

LITTLETOWN J I & N SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022



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Early Years

Now that Autumn has fully arrived and the daylight hours have got shorter and shorter the children in Early Years have been learning all about night-time. First, we read Bedtime For Monsters, and imagined our own monster. Next, we read Owl Babies and learnt lots of facts about nocturnal animals. Our final book was Biscuit Bear and we found out what Biscuit Bear does during the night time. At the very end of the term, we hosted our annual nativity play, this year we performed Away In A Manger, a play all about a mule who refuses to share his manger. The children enjoyed getting dressed in their costumes and performing on stage for all of their grown ups to see. We have learnt a little more about the bible story of the nativity and are looking forward to joining the



rest of the children at church on the last day of term.



Class 2

This half term we have loved our history topic about the Great fire of London! We looked at what London would have looked like before the fire and found it interesting that the houses were close together and made out of wood. We answered lots of enquiry questions such as how the fire started, how we know about the great fire of London and looked at a timeline of key events for the five days the fire lasted. In our classroom we have created a fabulous display of all our beautiful work!





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Class 3

This half term we have learnt about World War I and how Edith Cavell nursed the injured soldiers back to health. We also had lots of fun in DT designing our slider Christmas cards.

we hope you liked our finished designs! In and amongst our learning, Class 3 have worked so hard rehearsing for the Christmas nativity which was a huge success and we are so proud of them. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Class 4

This term Class 4 have been working extremely hard in all lessons! They have been doing lots of researching, exploring and making in all lessons. In computing, they have been planning their podcasts, recording them and editing them. They have enjoyed learning to create their content! In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about healthy diets and creating a recipe to make a healthy sandwich. The children began by learning different cutting techniques such as; bridge and claw technique. They created delicious sandwiches which they tasted and evaluated. The children have grown in confidence and have persevered in every single lesson. Their love for learning has shone through their amazing projects which they created for their homework about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze



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Class 5

As always, we have had another busy half term in class, learning new formal written methods in maths skills, learning all about Ancient Civilisations in History, undertaking experiments to demonstrate solid, liquids and gases during Science and creating new dance routines!

During Design Technology we made a nutritious, affordable and adaptable family meal. We took inspiration from existing products and decided to make a pasta dish. We had to think about a product's purpose, the users and how it is designed. As a class we tasted many dishes and had to adapt our choices through cost of ingredients, the users who'd be consuming the product, eventually we decided on a vegetable pasta bake. We recapped on the importance of hygiene and how to be safe when preparing and cooking meals. We learnt two methods to use when chopping and dicing vegetables and all helped prepare and sauté the vegetables before simmering the sauce to cover the pasta. We obviously needed to check that it tasted okay too before sending the dish home for you to enjoy. I have loved receiving news of children recreating the dish at home too.



Class 6

This half term, Class 6 have been looking at the 'Ancient Greeks'. We have learnt about their way of life, stories they told and looked at their beliefs. To link in with our History topic, we designed and built our very own Trojan Horse toy using CAMS and mechanisms to make it rock backwards and forwards. We strategically created holes to allow movement for our sticks and used CAMS to help them rotate. Class 6 thoroughly enjoyed creating the horses

put to the test!



and their problem-solving skills were definitely



Dates for your Diary

Further school term dates

Gentle reminder - Holidays should not be taken during term time and taking these may result in a fine being issued.

2022/23

	First day at school	Last day at school	Holiday Dates
Autumn Term	Tues 6 th September 2022	Thurs 20 th October 2022	Mon 24 th October 2022 to Fri 28 th October 2022
Autumn Term	Mon 31 st October 2022	Fri 16 th December 2022	Mon 19 th December 2022 to Mon 2 nd January 2023
Spring Term	Tues 3rd January 2023	Fri 10 th February 2023	Mon 13 th February 2023 to Fri 17 th February 2023
Spring Term	Tues 21 st February 2023	Thursday 30 th March 2023	Mon 3rd April 2023 To Friday 14 th April 2023
Summer Term	Mon 17 th April 2023	Fri 26 th May 2023	Mon 29 th May 2023 to Fri 2 nd June 2023
Summer Term	Tues 6 th June 2023	Tues 25 th July 2023	

2023/24

	First day at school	Last day at school	Holiday Dates
Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Thursday 26 th October 2023	Monday 30 th October 2023 - Friday 3 rd November 2023
Autumn Term	Monday 6 th November 2023	Friday 22 nd December 2023	Monday 25 th December 2023 - Friday 5 th January 2024
Spring Term	Monday 8 th January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024	Monday 12 th February 2024 - Friday 16 th February 2024
Spring Term	Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Friday 22 nd March 2024	Monday 25 th March 2024 - Friday 5 th April 2024
Summer Term	Monday 8 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Summer Term	Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 -

Fundraising

A huge thank you for your fundraising efforts recently. We are delighted to announce that the PTFA have raising an amazing £169 from the recent cakes sales. We are hoping to purchase something in the new year with these funds.

Our annual Danceathon was a huge success with all children taking part in the day. A huge thank you to DJ Linsky who rocked us all with his tunes and plenty of party dances.

We raised a whopping £1600 which will help to subsidise school trips throughout the year enhancing pupil learning.

Congratulations to Miley McGarry in Nursery who raised the most funds!

Other information

Safeguarding

We are here to help if you need. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns

Mrs F Ward—Designated Safeguard Lead

Mrs S Wensley—Deputy Safeguarding lead

Mrs H Lombard—Deputy Safeguarding Lead

We are an encompass school

Winter Coats

Uniform Exchange

This is an agency who recycle almost new, unused and brand new school uniform, coats, PE clothes etc. The quality of products is wonderful.

They have warm winter coats of all sizes are available FREE to any family: please just ask school office for a request form.

Online Safety

There are lots of different resources available for parents to access via the link below. https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/littletown-junior-infant-nursery-school

Healthy Holidays

Keeping active at home ideas

Free indoor activities for kids - Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

https://wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers/worried-your-child-unwell/Group-A-Strep-Scarlet-Fever

Our school website on the parent page has a community support section. Here you will find link to routes to support in times of need and places of support across the holiday period.

https://www.littletownschool.org.uk/parents-info/community-support

We wish all our families and community a very happy holiday and look forwards to working with everyone in 2023.