

News & Views



Leckhampton
C of E Primary School

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Do the 'write' thing!

School Council are pleased to present issue 3 (the first edition of this school year) of 'News & Views' - the newsletter written by the children of Leckhampton, for the children of Leckhampton!

We asked you for your news and views and we have been really pleased with the response- thank you!

For this edition, School Council decided to run a special Halloween writing competition and we received lots of amazing spooky stories. We had a lovely time reading all of your stories but we had a tricky job judging them as they were all so good! After much deliberation we chose a winner and runner-up from each phase and we have published their stories for you all to enjoy!

Remember your stories, poems, news, recipes, jokes and photos for our next edition can be emailed to:

schoolcouncil@leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk

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

Freddie and Jack did the 'write thing'! They wrote in to tell us their interesting news...

Mud Glorious Mud!

Freddie Janta-lipinski and Jack Johnson from Year 4 completed the 5km mud run at Eastnor castle and loved every minute. Have a look at the mud....



Our Editor - Miss Gray Rabbit woman!

By James Pearne (Class 13) and
Benjamin Gilchrist (Class 14)

Q: What is your favourite subject that you teach?

A: As my degree is English Language and Literature I have to say, Literacy would be my ultimate choice, but I love teaching all subjects. Since becoming a teacher I have learnt so much through the variety of topics I have taught from Volcanoes to Ancient Greeks through to Famous Faces and Castles!

Q: What's your favourite book?

My favourite children's books include; The Borrowers series, by Mary Norton, the Mrs Pepperpot stories and all of Roahl Dahl's books. One of my favourite adult writers is P.G.Wodehouse

Q: What's your favourite food?

I have to confess that my all time favourite treat is chocolate and I am particularly partial to Maltesers! My favourite main meal is a roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings. I also love pizza and pasta, and to finish my favourite desert is Eton Mess!

Q: Have you got any pets?

Currently, I have two rabbits called Bruno and Eva. Bruno is quite shy but Eva is very mischievous and will eat anything! The most rabbits I have ever

owned in one go is nine! I have been known to go to Pets at Home to buy hay and food for my rabbits, and come out with more rabbits!

Q: Where were you born?

I was born in Dover which is in Kent. My house was very close to Dover Castle and from my window I was lucky enough to have views over the sea and the famous White Cliffs of Dover.

Q: What was your first job?

When I was a student, I worked in the Summer holidays and, living in Dover, I had some exciting jobs. I worked in a cruise terminal as a customer services assistant helping passengers on and off the Cruise ships. One Summer I worked as a member of the ground crew for a hovercraft company- I couldn't be a cabin crew member as I get too sea-sick! My favourite Summer holiday job was working at Dover Castle. I gave tourists guided tours of the secret war time tunnels, which were rumoured to be haunted- although I never saw any ghosts thankfully!

Q: What do you like doing (other than teaching)?

I love writing children's stories, swimming, going to the cinema, shopping and meeting my friends. If I wasn't a teacher I would love to be an author, meanwhile I am enjoying editing News & Views which is satisfying my journalistic tendencies!

Q: What's your favourite place that you've ever been to?

I love being in my back garden relaxing with my rabbits! I also like Oxford, Bath and Edinburgh, one day I would like to visit Italy. And of course, I love being in my classroom with Class 6!

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School Council have been busy finding out about different children's responsibilities around the school.

Meet our new House Captains:



St Andrew

**House Captain: Guy Mitchell
Vice Captain: Zoe Robinson**



St David

**House Captain: Benjamin Chesworth
Vice Captain: Beth Candish**



St George

**House Captain: Harry Hope
Vice Captain: Polly Saunders**



St Patrick

**House Captain: Laurie Ewles
Vice Captain: Kate O'Toole**

Young Leaders



Here are just some of our 'Young Leaders'. Over the coming weeks they will be helping our younger children with supervised playtime activities and leading the whole school in 'Wake and Shake'

School Council



If you don't know who your School Councillors are, this is us (left to right): *Back row:* Maddie Jones, James Pearne, Martha Edden, William Morrison. *Middle row:* Charlie Jones, Joe Devlin, James Estelrich, Lester Peyman. *Front row:* Catherine Smith, Miles Agg, Emma Curtis, Raphaela Cooper, Eleanor Whalley, Charlie

Sports Monitors



Luca Briano



Olivia Rook



Katie Estelrich

Halloween Writing Competition

Phase 1 winner– Harry Mitchell (Class 4)



A fright in the night!

Once there was a boy. The boy was sleeping, then he woke up! There was one ghost so the boy wasn't afraid. So the boy went back to sleep. Then he woke up and there were loads of ghosts. The boy fainted, then the ghosts fainted!

Phase 2 winner– Jack Denley (Class 6)

The Haunted House

There once lived a spooky ghost, a bony skeleton and a wicked witch. They all lived together in a haunted house on a mountain. Inside the haunted house there were lots of orange pumpkins with old bones inside! In the bedrooms it was even spookier because it was really dark and there were loads of cobwebs in the corners.



That evening they all went out to the haunted woods and they cast a spell on a fat frog. The frog turned into a broomstick. They all climbed onto the broomstick and flew away into the sky. They didn't get home until midnight. They cooked green soup and wiggly maggots for tea. They gulped it up. It was delicious (for them!)

Phase 3 winner– William Eyre (Class 11)

The True Story of the Playhouse.



William and I had a chat and he agreed that his story was so spooky and chilling that it might not be suitable for our younger readers! However, if any of our older readers would like a copy of William's super story please come and see Miss Gray.



Halloween by Charlie Sinclair, Class 8

Monsters are scary, yes they are,
And they eat sticky tar.
Witches cast spells,
And get water from wells.
Bats flutter in the night,
But be careful, Vampires bite.
Ghosts wail, people turn pale.
Woooooohh, Happy Halloween!



