dojo.

#### PTA save the dates, all details to follow

16th November - film night

7th December - Wreath Night

#### Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December

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: adult gift for secret present room 'Elfridges'

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!

## Dates for the diary



### Diary dates for Autumn 2023

Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October - Parents evening

19th October School Disco

Friday 21st October - School closes for Half Term

Monday 30th October – INSET

Tuesday 31st October – Swimming pool at school for two weeks

Wednesday 1st November - Sibling and individual photos

3rd November - Y4 football festival

Thursday 16th November - RE workshop for KS2

13th - 17th November - Anti-bullying Week

16th November - PTA Film night

21st and 23rd November - Great fire workshop KS1

7th December- PTA Wreath Night

Monday 11th December - KS1 dress rehearsal pm

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity afternoon

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity evening

December 15th - Y5 football festival

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

Last Saturday, 23rd September, Isaac participated in the 10K Walk of Hope challenge at Tatton Park, raising money in aid of The Christie Charity. Isaac did tremendously well and walked every step of the way, at a challenging pace for a 7 year old, completing the walk in 2 hours 37 minutes. On the final leg of the event, when his legs were starting to feel the strain, he mustered up the last bit of his energy to run over the finish line and collect his medal. Isaac and his brother raised an incredible £115 for The Christie. Well done we are so proud!



Poynton Town Council recently held a Tall Sunflower growing competition. Two green fingered pupils from Lower Park came 1st and 2nd . Well done to George & Jessica!



## Community noticeboard







# October Holiday Clubs Bradshaw Hall Primary School, Cheadle Hulme

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Cost: } \mathfrak{\pounds}33 \text{ per day} \\ \text{All childcare vouchers accepted} \end{array}$ 

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