

Term 2 Newsletter: December 2021



Merry Christmas



What a fun festive term it has been!

As always at Llewellyn we have been very busy and there has been a variety of activities taking place within, and outside of school. We have held our first Christmas Carol concert at Jungle Jims and we have also booked our first trip as a school to see the pantomime Robin Hood.

There has also been lots of dressing up and fundraising going on this term too - with events such as children in need, pirate day, odd sock day and Christmas jumper day.

School Topic - Heroes and Villains

We have been focusing on Robin Hood this term as apart of our school topic. We have read the book together in class, and watched video clips studying how actors convey their roles of being heroes or villains.

We have looked at and discussed who we think are our own personal heroes in real life too, with some saying inspirational celebrities such as Rose Ayling - Ellis from Strictly Come Dancing, other pupils mentioned family members, and people such as Keyworkers who worked through lockdown to keep essential services going such as our nurses and doctors in the NHS.

Some pupils have also looked at Marvel Heroes and Villains, and made our own masks/capes - they also read Supertato and made their very own potato superhero. Pupils have also created some wonderful artwork for the school displays with Sandra Art4All creating their own versions of work inspired by artists such as Matisse, Piet Mondrian, Jackson Pollock and Wassily Kadinsky.

To round off and complete our topic work, we visited the Theatre Royal in Margate to see the Robin Hood Pantomime on the last day of term, which was a wonderful experience for all. It was great fun to watch and pupils and staff participated in singing along especially for the grand finale song. We even got a shout out for our school!



Next Terms Topic will be: **Urban Pioneers**



Hop on the bus and take a trip downtown where the lights are bright, and every street has a story to tell.

Explore with fresh eyes the art of the city, then capture a moment in time - perhaps a reflection on a building or a shadow passing by. Make a map of your home town and find out how things have changed. Has time changed town life for the better? How could you improve the urban environment? Maybe add more colour? More light? More things to do, or perhaps a plaza with a comfortable bench or two? Or maybe, like Emil, the city astounds you with its sights and sounds and people rushing by. Now light up the city with creations of your own - a statue, a light show, a monument or street art. The possibilities are endless.

What will you choose? You're an urban pioneer, so get ready to go.

Reading Corners

At school this term we have created new cosy reading corners in every classroom, this is to help us with encouraging and promoting functional reading in school.



At Llewellyn, we strongly believe that facilitating reading and being able to access a wide range of reading materials is key to encouraging our pupils to strengthen their literacy and communication skills; be it papers, books, posters, online, library visits etc. We have also as a school subscribed to a weekly pupil friendly newspaper too - The Week Jr, which pupils have shown a keen interest in so far.

New staff: Please give a warm welcome to the following staff who have started at Llewellyn this term.



Keelan is a teaching assistant with a Level 2 in BSL. Hayley is a teaching assistant with lots of experience in phonics, and so will be assisting teachers with developing students literacy skills. Lucy is our new Therapy Assistant and we also have Jon who is a trainee teacher joining us too.

We are very lucky to have wonderful people as part of our Llewellyn Team.

Children in Need Day



We did it! We raised enough money to beat last years figure. We are pleased to announce that £63.56 was raised in total.



There were some fabulous fancy dress outfits by pupils and staff. A special mention needs to go to Oak Class for their excellent bake sale- some very yummy biscuits and cakes indeed. Thanks everyone for your support!

Odd Sock Day

Odd Sock Day was held as part of Anti - Bullying Week within school. All pupils and staff wore some wonderful odd socks to help raise awareness.



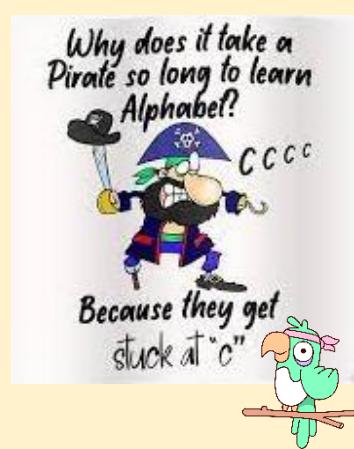
We have learnt more about choosing our words carefully and incorporating our **school values** - particularly **Kindness** into our thoughts and actions.

We have learnt more about what bullying is, how to recognise bullying and how to report it. We have also looked at different types of bullying, such as physical, emotional, and looking at our own online safety has played a big part in that too.



