



LITTLETOWN PRIMARY ACADEMY and NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we reach the end of January and the sun is shining! This week, on Monday, some of our Year 6 children took part in the next round of the Exeter City football competition. On Tuesday, some Year 4 pupils continued their swimming sessions and Nursery had outdoor classroom on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, six of our Year 6 pupils too part in the Honiton Learning Community Year 6 Youth Speak competition at Honiton Community College wowing the audience with the skilled presentations on animal testing and dental hygiene. My thanks to Mrs Arni for supporting the children.

We have a very busy start to February next week, primarily as it is our Spring Term Children's Wellbeing Week. The wellbeing ambassadors launched this in assembly this afternoon and did a fantastic job. You can find full details from Mrs Davis below in this newsletter. This includes a non - uniform day on Tuesday. Most of our non uniform days have tended to be Fridays, but this always impacts the same classes in terms of PE so we will now be ensuring a balance of these falling on different days of the week. It means we all need to be a bit more vigilant of the calendar!

Also next week, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls take part in the Honiton Learning Community Futsal competition at Honiton Leisure Centre and some Year 4 pupils continue with their swimming. On Thursday afternoon some more Key Stage 2 children will visit the Bowling club and on Friday Year 1 have their outdoor classroom.

Please see a message from me about checking the appropriateness of content children are consuming online and on devices.

I know many of you will have had your children go through our school Nursery prior to them starting school and know what a wonderful provision it is. Please see below in this newsletter information about our upcoming Nursery open morning on Saturday 1st March.

Yours faithfully

David Perkins
Principal

Children's news

Nursery

We made Gruffalo crumble and it was super tasty. Also, it was really fun to make.

Reception

We have been dancing like vehicles in Physical Education.

Year 1

In Year one we have been learning about the cities algorithms. We Have also been doing pirate dances.

Year 2

In Year 2 in Art we have finished a subject and we will be going onto another one in another week or so and we are really excited!!!

Year 3

We are learning about metres, centimeters and millimetres and Netball with Year 6. We are also doing tectonic plates and a school trip in a cavern.

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been learning about William Morris and escaping Pompeii. We are also learning about vegetables in French and division in Maths.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been learning about fractions of an amount and we are planning to write a myth. In Geography we are doing human Geography and using chalk in Art.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been doing some assessments.

Sports leaders update (missed from last week)

- Year 5 had a futsal team competition tournament and they said they had a wonderful experience!
- The Netball team had a blast and won the local tournament, now they are going to the Devon Finals in Kings School.
- This half term, Key Stage 2 are learning football and team building lessons.

Please monitor for age appropriate content

Over the last few weeks we have seen what seems to be an escalation of incidents where children are discussing or reenacting elements from things they have seen or computer games they have played that are absolutely not age appropriate. This does sometimes happen with new devices received over Christmas. This has always been a slight issue in schools, but seems to be getting worse at Littletown.

Please can I ask you to ensure that you have all parental controls set on devices.

Please can I urge you in the strongest terms to ensure your children are not accessing content that is totally inappropriate for them.

If you don't know what your children are accessing online - please check.

It is possible some content might be appropriate for an older sibling which is definitely not appropriate for a younger sibling.

If you do choose for your child to watch things and play things that are totally inappropriate for them, can you please have a robust conversation with them about absolutely not discussing or sharing these things at school with other children. It is absolutely not ok that Littletown children are becoming upset, worried or distressed due to the parental choices and/lack of supervision of others.

Once children have been warned about not discussing content and then do so again - school based sanctions will be applied.

Thank you for your cooperation in this. Please get in touch if you have any questions head@littletown.devon.sch.uk

Mental Wellbeing

Next week is our Mental Wellbeing Week, today the Wellbeing Ambassadors led our assembly explaining to the children the theme for the week, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and the activities they have planned for the school. The ambassadors also talked about the importance of expressing our emotions with the help from the characters from the film Inside Out 2. The ambassadors have organised a **non-uniform day on Tuesday 4th February** where children and staff will be invited to wear their own clothes for a donation of 50p per child/ £1 per family, the money raised will go to Place2Be. Children can wear the colours of their favourite Inside Out 2 characters if they wish.

For more information about Place2Be and Children's Mental Health Week please visit the Place2Be website where you will find top tips for children and parents. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

OPAL

We introduced junk model making at lunchtime this week as it was one of the requests that came out of our OPAL ideas welly. It has been so popular that we need more items for junk modelling such as yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes, small boxes etc. Donations can be put in the foyer in a bag labelled 'OPAL'. Many thanks.

Nursery open morning Saturday 1st March

Is your child due to turn 3 before the 1st of September 2025? We are holding our Nursery Open Morning on Saturday 1st March 2025, from 10am-12pm. We would love to welcome you to our Nursery to show you our wonderful environment, to enable you to meet our staff and to let you discover what we can offer your child and family. Our Nursery is open from 7.50am-6pm and offers the Government 30 hour extended entitlement. We look forward to welcoming you!

Please also share this information with anyone you know who might be interested!

Week Beginning 3rd February 2025 events

Monday 3rd February	Tuesday 4th February	Wednesday 5th February	Thursday 6th February	Friday 6th February
Mental wellbeing week	Non uniform day for Place 2 Be	Nursery Outdoor classroom	16x KS2 children Bowling	Year 1 outdoor classroom
	Year 4 swimming			
	Y5/6 girls Futsal HLC			

Community news

Honiton Community Theatre Presents: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Event Details:

Tuesday 18th - Saturday 22nd February 2025 | 2pm & 7:00 PM

Running Time: 2 hours 30 minutes with interval.

Ticket Prices:

Early Bird Adult £14 Under 12's £11 (Available until 02/01/2025)

General Admission: Adults £15, Under 12's £12

Group Bookings: 1 adult goes free with 8 children's tickets (Available until 02/01/2025)

About the Show:

Join us as we take you to the Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money. Land of Make Believe where Jack, Jimmy and Dame Trot take to the skies and back in their quest to rescue Jill when she is taken prisoner by Giant Grimm and his henchmen Bloodshot & Squint! Following hotly on their trail Squire Grabbem is after his overdue rent money.

Watch in amazement as the beans, swapped for a bag of gold after selling Cow Pat at auction, are transformed into a beanstalk reaching into the clouds.

Filled with fast paced action, lively songs and a smattering of pies, Jack and the Beanstalk is a fresh fun filled Pantomime for the whole family to enjoy so join us on a retelling of everyone's favourite story!.