



Leckhamptonbulletin

C of E Primary School

Week
ending 8th
April 2022

Lunchtimes

We have been developing our lunchtime provision to support the development of a variety of skills at lunchtimes. Different ages of children have been enjoying developing their physical skills in different ways.

The youngest children have been enjoying circle games and parachute games, whilst the older children have enjoyed practising their skipping, both individually and as a group using the long skipping ropes. The older children have been playing football and practising their netball and basketball shooting skills, as well as improving their skipping.

We have recently introduced a 'calm zone' at lunchtimes, where children may go to enjoy some 1:1 pastoral support from Miss McAlary, our Wellbeing Teaching Partner or to enjoy some more practical activities. We plan to further extend this provision in the coming weeks through the development of a tropical garden, adjacent to the playground, which children can enjoy some peaceful moments, away from the bustle of the playground.

With the warmer weather just around the corner (we hope!), we are looking forward to further extending this provision onto the field.



Pupil Parliament

The children from the Learning Ministry have been working with Mrs Taylor to begin to evaluate the learning in school. They have visited classrooms to gain a better understanding of what the learning environment is like for different year groups and discussed as a ministry what learning can look like. Subsequent discussions have reflected their insightful comments and sensitivity to different learning stages. This was a valuable learning experience for the children and is enabling the Leadership Team to better understand learning from the children`s perspective. We plan to extend this work in the Summer Term.



Fundraising Initiatives

We are very proud of a group of children who have recently initiated a number of fund-raising projects to raise money for the Ukraine. These include:

Rosie-May Alcock who raised well over £1500 by singing to the racegoers during the Cheltenham Festival.

William, Ollie and Hattie Forbes who have initiated a non-uniform day to raise money for the Red Cross. Freya and Holly Bodenham, Lucy and Imogen Thompson and Maisie Scott who are busy making loom bands which will be on sale to Key Stage 2 after school in the Summer Term.

Non Uniform Day

On Friday 8th April, we will be holding a non-uniform day, where all children are invited to wear their own clothes. All money raised will go directly to the Red Cross to help those in need. We understand that children`s levels of awareness and understanding about the current situation in Europe varies greatly, which is why we have elected to support this charity. All payments should be made directly through Parent Pay.

Lost Property

We are encouraging all children and parents to check the lost property box, located under the canopy outside Birch Class, Year 1. Any items not claimed by the end of term will be recycled in the school shop where possible or disposed of. We would be very grateful if parents would support us in ensuring that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, as well as all bags/lunch boxes etc. This will enable us to return a greater volume of lost property to the rightful owner. Thank you.

Cross Country

The School cross country team have taken part in several cross country events during this academic year. All the children performed well, with the Year 6 girls' cross country team achieving particular success, with 4 of the girls being selected to represent Cheltenham at the Primary Cross Country County Championships at St Edwards Prep School. They are: Bonnie Shirlaw – 10th

Ciara Balsillie – 9th

Maisie Scott – 6th

Delilah Bickerdike – 4th

Unfortunately, due to illness, not all the girls were able to compete at the county event, but Maisie was selected to represent Gloucestershire at the National Championships on 26th March.

Congratulations to everyone who has represented School – we are very proud of you! Our thanks go to Richard Simpson for overseeing many of these events.



Football

Following an amazing victory in the Cheltenham Schools event, 8 of our amazing girls football squad set off to Cardiff to represent Cheltenham Town F.C. and compete in the prestigious Premier League Primary Stars under 11's Girls Regional Competition in a bid to reach the national finals in May. We performed incredibly well, winning 4 and losing just 1 match and were agonisingly close to making the finals, falling just fractionally short on goal difference. The girls left with their heads held high after a thrilling experience that they'll never forget and we couldn't be more proud of them all!



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