



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

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



KEY STAGE NEWS

Early Years News

It has been another busy week in EYFS with lots of activities going on to keep us all busy.

Nursery

In Nursery, we have been exploring triangles, linking them to our knowledge about the number three. In phonics, we have been clapping the syllables from words and continuing to practise our rhyming skills. We are really good at this!

Our Nursery library is now set up in the porch. Thanks to those who have already returned books along with book reviews. Please feel free to change books as often as you wish to.

Reception

The Reception children have really enjoyed The Tiger Who Came to Tea in Drawing Club and are producing some very impressive writing. They have been learning about the history of Shrove Tuesday and are making pancakes in the forest this morning. In RE we have started teaching the big story of the Bible. The children loved taking part in a carousel of Going on a Bear Hunt PE activities on Wednesday and represented the school very well on this trip out.



Volunteers for Nursery Visit to Hall Hill Farm

Thanks to those who have offered to help on Nursery's Hall Hill trip. This trip can only run if we have enough volunteers to support us, so we are grateful for your support. If anyone else would like to come along, please let Miss Butler know by email via s.butler@lanchesterep.net.

Key Stage One News

World Book Day

What a delight it was to be in Key Stage 1 for World Book Day this year! The costumes and enthusiasm from every single child made the day so enjoyable for everyone. A real highlight for all classes was guessing who their 'Surprise Storytellers' would be and it was lovely to have stories with members of staff from other parts of school.



Year 1 Topic: Bright Lights, Big City

The children in Year 1 have begun their new topic this week, 'Bright Lights, Big City.' Over the next few weeks, they will be learning about the features of cities and they will also be learning about the Great Fire of London. This week, they have enjoyed getting to know their new class text: 'The Queen's Hat' by

Steve Antony. Both Year 1 classes have had a lot of fun coming up with actions to help retell the story and they are all super storytellers.

Year 2 Topic: Scrumdiddlyumptious

In Year 2, the children have enjoyed the launch of their latest topic: 'Scrumdiddlyumptious.' Our Year 2 children will go on a gastronomic journey over the coming weeks learning all about food. They'll also have the opportunity to do some cooking of their own! This week, they have explored traditional tales and they have also been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as their class text. Both Year 2 classes have produced wonderful story maps to help the children to retell the story independently.

Things to ask your KS1 child this week:

Year 1: Which London landmarks are featured in 'The Queen's Hat?'

Year 2: Can you remember any of the features of a traditional tale?



Key Stage Two News

We would like to welcome everyone back to the second half of the spring term. This is always an extremely busy half-term, with some amazing opportunities on offer for our Key Stage 2 children. Our skiers are currently enjoying the snow and sunshine in Alp d'Huez and will land back into Newcastle on Saturday morning. Then, a group will be heading to Dubai as part of our Turing programme a week later – this is a truly life changing experience. In the last two weeks before the Easter holidays, our Year 3 and 4 children will have an overnight stay at Birdswald on the Roman wall and Seahouses respectively.

Year 4 Visit to the Glasshouse

On Tuesday, Year 4 went on a visit to The Glasshouse to experience the BBC Ten Pieces by the Royal Northern Sinfonia. They went on a time travelling journey by listening to classical music from 1000 years ago until now. Everyone was in awe of their surroundings and the orchestra sounded excellent.



World Book Day

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed our World Book Day celebrations. All of the children took part in the BBC live lesson, to inspire reading for pleasure. This year, World Book Day were encouraging children and young people to 'Read Your Way', and to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. Some of the children were dressed in amazing costumes, whilst others were relaxing in their reading loungewear. Everyone seemed to enjoy the activities that aimed to promote a love of reading.