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Autumn 2 Newsletter 2024

As we come to the end of Autumn Term and Christmas starts in earnest, I would like to wish all our children and families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We return to school on **Wednesday 8th January 2025.**

Our termly family IEP Day will be taking place on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**, we look forward to seeing you for a coffee and to discuss progress over the Autumn term.

What have we been doing this half term?

What a Fantastic Autumn Term We've Had!

The last few weeks have been brimming with winter wonders, making this term truly magical at Lavender Field School. We are so proud of everything our pupils and staff have achieved together!

One of the highlights of the term was our much-anticipated trip to the pantomime at the Crewe Lyceum to watch *Sleeping Beauty*. The pupils' conduct throughout the trip was exemplary—they were a true credit to our school. From the hilarious jokes to the dazzling lights and toe-tapping songs, the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Imagine our delight when Lavender Field School received a special shout-out from the stage! It was a moment of pride for everyone involved.

Back at school, we celebrated the festive season in style with a spectacular Christmas Lunch. Thanks to our fabulous kitchen team, pupils and staff alike were treated to a delicious feast with all the trimmings. From succulent pigs in blankets to honey-roasted parsnips, every dish was a delight. The meal ended on a sweet note with a selection of scrumptious desserts that left everyone feeling truly spoilt. What a treat!

On Thursday, the magic of Christmas came to life as a very special visitor surprised our pupils. Santa, accompanied by his cheerful elf, visited each classroom to greet the children and hand out gifts. The magical sound of jingling bells and the sight of Santa spreading cheer brought pure joy to every child's face. It was a moment to treasure, reminding us all of the wonder of the festive season.

The creativity of our pupils shone brightly during our annual Christmas door decorating competition. Each class pulled out all the stops to design some of the most imaginative and festive displays we've ever seen. From twinkling lights to glittering ornaments, every door reflected the incredible teamwork and holiday spirit of our pupils. The entries were so amazing that picking a winner will be a tough task—be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for the big announcement!

We are also thrilled to have welcomed new pupils and staff to the Lavender Field family this term. It's always a joy to see our community grow, and we are excited to have them as part of our vibrant school family.

As we look ahead to the New Year, we encourage everyone to stay warm and cozy by remembering to bring a coat each day. The colder weather only adds to the charm of this special time of year, and we want everyone to feel comfortable and ready to enjoy all that 2025 has to offer.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make this term such a success. We wish you all a joyful and restful holiday season.

Neil Smith

Head of School

Inter school competitions!



This half term we have kicked off the inter school sports competitions with a fantastic basketball tournament. Our KS2 team showed teamwork, determination and true sportsmanship on the court. Whether it was a quick pass, a solid defence or a perfect shot, the team came together and made us all proud. Pupils also enjoyed a chess tournament between the schools, where they competed in head-to-head games, in knock out rounds.

Parent engagement sessions.



Due to the success of our parent engagement sessions with our in-house therapist, Debra we will continue to host this next term. Sessions will be every Thursday from 9.45 until 11.15. They are a great environment to share concerns, experiences, and successes, meet other parents and offload. To keep sessions personal there are a maximum of 5 spaces per session. If you would like to come along, please contact the office to book a slot.

Fundraising



Our Winter fair was a roaring success and pupils enjoyed selling items they had made as part of their enterprise project. It was lovely to see so many of you at the event. Thank you to all who attended for supporting the students. This enterprise project will continue throughout the year with pupils having further opportunities to grow their profit such as the summer fayre.

Also, a huge thank you to all the pupils and parents who sent in donations for Children in Need and helped us raise over £85 for the charity.

The hot chocolate sales, voted for by the school council for Remembrance Day went down a treat. Pupils really enjoyed the option of buying a hot drink on a Friday and drinks were also offered to parents and taxi drivers. In total, a whopping £205. All money raised will support The Royal British Legion.

Enrichment days

Enrichment Days this half term:

- ❖ Anti Bullying Week -The theme for Anti-bullying week this year was "Choose Respect". Children completed work around how to manage disagreements respectfully making positive choices.
- ❖ For Remembrance Day, some of our classed represented the school by visiting the Cenotaph in the town centre to watch the Remembrance Day service. Pupils showed excellent behaviour and respect while in the community.
- ❖ For Diwali, pupils celebrated by learning about the traditions and cultures from Hinduism and completing some lovely artistic crafts such as making rangoli patterns with rice.

Comet

Class Comet has had a great term this Autumn. We have been learning about Benin in Topic and have been to the World Museum in Liverpool to explore the different artefacts from Benin. In English, we have been studying stories by Michael Morpurgo, such as *The Rainbow Bear*, *The Sandman and the Turtles*, and *The Dolphin Boy*. We have created some great pieces of writing around these stories. In Maths, we introduced and expanded our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.



Coronation

KS1 Coronation have enjoyed lots of fun learning this term. In Topic they have been focusing on famous people and have looked at the expeditions of Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Ernest Shackleton and Tenzig Norgay. In science they have been focusing on materials and their properties and in English they have enjoyed lots of stories by a variety of authors.



KS2 Coronation have had a wonderful half term and have taken part in lots of amazing lessons. In English we have learnt about performance poems. The children have put their memory to the test and have learnt new skills to help them memorise a poem. The children have then created their own performance poem and enjoyed performing these to their class, using all their new skills. KS2 Coronation have also learnt about Christianity in Religious Education. This included learning about the true meaning of Christmas and why some traditions are still followed today. We then enjoyed planning a meaningful gift for a class peer, buying the gift and finished off by giving and receiving the meaningful gifts.

