



"All Learning Together"

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I have had some help with this week's letter. I have been teaching Class 2 this morning and they have given me some very helpful ideas as to what I should include in my letter! We have had a very busy few weeks since the inspection report was published after Ofsted. Look out for a banner that will be being put up outside school next week to celebrate our success. There should also be an article in the Malton Gazette next Wednesday (18th Nov). We are hoping to have the opportunity to show pupils wanting to start school in September 2016 around our school over the next few weeks. We do have spaces for our September intake so if you know anyone looking for a school, point them in our direction!

The success of our football teams at our football tournament earlier in the week together with our moving Remembrance Service on Wednesday, has made this another memorable week. Looking to the future, next week we are holding the second Headteacher Forum. This is to be held in the school hall at 6pm on Thursday 19th November. This will give you opportunity to meet with me and discuss the life of the school. For those of you unable to attend, please feel free to fill in any comments on the Feedback Form attached to this newsletter and return it to the School Office at your earliest convenience.

Please do remember that next Friday (20th Nov) is our whole school trip to the Castle Museum in York. We are looking forward to it and I'm sure we have a very enjoyable and educational day.

We are very excited about our Langton Christmas Fair which is appearing on the horizon all too quickly! Our Fair this year looks like it is going to be a really fabulous event. An awful lot of hard work is being put into it by FoLS. I'm very grateful for all their hard work. Class 2 were very keen to make sure that we let you know in the letter about the Talent Show which is being held during the Fair. Any child wanting to show us their particular talent may sign up for a slot on the poster on my office door. Parents will then be informed of the timetable so if your child is performing, you'll know exactly when that will be.

As Eddie Huntriss writes, "We are also going to have a lucky dip, food and drinks, a place to write a letter to Santa, and a place to get presents from Santa. All the money you give to us is going to go to buying things for our school." I can confirm that there will be a lot more besides so it will be good to see as many of you there as possible.

With very best wishes,

Rachel Ray

Tag Rugby

Year 6 pupils (and rugby team members!) **Rohan** and **Toby** report on our first Tag Rugby tournament of 2015/16:

"On Wednesday 21st October, Langton Primary School went to a Tag Rugby competition at Malton Community Sports Centre. There were 12 teams; St Mary's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Welburn, Langton, Malton A and B, Amotherby and Rillington. Because there were so many teams, we had to split into two groups. We were the Red Group with Welburn, Malton A, and St Mary's 1, 3 and 5.



"In our group, we beat Welburn 7-6, Malton A, 8-2, St Mary's 3, 9-0, St Mary's 1, 11-0, and St Mary's 5, 15-0. We didn't lose one match, and we all scored at least one try. There wasn't enough time to play a final against Rillington, but if we did, we think we would have won. This meant we had to share the trophy with Rillington, so we will get it after Christmas, but at least we got medals! We also go through to the next round of the tournament, and if we win, we might get to go to the Youth Games!"

"Overall, we all played really well, and did some good tackles and runs."

Well done to all our Rugby stars for an excellent show of teamwork!

Langton 5-a-side tournament @ Leavening

"On Monday 9th November 2015, Langton hosted a 5-a-side football tournament at Leavening (both of our teams did really well).

When we got there, we discovered there were 9 teams including Langton and Sand Hutton, Warthill, Terrington, Foston, and Leavening competing in the tournament.

Unfortunately, in the first game, we lost 2-0, which was disappointing, but our opponents were a really good team.

Then we had a break until our next game against Warthill A, which we won 4-0 with a hat-trick from Eddie. Our next game was against Sand Hutton B, and it was 2-0 to us.

*In the semi-final, Langton B played Langton A. Langton B were winning 1-0 until an amazing free kick from Tommy, which made it 1-1, and then Toby scored a brilliant goal from a cross from Rohan." **Arthur, Class 3***

After a hard fought final, Langton A returned to school victorious and brought back the trophy. A huge well done to all our footballers in what was a fantastic event! A big thank you to Leavening for letting us make use of their sports field!





Lest we forget....

