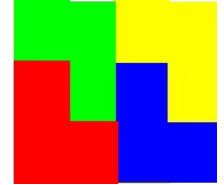


THE LATIMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating Learning

November 2019



Developing Responsibility; Caring about Achievement

Dear Parents and Carers,

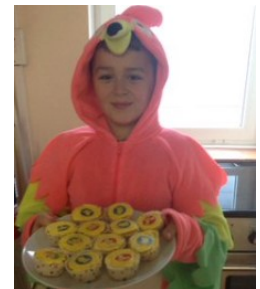
As November draws to a close it is time to look back and see what has been going on at Latimer over the past few weeks. The days may have less sunlight but there is just as much going on here to fill them! The children are busy preparing for our Christmas festivities here at school and it is so lovely to hear bursts of Christmas carols as you wander around the corridors!



As ever there are lots of fantastic pictures on our Twitter page so do please take a look [@latimerprimary](https://twitter.com/latimerprimary) for more information.



We had fun raising money for Children in Need during Anti-Bullying week! Everyone enjoyed coming to school in their cosy pyjamas and all classes spent time learning about what Children in Need is all about and also completing some Anti-bullying activities. A big thank you to everyone for their kind donations, it really is such a lovely thing to be able to support these important charities and have some

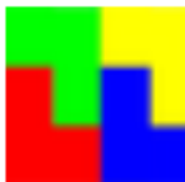


fun along the way!

Did you know that each week our classes join up so the children can spend time enjoying a book with their 'reading buddy'... this goes on across the school and we believe that not only does it help to instil a love of reading within our children but also it is lovely for them to make friends cross the school. Here are some snaps of classes KB and CM doing just that!



Each class spent time learning about Remembrance Day. Some fabulous work was created and it was also so lovely to hear about all the parades and special activities that some of our children took part in outside of school.



Celebration Learning Continued!



FOALS needs you!

Our FOALS really are the unsung heroes of Latimer! Their work is incredibly valuable to us all here, without which many of the lovely events that we benefit from here at school, just wouldn't be able to go ahead. They run school discos, the summer gala and many cake and ice-pole sales throughout the year and that's just for starters! They help with Christmas

performances and at special assemblies and events too, the list is endless!

It is quite a staggering amount of money that the FOALS have raised for the school over the past few years and with this money they have been able to subsidise school trip costs (enabling all pupils to benefit from a more affordable price) bought new books, iPads, playground equipment, seating and planters and the Trim Trail for the field and they have also pledged to raise £10,000 for a new ICT suite.

All of this work takes time and effort and our current FOALS are doing such an amazing job but they simply can't continue to run with such a skeletal staff - soon to be even fewer at the end of this academic year when five of the FOALS children (currently in year 6) leave for high school. They are desperately looking for new volunteers, to help share the load and continue their invaluable work.

By offering to help FOALS you can give as much, or as little of your time as you wish. It may be that you can help at a cake sale once a year, be willing to help out at the summer gala for an hour or so or you may wish to jump in and really get involved with the running of their committee. They are also always looking out for donations to be made for the summer gala (tombola prizes for example) and the regular cake sales. However big or small they really all do make such a difference when it is time to run these events.

They really are a wonderful group of people, who have the schools best interest at heart and would really like to welcome new members to enable FOALS to continue. It would be a real loss to the school and all of our pupils if the group had to fold due to lack of members but unfortunately without being able to replace the members due to leave , it will be inevitable.

FOALS have a Facebook page and Whatsapp group to keep members updated and if you think you would like to get involved please contact our head of FOALS Vikki Camplejohn:
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Our last Newsletter of the year will be at the end of term in December, so until then please stay safe and cosy!

