# Lower Park News 17th November 2023



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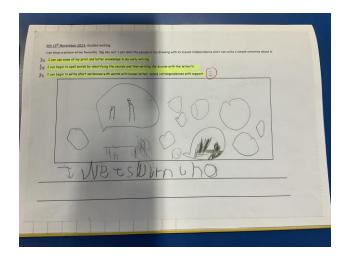
The winning house this week is Blue House who may wear their own clothes on Monday.

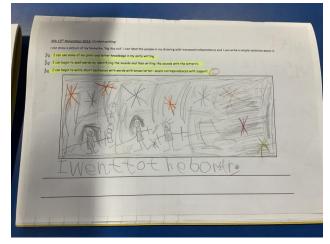
This is awarded by the class teacher to children who have been demonstrating the school values. Congratulations go to: Ellie S Oliver G Molly L Ava M Madelyn O William B Naomi B Ruby M Isla A

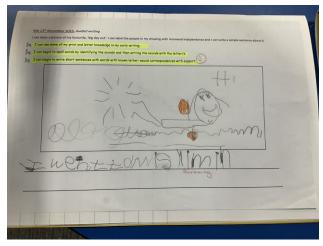
### **Commendation Awards**

### Reception

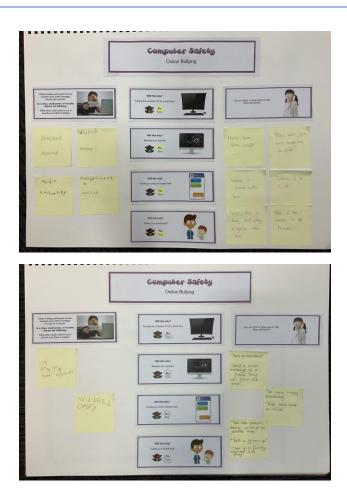
This week in Reception we started our week learning about Anti-Bullying. We wore odd socks and talked about how everyone is unique and how we should all be proud of our differences. In our maths lessons, we began to look at addition using simple number stories. The children became really confident at using the language, first, then and now. In Literacy, we learned that Hattie Peck likes to go on big days out with her family. We discussed our favourite big days out that we have been on with our own families. We drew our ideas and wrote a simple sentence about them.





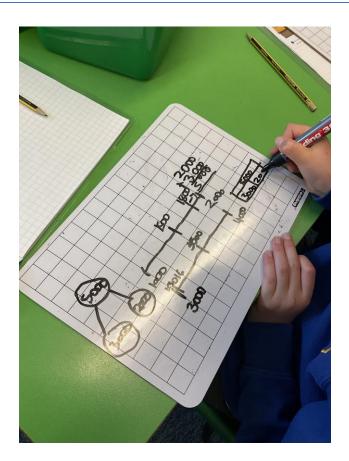


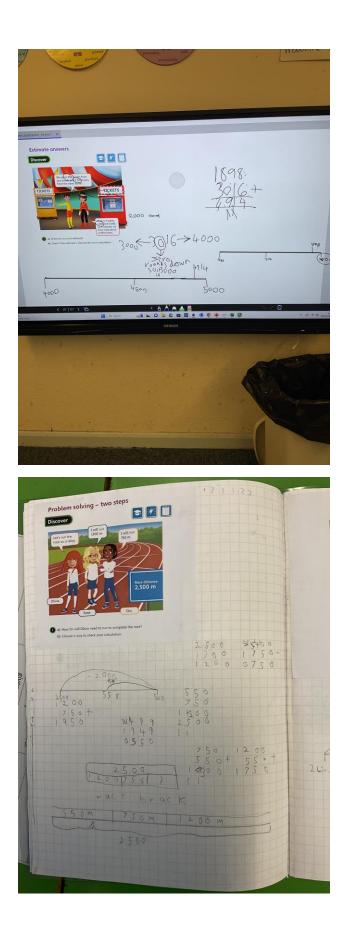
We have had another busy week in KS1. The children have been reflecting on how to be a kind friend during Anti-Bullying week. We will be continuing with this focus during a workshop next week. In preparation for our trip to Weaver Hall the children have been learning 'London's Burning' in music and using untuned percussion instruments to create a performance about different aspects of the fire.

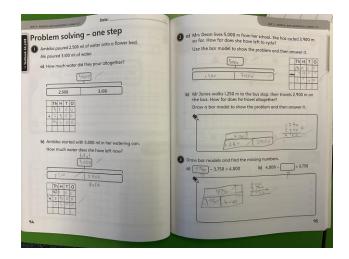


### LKS2

After weeks of work in maths on addition and subtraction, the children have been applying those skills to find at most efficient ways of solving problems and then working through some tricky word problems. These included 2-step problems and the children have been encouraged to use bar models to support their understanding before solving the problem. Elsewhere, some year 3 and 4 children went to Alderley Edge to take part in hockey festival. What was brilliant to see was, not only the marked improvement by the end in all the children's skills with a hockey stick, but the behaviour was exceptional and they showed Lower Park in its best light.







