

Leckhampton News & Views



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Do the 'write' thing!

School Council are pleased to present the second issue of 'News & Views'. We have been discussing lots of important issues including travel and how we can improve our way of travelling to school safely.

For our next edition, as well as all your usual contributions, we would like any budding chefs to send in their favourite recipes for our new recipe feature! Please send all your articles to:

schoolcouncil@leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk

So do the 'write' thing, pick up your pens and pencils and get writing!



Barnaby's off on his travels again!



After a quiet Autumn, Barnaby Bear embarked on an exciting adventure with Erin from Class 5. This is what she wrote:

Barnaby goes to China

In the Easter holidays Barnaby visited Shanghai, China with Erin. He went on a jet plane. He saw both new and old China and his highlight was visiting the Pearl Tower in the centre of Shanghai.

If you are going on holiday or visiting somewhere interesting and you would like to take Barnaby Bear then please contact Mrs Edden. You must, however, be prepared to complete a page for his book which is kept in the Key Stage 1 library.



Miss Porter- A woman on a mission! By Lily Marland- Class 8

Q: What is your favourite sport?

A: I don't watch a huge amount of sport but I do enjoy running. I usually take Izzy my dog with me to keep me company.

Q: How old are you?

A: A lady never reveals her age!

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have two pets; a dog called Izzy who is 7 years old and a horse called Molly who is 21. They are both real characters!

Q: What books do you like to read?

A: I love reading! There are some amazing children's books out there which I enjoy. I do have a soft spot for the Bronte sisters' writing though; Jane Eyre is my all time favourite.

Q: What shoe size are you?

A: I am a size 4 ½ but my trainers are a size 5.

Q: What is the best thing about being a head teacher?

A: There are so many great things about being a Headteacher especially here at Leckhampton. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful team of staff who work so hard and children who are great fun to teach.

Q: What is your favourite country?

A: That's a tricky one! I have enjoyed

visiting lots of places near and far. I don't think I could choose a favourite. I especially love hot and sunny places.

Q: What is your favourite colour?

A: Purple.

Q: Do you feel scared when you're doing assembly?

A: I was a little nervous on my first day as there were over 400 faces in front of me. It did help that they were all smiling though.

Q: How did you feel when you joined our school?

A: I knew that I was joining a very special place when I came to Leckhampton. I am incredibly proud and very privileged to be the Head-teacher of such a wonderful school.

Q: What job would you like to do if you were not a teacher?

A: Something fashion related I think. Editor in Chief of Vogue magazine would suit me nicely!

Q: What sort of music do you enjoy listening to?

A: I listen to all types of music from classical to music in the charts. My iPod goes everywhere with me, even to school as music helps me to concentrate.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Italian food is my all time favourite. I make a rather tasty pollo carbonara.

*****Miss Porter – Thank you for taking time to answer all these questions.*****

In the next edition of News and Views we are looking forward to finding out more about Miss Sullivan who has been interviewed by Emily Eyre and Anna Preece. We will also be finding out more about the St David House Captain, Mimmy Murton, who has been interviewed by Annabel Wood.

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Lots of you have been doing the 'write' thing at school and at home!

In Year 4 the children have been enjoying reading different kinds of poems including Haikus, Kennings and Limericks. Here are some examples they have written for you to enjoy:

Yorkshire Nonsense (Limerick)

A girl from Yorkshire once said,
"Is it possible to eat my head?"
Her father said "No,
If you did it would show,"
So instead she ate her bed.

By Martha Edden—Class 10

Autumn Leaves (Haiku)

Leaves Rustling,
Throwing them about,
Underneath my feet!

By Flo Ballinger— Class 10

Harrison (Kenning)

Rude eater,
Constant moaner,
Sings terribly,
Bossy speaker.
Football lover,
Happy player,
Never dazes,
Constant fun.
Trouble maker,
Loud screamer,
Bossy speaker,
Knowledge seeker!

By Edgar Gaze—Class 10

Year 2 have been enjoying writing and solving riddles. Can you guess what these riddles are about?

I wiggle.
I eat soil.
I can be wet or dry.
My home is in the soil.
What am I?

By Billie Buxton- Class 5

I am brown as soil.
I like to go to bed.
I'm as furry as a rabbit.
You can cuddle me.
I'm a type of bear,
But I don't growl!

By Abi Rowsell- Class 6

Year 1 have written super poems as part of their 'In the Garden' topic:

Red, beautiful growing poppy,
swaying in the wind.

Red sparkling poppy, standing
proudly in the wind.

Lovely red poppy in the
garden that reminds me of
soldiers.

Scarlet red poppy dancing
about in the wind.

By William Dobson- Class 4

Peter enjoys writing stories at home as well as at school.

The mystery thing.

Once upon a time there lived Mum and Jake. They were very poor. That night he heard something tip toeing .So he got out of bed and grabbed something it was Joe the fish.

