



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

Early Years News

Dressing & Dressing Up

The children in EYFS have had a great time outdoors this week, exploring all the dressing up clothes that have been kindly donated. This has been a great opportunity to work on dressing skills. Can you please support this at home by encouraging your child to dress themselves whenever possible? We still have lots of children in both Nursery and Reception who are reluctant to attempt to put on their own coat. This is a skill that really needs to be taught at home to support independence. There are some tips on how to support your child with this [here](#).

Good Manners

In Nursery this week, we have been practising using our good manners and talking about when it is polite to say please and thank you. We have been learning a song about this and also some signs. We would love to hear if your child has been using these words at home - we have certainly noticed an improvement in school.

Evidence Me

As we welcome some new starters to Nursery, it is a good opportunity to remind everyone that we can add additional email addresses to your child's Evidence Me account so that other family members can receive updates. Please ask your child's teacher if you would like us to do this.

Donations Request

Our Reception children are making wonderful progress in their cycling skills thanks to all the donated balance bikes. If you have any bikes with 14/16 inch wheels which are no longer needed, then we would gratefully add them to our collection. We are also looking to collect dressing up costumes in larger sizes (5-6 or 7-8) for our Reception children to use. Thank you in advance!

Key Stage One News

Year 1

In Year 1 this week, we have been learning how to take part in 'Perr Massage' sessions. These are structured sessions where the children use light touch to provide a relaxing and grounding experience for their friends. It has been lovely to see how sensibly the children have taken part in this and it's certainly something that we are going to continue over the coming weeks.

It has also been lovely to hand out so many stickers this week for children who have been cutting their own food with independence at lunchtime. Thank you to parents and carers for your support with some extra practice at home!

Year 2

On Wednesday, our Year 2 children had a fascinating visit to Newcastle Central Mosque. The children behaved impeccably and beautifully demonstrated one of our three important school rules: be respectful. They learned lots about Islam to supplement everything they have been learning in RE lessons and it has been a delight to hear how enthusiastically the children have been talking about their visit.



Key Stage Two News

Year 5

The year 5 children have enjoyed another busy week. On Wednesday afternoon they began their Mini Police training where they heard all about the emergency services, how the police work and even took home a few little goodies! Then on Thursday the whole year group spent the afternoon rehearsing at Consett Empire for their roles in a production of The Fairy Queen before performing to a packed audience in the evening. The children were amazing and made the show a very special experience for everyone who watched.



First Lego League Club

This year we are competing in First Lego League for the first time. First Lego League is an international robotics competition in which children have to design, build and program a robot to complete several missions. The theme of this year's competition is 'Submerged' and missions are themed around the Ocean.

The event in the North East is sponsored by Nissan and this week we will be taking our team to Nissan to compete in our regional event on Friday. Our team the 'Lanchester Lego Legends' have been amazing and built and programmed a fantastic robot called Jim. We have been so impressed with their Commitment, dedication and patience as it has been a real challenge and they have had to work hard to solve some difficult problems. However, they have risen to the challenge and surpassed all of our expectations! We know they will do us proud.

