



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.'*

Luke 8:4-15



Key Stage News

Early Years News

We have had a wonderful week in EYFS, despite the very wet weather. On Tuesday, we spent some time together celebrating Harvest Festival and both Nursery and Reception recited the poems that they have been learning in class as a part of this. Reception has been a hive of activity all week as the children have been finding secret messages and writing their own messages to hide around the setting. It is just wonderful to see how engaged they have been and your messages on Evidence Me show that they are carrying on with their secret message writing at home. In Nursery, we have been practising 'Choose it, use it, put it away' and the tidying up has been amazing. We hope that the children's enthusiasm for putting things back where they belong also carries on at home!

If any Nursery parents would like to take spare uniform, we have a table set up in the entrance with a selection of donated uniform items that you can take.

Developing communication and language skills is a huge priority for us in EYFS. We plan carefully to ensure the children have access to a wide variety of opportunities to develop their listening skills, their vocabulary, sentence structure, use of tenses and their understanding, amongst many other skills necessary for their future learning. If you would like to know more about how to support your child's speech and language skills, you could use this progress checker, which will suggest activities to support your child's individual needs <https://progress-checker.speechandlanguage.org.uk/>. If you have any concerns, remember to talk to your child's teacher/Key Person about this at our upcoming parents evenings.

Autumn Fundraiser

We are launching our Autumn Fundraiser this weekend, so your EYFS child should come home today with a sponsored Treasure Hunt sheet. We would love you to spend some time helping your child find something to match each word on the sheet. You could glue objects to the sheet, take photos and add them or just write down what you find. If you would like to collect some sponsors for this, we would be very grateful and all money raised will go towards further improving our outdoor area. In previous years, this has allowed us to buy equipment for the water area, our climbing castle and new spades, brooms and buckets for the sand area. All contributions are very welcome and help to improve our outdoor learning offer. Please send in any Treasure Hunt forms by Monday 4th November.

Key Stage 2 News

Year 5 Visit to Birchwood

Year 5 enjoyed their annual residential visit to Birchwood last Thursday and Friday. We visited Cadbury's World in Birmingham where we learnt about how chocolate is made before arriving at Birchwood Primary School for a takeaway and sleepover on the hall floor. Friday began with breakfast at the school before a visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester. This was definitely the highlight of our visit as it was the perfect opportunity to increase our knowledge of space, linked to our 'Stargazer's' topic. We went to the Planetarium and completed a range of hands-on activities based on the space race, the International Space Station and visits to the moon.



5SJ to Ushaw College

On Wednesday, Miss Jackson's Year 5 class visited Ushaw College to see the Matisse exhibition. We completed a range of tasks including using Stop Motion to create moving images in the style of Matisse. The children thoroughly enjoyed

their visit and will each be presented with an Arts Award Discover certificate for their participation throughout the day. Mr Stephenson's class will be visiting Ushaw College on Wednesday 23rd October.

Cross Country Super Stars!

Our Key Stage 2 children were incredible in the Cross Country competition at Tanfield this morning – they should all be so proud of themselves; not only did they perform superbly but they were brilliant ambassadors for the school too. Both Year 3 & 4 teams got through to the County Finals, as did the Year 5 & 6 boys team, with the Year 5 & 6 girls just missing out. Well done to all who took part.

Key Stage 1 News

Key Stage 1 has, once again, been a hive of purposeful activity this week. The children are very settled into their new classes and the smiles on their faces show how much they are enjoying their learning.

In Year 1, the children have been learning about printing techniques in their Art lessons. This week, they have put this skill to good use by creating a giant dinosaur design, based on the story 'She Rex.' This large piece of artwork will then be used to create their own smaller dinosaurs.

The children in Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon in the forest this week creating something very special that will be brought home next term. They used a variety of tools and also explored our fabulous woodland area, observing the autumnal seasonal changes first-hand.