He put him back in the tank. So he got back into bed and was grumpy.

That morning he started to make traps. Then his Mum said 'come and eat your breakfast.' He heard something creaking up stairs he wondered if his traps went off.

So he stopped eating and went up stairs to see what had happened. His Mum was cross that he had stopped eating. Jake did not like his Mum now but he had caught something in his trap. It was a green goblin! He slowly muttered to the goblin 'What are you doing here?'

'My Dad said there were aliens on another planet so I went to see for myself!' answered the goblin. Jake said 'We're not aliens, we're humans.' So the goblin went back to his planet and told his friends. They all lived happily, on their own planets, ever after.

By Peter Chad - Class 6

Year 6 have been writing thought provoking poetry:

Why?

Forced to perform in front of
hundreds,
Why?

To make money or you think
its funny,
HA! We don't think so.

New York, London, Moscow
and Rio that's where we
perform,

I dance, Monkey juggles and
Elephant falls from the top
of the tower,

Our parents were taken
away from us,
Shining lights hit my eyes
and I don't know what to do.

Forced to perform in front of
hundreds,
Why?

To make money or you think
its funny,
HA! We don't think so.

I get whipped, he gets hit,
We're all in this together,
They call me the Dancing
Bear,
HA! I don't think so.

By Joe Conway- Class 13

In Year 5 we are writing persuasive texts in Literacy. The pieces have been edited and improved to perfection! Here is Raiph's attempt to persuade Mrs Connolley to ban homework, I hope it persuades the teachers to let us have no homework! (Intro by Isabel Bullows) :

Homework should be banned!

Homework should be banned! Firstly, because children are busy growing up and homework reduces family time, causing more stress for parents and stress causes arguments between a family. This leads to irritation in class and that makes your job harder and our lives difficult. Secondly, teachers need family time too, marking and setting homework takes away this time meaning that life becomes sheer work leading to boredom throughout the day.

Some may argue that homework is for educational purposes, but this ignores the fact that teachers are working hard to educate young children and readying them for later life *inside* school, covering all areas of learning. Children also have a chance to learn even more with a tutor, also readying them for later life. With these two sources of learning put together children don't need homework to be added to their busy schedule. The conclusion is that because of the reasons above, homework should be banned.

By Raiph Ackroyd— Class 12

I wonder if Raiph's argument was persuasive enough to influence Mrs Connolley?! Do you have any views on homework? Write in and let us know.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN & THINK



Traffic seems to be a hot topic at the moment for everyone including our children! It appears that the children have some very clear ideas about how to stay safe, ways we can help and the benefits this could bring. We hope you enjoy reading their advice and persuasive writing.

Recently, School Council and the Travel Committee have been concerned about road safety around our school. Please could Parents help everyone to stay safe by;

- trying to avoid parking cars on the zigzag lines or double yellow lines or humps.
- not blocking other people's driveways.
- please parking further away.
- being considerate about pedestrians.

By James Pearne and Isabel Bullows (School Council Rep), Class 11

Road Safety

I want to try to persuade you to walk a bit more and drive a bit less. I have three reasons for trying to do this. Firstly, a major worry is our health. It is well known that being inactive leads to many serious illnesses and premature deaths. Is this what we want for our family and friends? 30 minutes walking a day can greatly improve our overall health. This might be the same length as the journey to and from school. Children who walk have been shown to have better concentration in school.

The second reason is for your safety. While we feel safe in our comfy cars, driving in areas where there are lots of children can have very serious consequences. This especially applies to 4x4s because when these hit someone, they are twice as likely to kill them as a normal car. See www.Brake.org.uk My third reason is to preserve our amazing (at the moment) environment. If we carry on as we are, carbon dioxide emissions are expected to rise hugely between the years 2013 and 2030. This will have detrimental effects on people with asthma, on global warming and almost certainly we will start to run out of fuel. (That'll mean cold homes!)

In conclusion, I think that we all need to rethink the way we travel short distances. In 2005, The Department of Transport found that 25% of journeys in the car were less than 2 miles long. To reduce this percentage might mean making some difficult changes (e.g. setting off a bit earlier; buying a bike; sharing walking duties with friends) but in the long term we will be happier, healthier and safer. I hope I have expressed myself clearly and I hope you agree with me but if you don't then please say why to school council or the travel committee. Thank you.

By Ben Gilchrist Class 12

Wildlife Quiz Report

By James Pearne & Matthew Smith Class 11

On Tuesday 19th March 2013, Matthew Smith, James Pearne, Ben Gilchrist and Lottie Maurice went to St James' Primary School for Quiz 1 of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's British Wildlife Quiz for primary schools.

