

# Message from the office



As the colder weather draws in it is great to see so many children dressing in their warm coats. Fleeces and sweatshirts are available from the office. Thank you for clearly labelling your child's clothing.

If severe weather does occur please check the schools website for updates on possible school closures.



If your mobile number has changed could you please inform the office ASAP so you can continue to receive updates from our text system.



Parent and child reading groups will be starting soon. Further details to follow soon.



A 'Bug Club' after school reading club is going to be starting soon. Further details will be sent out accordingly.

# January

**Friday 29th January**  
Year 6 Fundraiser Friday

# February

**Tuesday 2nd February**  
Year 6 Trip to Museum of Kent Life

**Friday 5th February**  
Office Fundraiser Friday

**Monday 8th February**  
Interim Reports out to parents this week

**Friday 12th February**  
Year 3 Fundraiser Friday  
Last day of term



# Celebration Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

As part of our continued drive to promote reading we have recently invested in high quality reading material across the school.

You may already be aware that we purchased an online reading and comprehension scheme which you can access at home called 'Bug Club'. If you have any difficulties logging in or accessing please contact a member of staff.

We have also invested in new class and home reading books for every pupil. Each pupil is encouraged to read at home to an adult or independently to develop their reading skills.

The newsletter can also be viewed on our webpage, the address is below.

[www.lutonjuniorschool.co.uk](http://www.lutonjuniorschool.co.uk)

# Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard, continuing our theme of the rainforest. We are looking forward to our trip to Wild Wood on Friday. The children have been learning how to measure lengths in cm and mm, and volumes in ml and litres. A gorilla broke into the school last week and has inspired us to write newspaper reports. Please look at newspapers at home and talk about what you learn from them.



We would like to say well done to all the children for their growing excitement in our new topic and welcome you to research more at home and read books about the rainforest too.

Special mentions go to the following children:-

3W—Well done to Chelsea for her improved attitude in her writing.

3K—Well done to Andrejs for a fantastic effort with measuring.

3H— Well done to Izabella for amazing progress in her maths and writing.

A special mention goes to Stuart Spicer for showing great maturity in a situation at home. We are all very proud of you.

Keep up the great work! We have been encouraged by the children learning their times tables at home and learning to tell the time. Please keep doing this. Also, the new launch of Bug Club has inspired more to enjoy reading. Keep it up!

The year 3 team x



# Year 4

Hitting the half way mark for this term and Year 4 show no sign of stopping, ploughing on with our theme topic of Star Wars the whole year group had a successful trip to the Science Museum in London. Many of the children were amazed on our brief trip from the station to the museum where they go to see some of the sights. On seeing the Science Museum they were filled with questions about what they saw, which only increased as we took a tour around the museum, sadly though we did not have time to see everything. However all the visitors were treated to a talk from Russian Cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova who was the first woman in space. Valentina spoke about her experiences which naturally had the children hooked. Following on from the trip the experience has helped a lot of the narrative writing for pupils, by creating ideas for their stories. Additionally this trip has also increase the pupil's curiosity for the Sciences.

The pupils are constructing their own light saber, using a combination of skills and knowledge learnt in their various lessons. In regards to materials we would like to ask, if possible, if pupils can bring in any washed out small fizzy drink bottles as these would be great to use as handles.

To further help the pupils' narrative we will be holding a 'Cinema styled' film night after school for the pupils, letters for which will be sent out soon.

For special mentions this newsletter:

4T— Amy Philpott - Amy has produced some fabulous work on her narrative writing including some amazing adverbs, similes and alliteration. Amy has also yet to get a single spelling wrong since the beginning of school in September.

Shanice Wady - Shanice has been an outstanding student overall this term. Her narrative story is beautifully punctuated and very interesting to read. Shanice has worked very hard on her fractions this term and is excelling in maths.

4L—Thomas. H and Shayla for their hard work in Mathematics where both children have been working exceptionally well in acquiring a good understanding of their fractions.

4HL—Jake Rayner for his hard work in Literacy. Jake is now constantly self assessing his work and seeing where he needs to make changes independently. Finally to both Grace Keith and Tegan Pilbeam who both work very hard in class and show how much they understand by independently supporting their fellow pupils.

# Year 5

Year 5 are well underway with their 'Survival' topic at the moment and have 'dived into the sea of wilderness'. The year 5 teachers would like to thank the year 5 students for their participation in each of the Survival challenges on the launch day – Having battled through a maze, learned first aid, created a raft, cracking a zombie code, completed a fitness test. This week they have begun writing survival guides to assist any survivors stranded in the wild. Some amazing guides have been designed by Leigha Pope, Awais Amjad and Nicholas Hillman in 5V, Sandis Rungis, Adama Kouyate and Natalie Longhurst in 5C and Frederick Mummy,



Lewis-Jay Ardley and Sofia Pohlodkova..

In maths, we have been converting between fractions, decimals and percentages and next week, the year 5 students will bring this into the real life context of shopping and we are very excited that it is HALF-way through the term. Maths champions of the week are Spandan Rai and Jaiden Peachey in 5C, Samuel Sullivan and Casey Perez-Lumbreras in 5V and Emese Daijka, Katalin Volniansky and Leo Copping in 5M.



In science, the year 5 have been exploring the nature of fair testing through experimenting with gravity and air resistance under the topic of Forces. They have also been coupling this alongside the journey of a river.

# Year 6

Children are enjoying their topic World War 2. The children will have an opportunity to watch the film and discuss key issues like evacuation and rationing. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the children are going to Kent life in Maidstone. They will have the chance to dress up as an evacuee and have a first-hand experience of ww2. It will be an enriching experience for all the children. In Science the children have been learning about the circulatory system this week. They looked at the functions of the heart. They had great fun using the stethoscope to measure their heart rate after exercise and understand why the heat rate goes faster. We have been reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' based on World War 2 and the children have shown fantastic understanding of the character's journey as an evacuee. We worked on a balanced argument and children have shown a thorough understanding of how to write a fantastic argument. Children are improving their choice of vocabularies and are using high quality sentences in their writing. Most pupils are making good progress with their Maths. With a positive mind set, children are able to overcome barriers in their learning and are keen be challenged.

Children who have worked exceptionally well this week are: Wiktorija Davidova and Jessika Jeneilova from 6HD. They have produced some great quality writing. Well done to Valeria Pohlodkova, Jakub Kata and Billy Ray Peachey for their exceptional effort with their learning in class. There are some children who have shown great attitude to learning; they are Ronie Bavington, Katie Morgan, Jessica Bourne and Klara-MarieTrojanowska, Alicia Ives, Tina Southgate and Sophie Richards. A special mention to Oliver Lane for his amazing personality and his hard work and for bringing a smile to Mrs Dillon's face every morning. for making the right choices and moving on with their learning. Lastly well done to Pzemy Szarek for changing his mind set and for being positive. It's been a great journey and it feels great to see the children moving on with their learning. Keep it up.