Q: Why did the skeleton feel the wind so badly?

A: Because the wind blew straight through him!

Q: What did the ghost teacher say to her pupils?

A: "Watch the board children, and I'll go through it again!"

By Mrs Davis, Class 6

Q: What happens when you see twin witches?

A: You don't know which witch is which!

By Emma Lodwig, Class 6



Eco Matters

ECO Council – What do we do?

The Leckhampton ECO Council is responsible for many things including:

- Ensuring ECO monitors empty compost and milk cartons daily
- Checking that lights, computers and whiteboards are switched off when not in use
- Organising campaigns like 'Switch-off fortnight' and 'Waste Week' every year
- Conducting an annual Environmental Review on the impact of changes made
- Monitoring electricity usage throughout the year and producing charts
- Reporting back to their classes about new initiatives
- Deciding on equipment from the 'Let's Grow' campaign
- Organising litter picking

Every ECO Council member is given an enamel badge when they first start. They automatically become a member of The POD – an online e-zine – packed with information, activities and games designed to encourage children to take an interest in their environment. ECO Council will be explaining their role to the whole school during the World Awareness Assembly.

Mr Seeley



Leckhampton v Swindon Village

On Tuesday 15th October Leckhampton's netball squad played Swindon village's squad. Swindon village won the toss up and chose centre pass. We intercepted the centre pass and play moved quickly up towards our shooting area where Danny took the first chance to shoot but sadly it missed. It was two more shots before Olivia scored the first goal for Leckhampton. That settled us down and soon after that Olivia got two more goals and that bought us to the end of the first quarter. With some good defending from Katie E and Zach, we were leading.

In the second quarter they started again and some good defending from Olivia. Then play moved up to Angus who got a chance to score but unfortunately he missed. Again play moved down again to their shooters but fortunately Olivia, Danny and Katie D worked together to get back up the court to Angus who made a successful pass to Kate who scored an amazing goal. This put Leckhampton to a 4-0 lead. Straight after Kate's first goal Swindon village began to pull back but with some good defending. We battled strong with some good play and Kate, Angus and Katie D pulled out another shooting chance for Kate who successfully scored. The second quarter ended with a 5-0 lead for Leckhampton. Once the first centre pass was taken our shooters (Katie D and Zach) managed to get the ball up and have a go at shooting, unfortunately we missed a couple but then a couple of minutes later Katie D scored our 6th goal. Swindon Village got some chances to shoot but our defenders (Kate and Angus) kept the ball away. That quarter was the hardest one.

Olivia took the first centre pass which went to Katie E and then to Danny we had some chances to shoot but we weren't successful. Swindon village held the ball and got some shooting chances but missed both times. Finally Zach and Katie D managed to pull it out to Olivia who then passed to Katie E, who made a successful pass to Danny, who scored from right under the post that goal lead us to a 7-0 lead. Then Zach intercepted; he was literally flying through the air! Play moved down the court to Katie E, who was right under the post, then passed to Danny who scored a great goal from the edge of the D. That ended the final quarter. Leckhampton won the match 8-0. We would like to thank Miss Sullivan for organising the match.

By Danny Tilley and Olivia Rook

**Woodmancote A v Leckhampton A**

On the 25th of September Woodmancote Primary played Leckhampton Primary at Woodmancote. It was even within the first five minutes but a goal by Harry Hope got Leckhampton off to a good start. Harry then scored again after Max Amiry's low drive.

In the second half the game was again even, but good play by Luca Briano set up Edgar Gaze who finished neatly. Robert Smith dodged the keeper before blasting the underside of the bar and ricocheting out of play. Robert then hit the top corner of the bar, not forgetting Finlay Dagnall's shot which hit the post. The resilience of Jack Beard, Sami Horwood and Danny Tilly was then broken when Woodmancote booted the ball down the pitch and the ball went past the keeper Laurie Ewles. Laurie Ewles then slipped allowing the Woodmancote striker to make it 3 2. Then in the last minute the referee gave Woodmancote a free kick and unfortunately the captain scored. Even though it was 3 3, we would like to thank Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Carbin for organising it.

By Robert Smith and Edgar Gaze

Keep on running!

On the 10th of October, Leckhampton Primary School went to Old Pat's to run in a cross-country race. This course was on flat surface but there were quite a few hard turns and alleyways. For quite a few people this was their first run. First up were the girls, and it must be said Olivia Rook got off to a good start. The girls made it short and sweet and with Louisa Holland on form it was going well. Anna Maddocks, one of our key runners was initially at the back of the pack but luckily she got back in the race and quickly moved up the field. Now it was nearing the end and we could see the first runners sprinting down the home straight and to our delight Olivia Rook came in third place.



Then the boys started. Oliver Beaney was in the lead but was being eyed by his opponents! Sami Horwood unfortunately took a slip and dropped back. Edgar Gaze was keeping up the pace at the front in about 10th Position. As the race progressed the boys vanished behind the field. There was lots of hope for the boys and for lots of them it got less scary along the way! Then the first few boys sprinted towards the finish line closely followed by our very own Oliver Beaney, stretching his body to the limit. He ended up in a well deserved position. As more runners crossed the finish line the next of our boys to be seen was Sami Horwood in 45th. Not long after that Edgar Gaze finished in 54th, with a good final sprint. The next few boys came in soon after with Thomas Abbott in 64th, James Maddocks in 68th, William Morrison in 69th, Harry Garbutt in 71st and Noah finishing in 76th. In the race was a total of 170 boys and 143 girls. Everyone enjoyed going along and representing the school. We would like to thank Mrs Taylor for organising the race and getting us ready for it. Well done to everyone who ran in the race.

By Sami Horwood and Edgar Gaze