



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

28th March 2025

Early Years News

In Nursery, this week, we have been practising our throwing skills, exploring percussion instruments, learning all about the number four (and showing off some amazing mathematical thinking!), using hammers and tacks to make shape pictures and creating repeating patterns with claps, jumps and stamps.

Our Reception children have been learning more about vehicles with a focus on vehicles that float this week. They enjoyed investigating materials that sink and float. On Wednesday, Reception had a brilliant day with Captain Chemistry. They had great fun making their own slime and then creating and testing out rockets. Both year groups have also created beautiful cards to bring home to celebrate Mothering Sunday. As always, a fun-packed week of learning in EYFS.



Items to Donate

Next week, we would love to start some junk modelling with our children across EYFS, so if you could help out by saving boxes, tubes, tubs and lids, we would be most grateful. They will be returned to you in the form of magnificent models over the next few weeks!

Our children are very interested in cleaning and tidying at the moment and this is something that we are sure you will agree is worth encouraging wholeheartedly! If you would like to help us with setting up a 'Cleaning Station' in our outdoor area, we would be very grateful for any donations of scrubbing brushes, brooms, dustpan & brush sets or cloths.

As it is coming up to Easter, please could we ask you to save any of the plastic inserts from Kinder Eggs if your child has them? We are looking to add to our collection of simple percussion instruments and these are just perfect for making shakers to supplement our shaker eggs. Thank you!

Nursery Stay and Play Session

We would love to invite our Nursery families to our Nursery Easter Stay and Play session on **Wednesday 9th April** after school from **3:15 - 4:15**. Come along to spend some time with your child in their indoor and outdoor classrooms, take part in an Easter Treasure Hunt and join in with some Easter crafts. Please let us know you are attending so that we can make sure we have prepared enough materials - click on the link [here](#).

Speech and Language Needs

We are very aware that we have quite a number of children in both Nursery and Reception who are awaiting support from Speech and Language Therapy, or who are in between appointments. If you are looking for advice on what to do to support your child's speech and language needs, you might want to look at BBC's Tiny Happy People website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>. You will find a section which is all about helping with speech and language targets [here](#). There are ideas of activities you could do at home which need no additional resources, plus lots of videos with hints and tips on supporting your child's communication every day.

Key Stage One News

Year 1

Year 1 children have begun reading their new focus text this week: 'Vlad and The Great Fire of London.' They have learnt lots about the fire that destroyed a large part of London in 1666 through the eyes of Vlad (a flea) and his friend Boxtan (a rat). Over the next couple of weeks they'll be writing their own diary entries, imagining that they were in London when the fire took hold.

The highlight of the week for Year 1 has certainly been their visit to Newcastle as part of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic. They were able to explore the features of a city to extend their learning from recent Geography lessons. They were also able to find out about another great fire that was much closer to home: the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle.



Year 2

In Year 2 this week, the children have been working hard on writing their own version of Handa's Surprise. Everyone has worked so hard to include wonderful adjectives in their writing to make it really come alive.

The Y2 children have also had their paintbrushes out this week, as they have been practising their observational art skills by painting fruit. They have taken their time to observe the fruit well before painting and their hard work is certainly paying off. We have some excellent artists in Y2!

Things to ask your KS1 children this week:

Year 1: What date did the Great Fire of London start? (Sunday 2nd September 1666)

Year 2: How many millilitres are in a litre? (1000ml)

Key Stage Two News

We are fast approaching the end of what has been a very busy but exciting second half of the spring term. We have been lucky enough to have children experiencing very different parts of the world over this term – the glitz of Dubai, the scenery and snow of the French Alps and the culture of India. Over the next two weeks we have groups of children in Year 3 and 4 heading up to Hadrian's Wall and to Seahouses for their residential visits. These are amazing memories for staff and children that will last a lifetime. We are very lucky at Lanchester EP.

Year 6 Visit to the Centre for Life

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children headed to Newcastle to the Centre for Life. The visit was linked to our 'Powering the Future' project in conjunction with Glasgow Science Centre. The children are considering energy and climate change and how burning of fossil fuels can be replaced by renewable sources to meet energy demand. During the visit, the children took part in a workshop, where they carried out experiments to show how wind and the sun can be harnesses to produce electricity. They also spent time exploring the centre's exhibits, enjoyed looking at constellations in the planetarium and watched live experiments in the theatre.



Year 5 Rugby Event

On Wednesday afternoon, Y5MS participated in rugby event held at Consett Rugby Club. Whilst there the children engaged in some rugby skills sessions that were led by Young Leaders from Consett Academy, that included two of our former pupils! Following that, they concluded the afternoon with small sided tag rugby games. Great fun was had by all!



Captain Chemistry in Year 3

Captain Chemistry spent Tuesday working with both of our Year 3 classes. As part of their 'I am Warrior' topic, the sessions focussed on Roman engineering. The children looked at how Roman architecture led to the construction of bridges and viaducts, before building their own structures. After that, the classes took part in their own version of 'Horrible Histories' by investigating which material was best for wiping Roman bottoms! Everyone enjoyed the fascinating and 'hands-on' workshops.