Pirate Day

We had our very own pirate day at school, where pupils and staff all put a massive effort into dressing up. Everyone looked fabulous, we had a bubble machine, and everyone delivered their best pirate jokes.



Santas on Motorbikes

The Invicta chapter of the Harley Owners Group visited to show us their motorbikes as a lovely surprise. Everybody really enjoyed looking at and listening to the motorbikes in the school car park.



Christmas Party



We were lucky enough to have a surprise visitor come along to say hello to all the pupils of Llewellyn at the Christmas Party!

Christmas Carol Performance

Our pupils took part in a Christmas performance for their invited guests, showcasing Christmas songs, and performed fabulous Christmas poems that had been written by pupils in Literacy at school.



There were lots of songs sung, dances performed and for those who were a bit shy - they had pre-recorded their own performances which were played on a projector screen on the day. There was even a surprise or two in the form of special messages, songs and jokes from some friends of the school, and even a Llewellyn staff version of the 12 days of Christmas recorded using green screen software.

We hope that those that came to view it enjoyed it as much as us. Our pupils really enjoy sharing what they have learnt with you all. I wonder what song the staff will take on next year?

Swimming and Hydrotherapy

This term has seen us continue with our swimming activities, and our pupils have improved so much and become a lot more confident in the water, with many pupils gaining certification in swimming skills.

Pupils who have attended Hydrotherapy have persevered and worked very hard with their therapy programs. It is wonderful to see pupils benefit from these sessions - We would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful staff who assist in delivering these therapy programs.

Wheelchair accessible path



We have been very fortunate to now have had a path laid all around the playground out the back - allowing accessibility to all the different areas within our playground.

This has made a huge difference already to allow everyone to get to the different areas without getting too muddy in this colder wet weather at this time of year.

Therapies/Provision

If there are any questions with regard to EHCP, therapies or provision for your child within school please contact Jemima Holloway: jemimaholloway@thellewellyn.school

Jemima is supported by Lucy Toner, our therapy assistant to ensure that the right interventions are being delivered and they are working alongside any agencies that have provided programmes in school.

The school have also employed an independent occupational therapist - Chole Henderson, and independent physiotherapist - Maggie Gurr, who will be working one day a week on a rotation system ensuring that all of our pupils are getting extra support and intervention as needed.

Forest School

This term, we have been exploring our forest school area and considering what it would have been like to have been Robin Hood and his Merry Men exploring in the woods.

What could they have used to defend themselves? What would they have used to keep warm? We have had a look at fires, and making our own kites too. We have had a go at making our very own bow and arrows in school, considering carefully about what natural materials we could use to make these, and practising many vital skills such as tying knots, whittling/manipulating materials etc.

Animal Care: It wouldn't be a Llewellyn Newsletter without some updated pictures of our lovely animals!

Pupils have become much more confident with regard to animal care in school, it is becoming quite the norm to see the ponies, goats and alpacas being lead around inside school as well as outside. Pupils have learned about how it is important to ensure our smaller animals particularly are kept warm and clean especially with the weather getting colder. Pupils really learn and benefit a lot from their sessions with the animals as a therapeutic tool, and many often talk to the animals as a way of aiding their emotional regulation.



Covid - 19: In line with Government guidance please be reassured staff are still testing twice weekly, we have CO₂ monitors in each class room to monitor our air quality, and we keep school well ventilated. If you have any contact with a positive covid case - please inform us. As cases are rising in the area, please be mindful to ensure you wear masks if possible on school site. Thanks for your co-operation as always.

Class Dojo's for Term Two

There has been a lot of points awarded this term.

But the overall class winner is: Birch Class

Targets: All pupils have their own individual targets, which many have achieved this term and gained extra dojos for working hard to meet their target.

Have a think about what you could do to earn some more dojos next term? Perhaps you could ensure your homework is done on time? or show some kind actions?

British Sign Language



Julie, Clare and Tracey have completed their Level 1 in BSL and they have all received a well deserved pass, and are now embarking on their Level 2.

They have also inspired many more of the staff who have now started their level 1 training too.

School Term Dates

Please find below dates for your diary

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

INSET DAY on 4th January

Pupils start school on 5th January

Term 4: 21st February 2022 - 1st April 2022

Term 5: 19th April 2022 - 27th May 2022

INSET DAY on 19th April

Pupils start school on 20th April

From all of us at Llewellyn, we hope that you all have a very happy and safe Christmas!

We look forward to seeing you all in 2022 for Term 3.