In the first round of the quiz, we had to work in pairs to come up with the correct answers. The score at the end of round 1 was 7/8 to Leckhampton and 8/8 to St J's. We found round 1 relatively easy, but as we soon discovered, it got harder! Round 2 was the first of two individual rounds, so we weren't allowed to confer. The score for round 2 was 7/8 to Leckhampton and 7/8 to St J's. The total score was 14 to Leckhampton and 15 to St J's. Round 3 was picture identification, and for this round we were allowed to confer as a team. There were some really challenging pictures in this round, including heather, which we guessed was foxglove. The score was 5/8 to Leckhampton and 5/8 to St J's. Round 4 was another individual round, and the scores were 5/8 to Leckhampton and 7/8 to St J's. The total score was 24 to Leckhampton and 27 to St J's.

Round 5 was the dreaded specimen round, where we were given items to identify, a bit like the picture I.D. round but with real stuff. The score was 7/8 to us and 8/8 to St J's. Our total scores were 31 to Leckhampton and 35 to Saint James'.

Netball Champions!

By Pippa Crompton– Allison Class 14

Last term, Leckhampton Primary School's netball team went to Pates to play matches against lots of other schools. The weather was absolutely terrible! We played lots of matches, even though it was raining.

The A team were very lucky because as the rain got harder they had finished all their matches so they got to go inside but the B team still had two more matches to play. They did not give up, they went on and won 3 and lost 1. Afterwards, all the schools gathered in the canteen, sopping wet!

The B team won a medal for winning out of all the B teams. The A team also won lots of medals and had to play one final match which they won. They also went on to win the tournament and the league and are through to the county finals!

We would like to thank Miss Sullivan for organising this.

School council would like to wish Miss Sullivan and the netball team the very best of luck and we look forward to hearing all about the county finals in the next edition of News & Views!

You've been framed!



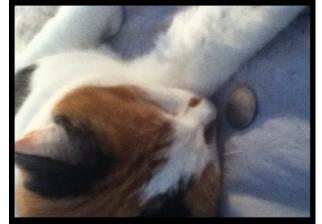
These are my cats Freddy and Poppy asleep on my bed.
Daisy Davis, Class 6



This is my dog Minnie, looking very pretty with a bow.
Daisy Lewis, Class 5



This is my dog Roly. He is wearing a cape that my class friend Alice Green gave him.
Toby Thompson, Class 3



"10p that's my final offer!"
Maddie Dalgleish, Class 13.



This is my dog Gertie, reading before she goes to bed. She loves the pictures and is snug in her sleeping bag.
Murray S. Class 10



"Please could someone turn the tap on for me I don't have any thumbs?!"
Harriet S. Class 13



'Ooh a new climbing frame!' This is my rabbit Charlie. He was always looked bored so I made him a climbing frame but he thought it was a thing to chew on!
Isaac Buttle, Class 6

Another big THANK YOU to School Council and all of our super writers for a fantastic edition of News and Views. Please keep writing and sending us your articles, photos and comic strips.
Miss Gray (Editor)



Dinner's Served by James Reay Class 11

Joke Box!

Why do seagulls fly over the sea?
Because if they flew over the bay they would be called bay-gulls!

Why did the tomato turn red?
Because it saw the salad dressing!

What did the water say to the boat?
Nothing- it just waved!

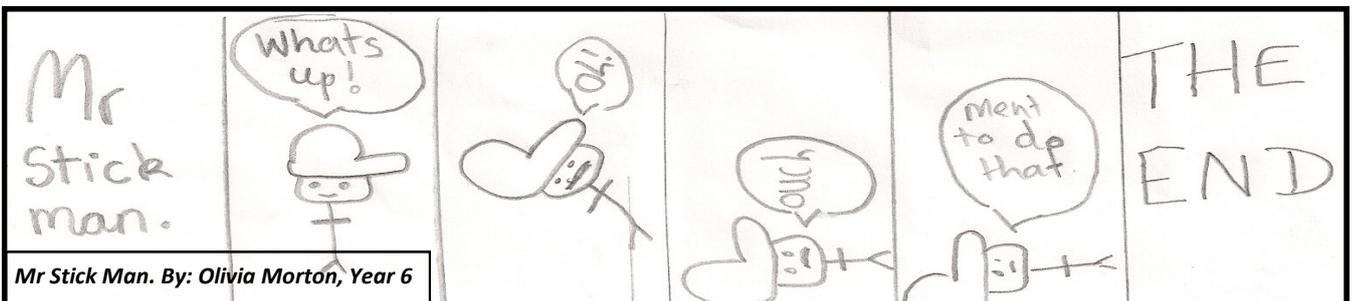
Why don't skeletons fight each other?
They don't have the guts!

Why was the maths book sad?
Because it had too many problems!

Why did the golfer wear 2 pairs of pants?
In case he got a hole in one!

Teacher: Now class, whatever I ask you, you must all answer at once. What is 6 + 4?
Class: At once!

By Harriet Sanderson- Class 13



Mr Stick Man. By: Olivia Morton, Year 6