The school came together on Remembrance Day to take time out to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to secure and protect our freedom. In a wonderfully moving and poignant ceremony, pupils recited poetry, and our two youngest pupils, Poppy and Skye, and two oldest, Richard and Rohan, together laid a wreath at the foot of Langton's War Memorial.

"On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 o'clock, the entire school walked over to the village green and formed a horseshoe around the Langton War Memorial. We were joined by some parents to remember the soldiers who died in the war. Firstly, Mrs Ray said a few words and then Class 3 read out their poems. Ava-Lily and Ella read "In Flanders Fields", Lily and Hannah read their poem, "Remembrance Day" and Constance and Megan read "Remember Them". "Remember Them" and "Remembrance Day" were written by the readers themselves. Before Mr Wellard played the Last Post on the bugle, Kayla and Isabell read a passage from the famous Remembrance poem "For the Fallen". Then we had our two minutes of silence while Mr Wellard timed it. The end of the silence was signalled by Mr Wellard playing the Reveille. After a reading by Mrs Ray, we listened to the Last Post once again as we walked back to school."

Hannah, Constance and Lily, Class 3

FoLS Christmas Fair Update

Only 2 weeks to go until the Langton School Christmas Fair 2015!

A massive thank you for all your donations so far, please keep them coming in!

We still need items for our White Elephant stall (unused toiletries, household items/toys in good condition, children or adults books etc). These can be brought into school anytime.

We have had a great response again this year from the local businesses with raffle prizes -raffle tickets will be coming home with the children shortly. Please make sure that you return your ticket stubs to school to ensure they are in the draw!

If any of you wonderful cooks fancy creating some of your delicious home bakes we would love to receive them on the day of the fair.

As we have our exciting new Talent Corner making a debut this year it would be fab if you could please encourage your children to unleash their many talents and participate. This is going to provide additional entertainment for what is shaping up to be a fantastic festive extravaganza!

Class 2 creepy crawlies....



To fit in with their topic work this term, Class 2 were treated to an afternoon with some interesting 'visitors'..... Lily and Eddie, who quite clearly listened **very** carefully, tell us more and share some of the fascinating facts they learned....

"On Thursday 5th November, Mark, from Acomb Pets in York visited Class 2 and showed us some animals. The first one we saw was a corn snake. They have no nose so they smell with their tongue, and a smooth underbelly, so it won't hurt when they slither. The second animal we looked at was called a Bearded Dragon. A Bearded Dragon is a kind of lizard. We looked at two of them, and one had lost part of its tail, and the other had even lost a claw! They lose the end of their tails because they fight with other Bearded Dragons (brothers and sisters), and they lose claws because they climb trees and grip on too hard and pull their finger nails off. They also have skin that feels like nails! They come from Australia.

"The third animal was a Red Footed Tortoise, but it also has a red head. A Red Footed Tortoise's shell is made of keratin, and they grow more layers of their shell every year. The oldest tortoise was 254 years old, and the average age would be more than 100 years old. Then the fourth animal was a Giant African Millipede. They have cleaner bugs to survive in the wild, because they eat the bits stuck in the millipede's legs! Their skin is made of what your finger nails and hair are made of, and that is called keratin. In Latin, milli means 1,000 and ped means feet - so millipede means 1,000 feet!



"The final animal was a Chilean Rose Tarantula. They have hooks on the bottom of their feet, and can shoot webs out to make people itch. They have an exoskeleton and can also regrow organs and legs. All of Class 2 got to hold the tarantula (if they wanted to!) and had a picture taken."



Our intrepid reporters, Lily and Eddie

School Council update.....

A big thank you to all the pupils who spent their half term helping around the house in order to earn money to put in their Smartie tubes (and a special thank you to the parents and grandparents who filled them up!)

After a marathon counting session (with the handy room resembling Gringott's Bank), the School Council can confirm that £81.01 was collected in the tubes, and when added to the £50 that was kindly donated by Yorkshire Bank, a grand total of £131.01 was raised.

We will update you as to how the money will be spent when the School Council have made their decision. Thanks again to Jennie Johnson who sourced the Smarties and to Sainsbury's for donating them. Thanks also to Yorkshire Bank.