Torbay

It has been an eventful first term for class Torbay. We have had visits to college careers events, visited the University Academy 92 in Manchester and enjoyed our own college days on a Friday. The students have made healthy meals, fixed staff members cars including a headlight, taken part in a chess tournament and prepared for our first window of mock examinations. In our final week the class loved their reward day at bowling and the arcades, had laughs at the pantomime and enjoyed general festivities with one another.



Broadsman

Class Broadsman have had a super Autumn term!

KS2 children have enjoyed exploring light and shadows, and lifecycles of animals and humans in science. In English, they listened to the story 'The Dolphin Boy' and visited Talacre beach to explore a similar setting. Throughout Topic, they have been learning about Benin and created some beautiful artwork to replicate Benin artefacts. During Maths, the children explored 'greater than' and 'less than' when comparing amounts and used Numicon shapes to consolidate learning of number bonds.

KS1 children have been busy looking at materials in science and began to explore solids, liquids and gases. In English, they listened to a variety of non-fiction stories, with their favourite being 'Max the Brave'. During Maths, the children explored 'greater than' and 'less than' when comparing amounts and used Numicon shapes to consolidate learning of number bonds. In Topic, they enjoyed learning about explorers and used role play to take on their own expeditions.

All children participated in swimming for PE in Autumn 1 and gained their level 1/2 certificates. Great work everyone!

Class Broadsman have made some great progress this term and we are so proud of them. We are very lucky to be working with such an amazing group of children. The staff team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to another great year in 2025!



Rose

Class Rose have had a busy term of hard work; they have applied themselves across all areas of the curriculum. In Maths they have built on their knowledge of analogue clocks and money. In science they have explored disease, immunity, plants and the carbon cycle.

In English they have explored the books Holes and Kensuke's kingdom enjoying the film of Holes to cement their learning.

The majority of the class have been new to BTEC qualifications and have embraced the more independent nature of the learning process, showing what they are capable of.



Condor

Condor have enjoyed a very busy term. We have explored friendships and positive relationships throughout our curriculum, ranging from PSHE to English. In our science lessons, we had the opportunity to take part in a range of experiments, including dissecting a pair of lungs! Pupils enjoyed autumnal activities like Pumpkin Picking at Crewe Green and loved taking part in a decorate a pumpkin competition within our class. To consolidate our learning about the potteries, we spent a day at Middleport Pottery, learning about the history and process of making pottery objects. As we neared the end of the term, pupils paid their respects at a remembrance service in Crewe town centre and took part in our enterprise activity to create "decorate a bauble kits" for the Christmas fair.



Belle

What an amazing first term we have had in class Belle, during this term KS2 have explored fiction and non-fiction books. We looked closely at different types of recipes and then attempted to create our own. KS1 looked at many different types of short stories that we really enjoyed reading and completing our work based on them. We worked hard in science this term exploring life cycles of different animals in KS2, we even had the chance to visit blue planet aquarium. KS1 children completed amazing work about materials. We also really enjoyed our PE lessons this term going to swimming and horse riding.



Orient

Class Orient have been looking at light in science, they visited the Science Museum in Manchester for the Science festival, where they took part in investigations in light. We have learnt how to use writing to persuade, looking at the pros and cons of Zoos. We went pumpkin picking, where we walked Shetlands ponies and showed our respects to those who fought in the War at the Crewe memorial. In PE we have enjoyed going LS Gymnastics, improving our skills in jumping, forward and backward rolls and cartwheels. We have learnt all about Benin and made our own Benin houses made from clay. The children have worked really hard this term. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!



Mayflower

In Mayflower this term we have taken part in lots of practical activities in science thinking about solids, liquids and gases. We have practised writing letters for different purposes, including a letter to Santa. In our topic work we have thought about travel. We thought about places we could stay and what we would need. We made our own passport and thought about our personal details. We also looked at Australia in detail. We looked at art, animals and the history of the country.



Riviera

This term our topic has been Benin, we have designed our own Benin village, looked at maps and trade routes and tasted some traditional Benin foods. We have listened to traditional Benin music and made musical instruments to recreate these sounds.

We have had all enjoyed this terms horse riding sessions where we not only spent time learning how to ride the ponies we have also been learning how to groom and care for the horses.



Jubilee

Little Jubilee have enjoyed lots of exciting trips this term. We have enjoyed a trip to the RAF Cosford Museum to explore different modes of transport. We have also enjoyed our end of half term reward day, where we went to the cinema and enjoyed a McDonald's. Well, done Class Jubilee for a fantastic term!

KS4 Jubilee have had a fantastic term. They have worked hard to build friendships and built on their teamwork skills by engaging in an Enterprise event, selling Smores kits.



Waverly

This year Class Waverley have been amazing, they made some great progress, tried many new things and most importantly jelled as a group and demonstrated some outstanding social progress. We have had fun learning together, with some students moving up from Key Stage 2 into Key Stage 3 and doing so seamlessly. Amongst some of the trips that we have been to, our favourites have been, Middleport Pottery Museum, Nantwich Lake (crazy snowball fight there too), Pumpkin picking, and of course our most recent and fun-filled trip to Lazer Tag and the Panto at Crewe Lyceum. Well, done to one of our students who has recently gained his pen licence, he has been so proud of himself! This class work hard and also play hard too. They are so receptive of activities and allow themselves to enjoy their youthful days engaging in many things that children of their age should be enjoying. So, to all of those wonderful, charismatic characters in Class Waverley, I thank you for being you and that is AMAZING!!! Have an amazing Christmas, both the class team and I are looking forwards to seeing you all back here on the new year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

