

THE LLEWELLYN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



BACK TO SCHOOL

END OF TERM ONE: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 - 22ND OCTOBER 2021

It has been lovely to welcome back our pupils at the Llewellyn school, and term one has been a fun-filled term. We have been on trips to the library, swimming, Deal Castle and more; we have had a visit from the Police, we have had a forest school bake off too - what a busy start to the new school year!

School Topic - Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

Our topic this term has been Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. This term has been so busy, and the pupils (and staff) and have been very creative with their displays. There has been a life size Henry VIII made, and a feast has been created that is perfect for a royal banquet.

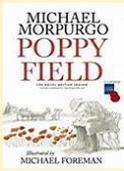


This term we all went on a school trip to Deal Castle, where we explored the different features of the castle and its surroundings. We learnt about the different types of defences that the castle has used. We used our torches to help us explore round the dark staircases and we thought about how it might have felt to be in the castle whilst at war. We looked at the shape of Deal castle, as it is shaped like the Tudor Rose and completed a quiz on Henry VIII.



Look at just some of the wonderful displays that pupils have created. They have worked so hard this term making food, towers, stained glass displays, goblets and even crowns fit for royalty.

Next Term's School Topic: Heroes and Villains



There are so many heroes and villains in the world - who would you like to know more about?

Is it someone from the past or the present? Is your hero a famous person like Greta Thunberg, Marcus Rashford or the Queen? or is it someone you know, like a nurse or a firefighter, a neighbour, a staff member or a member of your family?

Next half term, all across the school we are looking at heroes and villains 'Traction Man', 'Supertato' and 'Robin Hood' are the books being studied in Willow and Oak class. In Silver Birch and Birch Tree Class we will be studying Michael Morpurgo's 'Poppy Field' and 'Robin Hood'.

Our studies of Robin Hood will take us on an epic adventure where the children will meet The Sheriff of Nottingham and interrogate him about his wicked plans. By reading parts of Robin Hood, we'll learn all about the Sheriff's character. The children will be learning the Ukulele in music just like 'Little John' and will then learn about the man himself 'Robin Hood' When we're listening to film music, we'll consider how sounds are used to make characters appear more villainous. Using fairy tales, we'll examine the difference between right and wrong and write our own. We'll also research historical heroes using a variety of source materials and put song lyrics about our favourite heroes to familiar tunes. We will also be looking at geographical features from our books and where countries, towns and villages are located on maps

At the end of our whole school topic, we'll be attending a Christmas Panto which is 'Robin Hood' at the Theatre Royal Margate put on by Your Leisure and Wicked productions.



Help your child prepare for their school topic

Heroes and villains are everywhere, in real life and fiction. Why not watch a film or read a book to identify the heroes and villains? What characteristics do they have? You could also watch CBBC Newsround and think about the heroic or villainous qualities of public figures. Alternatively, visit a museum to investigate heroes and villains throughout history.

New Staff and Pupils

This term we have welcomed two lovely new members of staff to the Llewellyn School Team. We have also had two new pupils join us at the Llewellyn School this year, so please join us in welcoming them all.

Kate



May



Kate is a teaching assistant and will be largely based in Birch and Silver Birch Class. May is a Medical Personnel Assistant who will be largely based in Oak Class. They have very quickly become part of the Llewellyn team.

Paddington Bear



We have a new school bear that may come home with our students for a visit. This lucky bear has already been on some wonderful adventures such as visiting the library, going skating, having a sleepover with Peppa Pig, and going to the park. He has new clothes made for him and even a wonderful new scarf for colder weather ahead.

Scooters

This term we have been lucky to acquire more scooters for use in the garden area especially on our wonderful race track area. These have been very popular with our pupils.

iPads

We are really fortunate to have now acquired enough iPads that means those pupils who don't have their own in school, have now been allocated their very own iPad to use whilst in school. These iPads have been provided in order to help encourage our students with their self-help skills and independence - allowing access to search for information in lessons, check things like spellings and help reinforce comprehension of new vocabulary.



Police Visit - PHSE And British Values



Our school was visited by some of our local police officers who came to introduce themselves to our pupils. They explained about what life is like being part of the police service, and what they do as police officers. They came to talk about the importance of phoning the emergency services, and only when needed and the importance of not wasting police time. Our pupils were able to ask questions and looked at the police cars/vans and even tried on some police equipment which they really enjoyed.

Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council met on the 13th of October. This was a really informative and successful meeting led brilliantly by the pupil chair with lots of pupils attending and voicing some excellent ideas and suggestions to help improve our school - such as having a school mascot (perhaps an alpaca), different visitors such as firemen. Pupils requested that they would like more activities for the garden area, including walkie talkies. Pupils spoke about why they liked school, and this included that they liked the animal care, that they felt safe at school and the fact that everyone is different.



Library Visits

Some of our pupils have been visiting the local library this term.

Pupils have enjoyed having access to a wider choice of reading materials, listening to stories and being able to look through all the different books and selecting books they want to read. Pupils have also looked for books to help with their topic this term and borrowed them to bring back to share with their peers at school.



Race for Life



A special mention needs to go to our wonderful teaching assistant, Clare G (and her daughter) who completed the Race for Life in memory of Aurora, whilst raising lots of money for Cancer Research.

All of us here at Llewellyn School are so proud of you, and think you have done an amazing job with your running. It is very inspiring to us all.

Swimming and Hydrotherapy

This term we have been so pleased that covid rules have finally allowed us to be able to access swimming lessons and hydrotherapy sessions again. These sessions have been a firm favourite with pupils this term and they have missed it, and it has really been enjoyed by all.

In swimming lessons, some pupils have already gained their level 1 certificates this term for swimming. Pupils are becoming more confident each time we go, and are showing great resilience in learning how to swim. Other pupils have been engaged in learning lifesaving skills, and having a greater depth of water safety.



In Hydrotherapy, all of our pupils are able to work on/extend their various therapeutic exercises and have enjoyed the extra sensory stimulation. The disco ball, music and the water spout has brought excitement to all. It really has been a delight to see the joy and how these invaluable sessions bring huge health benefits to all.

Halloween at School

Lots of fun was had at school celebrating Halloween. Staff and pupils all put on their best fancy dress and we had a party. There were some fantastic costumes! We also took part in decorating pumpkins (grown in our very own forest school) - and made our own witches brooms. The alpacas joined in the Halloween fun, they had a party, ate all the pumpkins and they even took part in dressing up too!



Art - with Sandra

Art is always a firm favourite in school, and the pupils have produced some wonderful pieces - as seen in our displays. Some of our pupils have had their pieces of artwork displayed in the Art4All Thanet Schools Young Artist Festival exhibition in Margate.



A special mention also needs to go to one of our pupils who won a bronze award in the Unique Art Awards. She was lucky enough to go to an awards ceremony to receive her certificate for her amazing Pop - On a Mask artwork. Keep up the fantastic work, we are so proud of you and how creative you are.



Forest School Bake off

This term, inspired by the Great British Bake Off, we have held our own Forest School Bake Off using supplies from our forest school area and the mud kitchen. Every pupil was involved, and they were all involved in creating new 'recipe's' using different materials, and thinking about different textures and smells. There was even a new sign created and made for our forest school bake off competition.



Clothing Reminder

Please can every pupil bring in suitable clothing for forest school use. On Forest School days, we go outside, whatever the weather be it sunshine or rain! We recommend extra layers, wellies and waterproofs at the least, and preferably bring a bag with a spare change of clothes in - just in case.

That time is rolling around again.. on the 19th of November it is Children in Need Day!



Please dress up in your best spotty and pudsey attire. If you can, please donate some money toward our pot.. let's see if we can beat the £58.32 we raised last year!

School Term Dates

Term 2: 1st November 2021 - 17th December 2021

Inset Day: 1st November

Pupils back to school: 2nd November

Last day of term is: 17th December

Term 3: 4th January 2022 - 11th February 2022

Inset Day: 4th January

Pupils back to school on 5th January

Please can you ensure that all pupils come to school with suitable clothing, with the weather getting colder it is noticeable in school. Due to covid regulations and ensuring good ventilation we have to keep windows and doors open as much as possible so this does mean it can get quite chilly at times especially if its windy outside. We have new CO² monitors in classrooms which helps us to monitor the air quality in school.



Tesco

Thank you to everyone who collected tokens in Tesco and voted for the Llewellyn School.

We are pleased to announce that we got first place and a £1000 is being donated toward our accessible roundabout fund.



Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support to Llewellyn School. We hope you have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to seeing you back in Term Two!