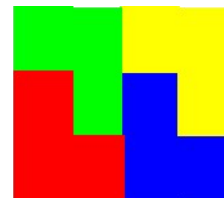


THE LATIMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating Learning– May 2018



Developing Responsibility; Caring about Achievement

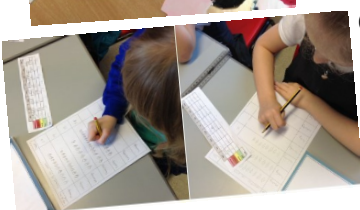
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful month of learning this has been! We've had lovely weather, our children have wowed us with their incredible knowledge and understanding and we have been celebrating all things global and the Royal Wedding. This time of year is incredibly busy within school and we have, as always, been extremely proud of all of our children and their achievements. We have also welcomed in a visitor to the school to share the successes of Latimer and she was extremely impressed with the standards across the school.

This month, our youngest children, have blown us away with how articulate they are and the amount of progress that they have made since joining us. They were fantastic when talking about spring, the lifecycle of frogs and creating their own insects.



Our children in Year 1 have also been busy finding out about the 'Great Fire of London', even creating their own houses, burning them down and learning about King Charles II. They've also created some wonderful designs for the new Duchess of Sussex's wedding dress.



Children in Year 2 have also stunned us with the standard of their learning– thinking about pictograms and creating their own cars, whilst also completing their national tests. They have shown great perseverance and resilience and we have all been extremely proud of them.

Children in year 3 have also been incredible this month– learning about the continent of South America and know some very impressive facts. They can name the layers of the rainforest, unknown countries and tribes and in science have been investigating sources of light.



Our year 4 children have been focusing on Shakespeare in English and enjoying the works of 'The Bard'. Their knowledge of the plays including Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest and Macbeth is incredible and they had a great time re-enacting the performances with a drama workshop.



Class ER have also followed the classics theme in English and enjoyed learning the poem 'Odyssey' and learning about the Ancient Greeks. They even held their own Ancient Greek Olympics whilst Class CJ have also continued the global theme learning about Italy and enjoying swimming with the rest of the Year 5 children.

Year 6 this term have worked incredible hard, revising for their National Tests but also enjoying a full curriculum. They have been practicing their debating skills, building lighthouses and developing their knowledge of orienteering. National tests can put pressure on children across the country but we have been so impressed with the determination, resilience, ambition and dedication of our year 6 children.

They have done themselves proud and we could not be prouder of them as they come to the end of their time at Latimer.



We hope you have a lovely half term break. From all Latimer Staff

Class Champions



Our 'Class Champions' are a selection of children who have been chosen by their classmates to represent them. In the last couple of weeks they have spent some time with our school visitor who was blown away by them and their confidence. 'Our Jewel in the Crown' is how she described them due to their enthusiasm, dedication and how they talked enthusiastically about Latimer. When asked about their learning they described it as 'challenging', 'never too easy and well matched to their needs'. When asked if there are any concerns with behaviour they told her that any problems were dealt with quickly so that they didn't reoccur and that they felt happy and safe. We are extremely proud of all our class champions but also know that all of our children are able to speak so highly of their school community.

The Class Champions have also had another proud moment this term when they took part in the Anstey Parish Council Meeting. This was an opportunity to present their case to win a £250 donation from the Parish Council towards an issue of their choice.

The Class Champions chose the school playground as their cause and made a very professional presentation in front of a large group of councillors and members of the Anstey community. We are extremely proud that from 12 community groups who presented they received the most votes and £250 to add to their £100 which they raised from their 'Brick-a-Brack' sale last year. A big thank you to all our dedicated children, their families for bringing them to the Parish Council meeting and Mr Foote for guiding them.

Sporting success

This month has been full of sporting successes and a great start to our summer of sport. We have competed in more and more county-wide competitions and had some great local sporting teams into school to inspire our children.

Class AF have benefited from some time with Leicester Tigers as part of their PE lessons and the coaches were so impressed by their dedication and collaboration whilst some of our year 5 children have had a wonderful opportunity to work with Leicester Riders Basketball team.



We also sent a fabulous group of tennis players to compete at Rothley tennis courts as part of the School Games Tennis Competition. They did fabulously well and achieved our best ever results and the spirit of the games award.

A group of our footballers also took part in the Wreake Valley football tournament. They were absolutely fabulous and impressed everybody with their skills and dedication.

Well done to all our children and a big thank you to all our parents who support this.

Learning behaviours

Our learning behaviours and Simple Truths are key to our success at Latimer. All of our children recognise the parts of their character that make a good learner. We regularly talk about being **resilient, dedicated, courageous, independent, ambitious, evaluative, reflective, collaborative** and **enthusiastic** about our learning. Whilst being **responsible, taking initiative and persevering** are key to great learning. Some of our children have made some wonderful top-trump cards to help remember all these qualities when the learning gets a little tough. We are so impressed with all of our children and their attitudes and approaches that help them with their learning.