Class 1 Christmas Production!

It's time to dig out the tea towels and donkey costumes! The casting is complete and the scripts are being studied. Melodic Christmas sounds are already filling the corridors of school. This will all culminate in Class 1 explaining to us the 'Recipe for Christmas' in their wonderful Christmas play! As with all professional productions, a top class back stage team is needed. If you can volunteer any time to help with scenery, props, or costumes, the cast, director and production team would be very grateful! Please let Mrs Laverack or Mrs Conroy know.



Oh no you can't.....

...oh yes you can - go and watch some of our talented pupils performing in Malton's pantomime this festive season, that is!

Goldilocks & the Three Bears will run from 15th-23rd January 2016 (with two shows on each Saturday) and making an appearance are two of our Class 3 dance stars, Ava-Lily (as a junior dancer), and Taylor (in the junior chorus). Break a leg ladies (although not literally, or course!)

Well done Lily & Libby!

On 11th October, 1st Norton Brownies entered the Ryedale Brownie Six Competition in which 12 teams from local Brownie packs had to complete various team tasks including building towers of jelly babies, general knowledge quiz to activities. Libby & Lily made a great contribution to their team of 5 Brownies and as a result their team took 1st place in the competition. A great achievement for them and their pack at 1st Norton Brownies.



Firefighter Charity Bags

Thank you to everyone who carted their bags of old clothes to school for the FireFighters Charity collection. £39.20 was raised for the school in addition to £9.80 for the FireFighters Charity. The those planning a post-Christmas clear out, next collection is Monday 20th January 2016.



**The
Fire Fighters
Charity**

Polite Notice

Mrs Howard-Vyse has asked that there be no turning around in driveway of the farms opposite the Green as the verges are becoming considerably eroded. She kindly requests that people turn vehicles further up in the middle of the village where it is safe to do so.

Hair braiding

Mrs Watkins will be braiding hair at the Christmas Fair, and has asked whether anyone has any spare threads or wool that she could use. If you bring it into school in a named bag, any that is left over can be returned to you should you wish.

easyfundraising .org.uk

Just a reminder to all of you that are starting your online Christmas shopping, that Langton are signed up to the Easyfundraising website. If you sign up and then click into websites such as Amazon through the Easyfundraising site, a percentage of your spend is donated to the school at no cost to you at all. Every little helps!

School Website!

Work has already begun on restructuring the school website! We want the site to not only be an opportunity to showcase the fantastic things that the children do at school, but to provide a useful tool to parents. Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and find a number of the changes useful, for example, in terms of up and coming events, and date reminders. If you have any ideas of what you'd like to see, please let Mrs Conroy know.

Big Breakfast!

Don't forget that for just £2 per day, children can come to Breakfast Club from 8am, have cereal and toast for breakfast and get out on the playground for some supervised play time. We do ask for 24 hours' notice when booking. Booking forms are available from the school office.

Dinner money

Just a reminder to all that next half term's dinner money is **£73.50**. This must be paid in advance and can be paid weekly, half termly or termly. Cheques are made payable to 'Langton Primary School'.

Dates for your diary

Flu vaccinations for Yrs 1 & 2

Headteacher's Forum

Whole school trip to the Castle Museum, York

FoLS Christmas Fair

Class 2 @ Hope Central Christmas Experience

KS1 Christmas Production

Pocket Panto "Aladdin" in school

Class 3 Christmas Party

Class 2 Christmas Party

Christmas Service in church

Class 1 Christmas Party

Non Uniform Day & End of Term

Staff Training Day

Start of the Spring Term

Wednesday 18th November

Thursday 19th November, 6pm

Friday 20th November

Friday 27th November, 4.30-7.00pm

Thursday 10th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wednesday 16th December

Wednesday 16th December

Thursday 17th December

Thursday 17th December, 9.15am

Friday 18th December

Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January 2016

Tuesday 5th January 2016

Langton School Parent Feedback Form

FAO Mrs Rachel Ray, PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL



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Name: _____

Things that I feel are going well & would like to see continue

Matters you would like to bring to the attention of the school

Ideas for future consideration

Signed: _____ Date: _____