

Newsletter



October



Last year's Gardening club aided by Mr John Braithwaite (our Gardener and Assistant Caretaker) planted some pumpkins. After weighing them at school the three heaviest pumpkins went into a Pumpkin Competition which was held at the Duke of York, Leysters on Sunday 24th September. The three heaviest pumpkins in school were as follows:-

- 1st—Ella 6B with a pumpkin weighing 31 lbs
- 2nd—Luka 4NT with a pumpkin weighing 26 lbs
- 3rd—Christina 4C with a pumpkin weighing 16 lbs

Congratulations to those children and to everyone else who entered and a big thank you to Mr Braithwaite who transported the pumpkins to Leysters. Pumpkin soup anyone?



Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd October	Year 6 Experience Day at EMC	
Tuesday 3rd October	Meeting for Year 2 parents SATS	2.30pm
	AGM for the PTA (new members welcome)	3.00pm
Wednesday 4th October	Year 3 Pedestrian Training	
	Year 5 Parental Engagement (parents welcome)	2.00pm
Thursday 5th October	Year 1 Victorian Day (come in uniform and get changed)	
	School Photographer in (8—8.30 for family groups)	
	Earl Mortimer College Open Evening	6.00pm
Friday 6th October	Non Uniform Day	
	Harvest Festival—Year 3 parents invited	2.30pm
Tuesday 10th October	Red Ridge talk for Year 4 parents	6.00pm
Wednesday 11th October	Nursery Play & Stay session & slideshow (parents welcome)	9—9.30am
Monday 16th October	Diwali week for Early Year Foundation Stage	
Tuesday 17th October	Reception Open Morning	9.30—10.30am
	Meeting for parents (School priorities)	5.30pm
Friday 20th October	Reception slideshow (parents welcome)	3.15pm
Monday 30th October	Flu Vaccinations Reception—Year 4 pupil	
Tuesday 31st October	PTA Halloween Cake Sale	3.15pm



Looking Ahead

Wednesday 1st November	Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd November	Parents Evening
Friday 3rd November	Full House Friday (non-uniform)
Tuesday 7th November	Nursery Open Morning (9.30—10.30am)



If you have any spare uniform we would be very grateful to receive it, particularly trousers, skirts and spare underwear. Thank you



Tropical Inc Visit LPS

Year 4 at Leominster Primary School became a tropical rainforest for the day on Thursday 21st September. Stephen Rowlands of Tropical Inc arrived with his assortment of animals and gave the children a talk all about rainforests. Stephen has always had an interest in animals and as a child growing up Wales shared his home with snakes and tarantulas! As well as being able to get up close to the animals the children then had a chance to stroke or hold the animals which proved very popular. A thoroughly informative and session which both the children and staff enjoyed.



Popcorn Brownies—Why not have a go at making these popcorn brownies? Always get an adult to help you.

You will need the following:- 100g of sweet popcorn, 80g of self-raising flour, 300g of icing sugar, 40g of cocoa powder, 300g of dark chocolate, 180g of unsalted butter, 4 tsp golden syrup, 1 tsp vanilla extract, 4 eggs, 300g of white chocolate buttons.



To make the brownies:-

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas mark 4. Line a baking tin with parchment paper.
2. Sift the flour, icing sugar and cocoa powder into a bowl and set aside.
3. Add the dark chocolate, butter and golden syrup to a pan and place over a low heat. Heat until the chocolate melts, then add the vanilla extract and stir to combine.
4. Carefully crack the eggs into a bowl and whisk until pale and fluffy.
5. Slowly fold the warm melted chocolate mixture into the eggs, then gently fold in the flour mixture until fully incorporated.
6. Add the white chocolate and 50g of the popcorn. Pour the mixture into the lined baking tin and bake in the oven for 30 minutes.
7. Remove the tray from the oven and allow to cool. Once the brownie is cool enough to handle, remove from the

Nursery & Reception

Our new children in Reception and Nursery have settled in well and what a delight they are to have at our school. There are a lot of events coming up in both Nursery and Reception over the next few weeks, these are listed below.

Wednesday 11th October

Nursery Stay and Play session 9—9.30am (parents welcome)

Week commencing 16th October

Diwali week in Nursery and Reception

Friday 20th October

Slide show for Reception parents 3.15pm

Further details to follow, we hope to see you soon.



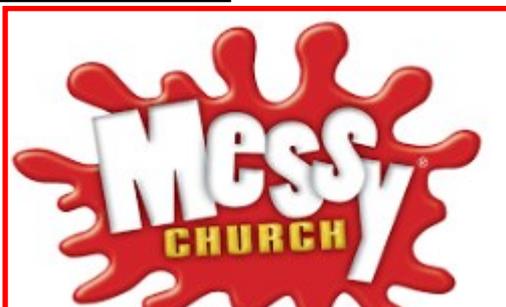
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Suggestion Box

The eagle eyed amongst you may have spotted the red suggestion box in the foyer near the school office. Please feel free to place any comments, questions and requests into the box, we value your input and all suggestions will be read. Thank you.



Messy Church will take place at Leominster Priory on Thursday October 19th from 4—6pm. Messy Church takes place every month and includes crafts, games, a Bible story, science activities and lots of fun for families of all ages. It finishes with a meal for everyone and is free. Donations and cakes are always welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information phone Kathy



Year 6 trip to Bircher Common

On Friday 22nd September Year 6 pupils went to Bircher Common. We went for a walk going past a swing which hung from a tree branch. Everyone had a go if they wanted to, most people did because it was so much fun! We went past horses and their riders. One horse had a beautiful ombre tail that swished through colours of white and brown, another a lovely chestnut coloured horse had a beautiful mane. We saw tons of fluffy sheep grazing in the lush grass on either side of us. There were many hills and bumps to negotiate, yet when we finally reached the top of each hill there was a fantastic view. Once we trudged down a very narrow path and ended up covered in mud and we also took a wrong turn and had to re-trace our steps but we all made it back safely to the bus!

Eleanor & Ruby 6F



Operation Christmas Child

In previous years we have participated in Operation Christmas Child, a charity that distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts for needy children around the world. This year we would like to invite each class to participate in filling a shoe box and ask each child in the class to bring in a gift for the box, please see below for ideas:-

- Toys—Include items such as dolls, stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.
- School supplies—Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books etc.
- Hygiene Items—Toothbrush, toothpaste, wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.
- Other items—Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets.
- Please do not include—damaged items, war related items, chocolate or other food items, liquids or lotions, medicines, sharp objects, mirrors or glass containers.

If your child wants to bring in a filled shoebox of their own this is not a problem. We hope that we are able to fill at least one shoebox per class. Please ensure items are brought into school by Friday 10th November.

Thank you for your help.

