

Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish



'Through God's love, we are the rich soil where roots grow and seeds flourish.'



KEY STAGE NEWS

2nd May 2025

Early Years News

Our Reception children have settled back in well after the break. Lots of children spoke confidently about their Easter holidays. We were so impressed with how well they listened to their friends. The children are enjoying their new Minibeasts topic and are looking forward to Forest School sessions with Mrs Peters this term when they will be making bug hotels and looking for minibeasts. We got a lovely surprise to see our new fenced off yard in front of Reception and have been practising riding bikes out there this week.

Key Stage One News

Across both Year 1 and Year 2 this week, the children have been working hard on their Design and Technology projects.

In Year 1, both classes have been busy making a moving storybook about The Great Fire of London. After investigating different types of mechanisms and sliders, the children created the artwork for the story and designed moving mechanisms so that the flames could dance across the page and so that the people could flee to the streets. As well as including some beautiful illustrations, the children have used their prior knowledge of The Great Fire of London to write captions about what was happening at each point. The two storybooks are now proudly on display in the Year 1 classrooms!

In Year 2, the children have been donning their chef hats to plan and then make their own wraps. At the beginning of the week, they found out more about a balanced diet and how to ensure that the ingredients in their wraps represent this. This then allowed them to design their own wraps, using all that new knowledge about balanced diets to ensure that their wraps include food from different food groups. Today, there has been a lot of excitement as the children finally got to make and then enjoy eating their delicious wraps! We are sure that the Y2 children will enjoy making wraps at home, too!

Things to ask your KS1 children this week:

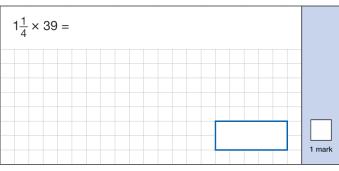
Year 1: What is a mechanism? (A set of parts of a machine that work together.) Year 2: Can you name the 5 food groups? (Fruit & vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy or dairy

alternatives, oils and spreads.)

Key Stage Two News

It has been a very busy first week of the summer term – especially for our Year 6 children who have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs. Our Year 6 pupils sit their Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling assessments from Monday 12th May.

For those of you wondering what the children are actually preparing for, here are a couple of questions that were on the 2024 papers. How would you do? Some of the questions can challenge the minds of the staff, never mind the children.



Write the miss	ing numbers so that 3	$b \times b - a = 2$			
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Rewrite the sentence below in the passive . Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.					
The noise of the traffic disturbed us.					
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Walk Around the World Cash for Kids Day

On Thursday, all of our children in Key Stage 2 took part in the 'Cash for Kids' Walk Around the World event. It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day as the children attempted to walk 10 laps of the school field. Everyone enjoyed spending time chatting to their friends as they enjoyed the weather and the stroll.

If you would like to donate, please do so via the following link: <u>Lanchester EP Primary School | Hits Radio's Walk</u> <u>Around the World | Our Charity Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids</u>.

Year 3 SC Tennis Festival

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Coyle's class took part in a mini tennis festival at North Durham Academy. They developed skills all linked to the game of tennis. We were so lucky with the weather and everyone had a really fun time whilst improving their ball and racket skills.

Birchwood Visit

On Thursday, four of our Y5 pupils met up with Year 5 children from our partner school, Birchwood Primary School in Tamworth. They had a tour of Durham Cathedral before enjoying a meal at an Italian restaurant. On Friday, the Birchwood group will enjoy a village trail around Lanchester before heading off to the Centre for Life in Newcastle. This followed our visit to Tamworth earlier in the academic year when Birchwood played host to our children whilst we visited the National Space Centre and Cadbury World.

