



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

Lunar New Year

This week, we have been continuing to explore themes around Lunar New Year in both Nursery and Reception. Some of the highlights include Nursery joining in with dragon dancing outdoors and Reception exploring foods that might be eaten as part of the celebrations. When we learn about celebrations like this, we are always keen to find out how they are similar or different to the celebrations we know from our home lives. If you go to see any Lunar New Year celebrations at the weekend, we would love to hear about it on Evidence Me. You might also enjoy sharing this episode of JoJo and Gran Gran with your child at home: [Lunar New Year](#).



Autumn Treasure Hunt Fundraiser

Thanks to all who helped us to raise money for our outdoor area by participating in the Autumn Treasure Hunt. Altogether, we raised over £750, which we have used to buy role-play equipment for outdoors, a new basketball stand plus an exciting new waterwall, which we know the children will just love using. The new equipment has arrived and will be ready for use in the next few days.

Key Stage One News

The children in Year 1 have had a busy week and their current topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' is in full swing. In Art this week, they have been creating pictures of big cats. We are sure that you will agree that they are amazing!



Next week, the children Year 1 will be having a big focus on cutting their own food at lunchtime, as this is a key skill that is so important as they build their independence throughout the school day. If possible, could you please practise this at home? We have lots of stickers ready for the children who are trying hard to do this independently!

This morning, the children in Year 2 treated the whole school to a fabulous performance of the poem they have been learning in their

English lessons: 'The Aliens Have Landed.' The children spoke clearly and confidently. Perhaps they could perform their poem at home too!

The Year 2 children have been learning about primary sources in their History lesson this week and they were lucky enough to have some original newspapers telling the news of the first Moon landing. It was wonderful to be able to explore these newspapers together and this really brought their learning to life.



Key Stage Two News

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, our Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to Children's Mental Health Week. This year, the theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' in partnership with [Here4You](#), supported by [The Walt Disney Company](#) and the *Inside Out 2* characters.

It is so important for the children to understand what makes them tick; their likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. They need to understand their emotions so they can be aware of how to listen to and express themselves and build self-awareness. It is through knowing themselves and speaking with others, that they can build resilience, grow and develop.

One in five children and young people now have a probable mental health condition. By taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, we can help them to ensure that they feel listened to, and know that they're not alone.

There are family activities available too on the Children's Mental Health Week website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Year 5 Trips

Year 5 have had two Year educational visits this week to supplement their class work. On Tuesday they visited the Great North Museum as part of their Egyptian work. They enjoyed a workshop on mummification, where they studied x-rays and CT scans of a mummy in its sarcophagus. Each group also explored the gallery of artefacts where they questioned who it may have belonged to and what it was used for.

On Thursday, they visited the Reform Synagogue in Gosforth as part of their RE topic on Judaism. The year group were treated to a talk from Mr Ross who spoke about the synagogue, the Torah and how they worshipped.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**'.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

To find out more information about how you can protect your child online, have a look at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

Digital Leaders Visit the BETT Show

Our Year 6 Digital Leaders had an amazing time in London at the BETT show last week. They set off early on Thursday morning, visiting the show on Thursday and Friday. They were interviewed by staff at Wonde to give their opinions on the way they login to devices in school, tested new hardware and software, met some cuddly friends and spent time collecting as many freebies as they could. The children also went on the London Eye, climbed the 'Monument' to the Great Fire of London and enjoyed Back to the Future on the stage in the West End. Everyone had a great trip enjoying London, whilst finding out about how the latest technology will shape teaching and lessons in school.