### UKS2

This week, marked anti-bullying week and children have taken part in a number of activities, including an online live lesson, focussing on actively developing good relationships and respecting the differences between people. On Thursday, UKS2 revisited their learning of the Hindu faith as they celebrated the Indian festival, Diwali. Taken from the term, dipavali, meaning "row of lights", children discussed how Hindus use flowers to decorate their homes, and candles for light. They were given the opportunity to dress up in traditional clothes and re-enacted the story of Lord Rama and Princess Sita with great gusto!



























### Eco Committee

Last week, the school chose the Eco Committee members to represent the school. The children have already had their first meeting and they have got the wheels in motion on some important issues. They have been very enthusiastic and I'm sure that in their hands the children and the school can be much healthier and environmentally aware.

More news together with a team photo to follow next week.

### World Diabetes Day

Y6 children raised an incredible £200 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) to mark World Diabetes Day on 14th November. They delivered an informative assembly about Type 1 diabetes before selling their delicious cakes at playtime. A huge well done to those involved.



### Anti-Bullying Week 2023

In KS2, our recent "Make a Noise" Live Anti-Bullying Assembly was a success, fostering open conversations and empowering children to take a stand against bullying. We even had a shout out on the BBC Live Updates! Building on this, our '1 Decision' assembly on Wednesday continued to develop the children's understanding of real-life scenarios, promoting empathy and responsible decision-making. We believe that by encouraging thoughtful choices contributes to a more respectful and inclusive school culture. Both these sessions included work on how children should speak out and tell a trusted adult if they have any instances where they

Next week, we are excited to host a Theatre Workshop as part of our anti-bullying initiative. This interactive session will explore the consequences of bullying, aligning with our commitment to cultivating a positive and caring environment for our children. In addition, tailored workshops for UKS2 children have been designed to address age-appropriate themes related to bullying, promoting meaningful discussions to help continue to foster the Lower Park culture of kindness and respect.

In recent PSHE lessons, we've also started addressing the critical issue of online/cyberbullying. Our goal is to equip children with the skills needed to navigate the digital world safely, promoting responsible online behaviour.

Please follow the link below to find out more about Anti Bullying Week:

Anti Bullying Week Parent Pack

We would like to remind all parents and carers to please be considerate when parking their vehicles on Hazelbadge Road for the safety of all road users, including the children of Lower Park. Poynton Town Council has received a number of complaints from residents of the local area as some vehicles have been parked on the corner and junction leading to Wayside Drive. This has resulted in waste bins not being collected as the bin wagon could not maneuver past the parked cars. Additional checks are currently in force and unfortunately, anyone found in contravention of the restriction will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



### 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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 unable 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 (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited 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

**Movie Night** 

The KS1 movie night showing of Super Mario Bros. after school yesterday was a great success. The children got cosy and enjoyed the film with snacks including popcorn donated by Hickory's Smokehouse. We raised over £300! Thank you to all the volunteers and staff that helped out.

KS2 will have their turn on Thursday 1st Feb so watch out for a survey in the new year.

23rd November - Christmas Clothes sale

#### Christmas Clothes Sale

As a result of the success of the Halloween costume sale and in preparation for the forthcoming festive period, the PTA have a planned a Christmas clothes sale on Thursday 23rd November....in time for the school Christmas jumper day on Friday 1st December!

We are asking for donations of your outgrown, unused or no longer loved Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, dresses, pyjamas, onesies, whatever you may have that could fit the bill and find a new home.

Please drop donations in to reception by Tuesday 21st November.

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

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

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

Thank you for all the bottle donations today.

Next Friday - 24 Nov - We are asking for donations of unopened packets of sweets/chocolate (nut free), in return, we invite the children to wear silly socks and/or crazy hair.

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



1 - Tickets at £40 each

# BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS



#### In partnership with your school or organisation

#### Lower Park School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality secondhand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

> The more we weigh the more we pay! Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

### Please return your Bag2School on:



### Dates for the diary



#### Diary dates for Autumn 2023

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

5th December - Fluenz vaccination for all children - consent should be given online before 9.00am Monday 20th Nov - see email of 13th Nov

7th December- PTA Wreath Night

Monday 11th December - KS2 Sing the Christmas Story - at St Georges Church (Please complete survey on school spider to give permission for your child to take part)

Monday 11th December - KS1 & FS dress rehearsal pm

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 & FS Nativity afternoon

Thursday 14th December - KS1 & FS Nativity evening

Monday 18th December – KS2 panto at Buxton late back to school

Monday 18th December - KS1& FS travelling panto in school

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

Friday 22nd December School closes at 3.20 for Christmas holiday

# Community noticeboard













