



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 3
Autumn 2023-2024

Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

13th October 2023

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mr Dakin or Mrs Crane) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mr Dakin or Mrs Fillingham
- We have children with nut allergies so please remember our school is a nut free school
- Mobile phones must not be used within the school grounds
- If you drive your children to school, please park responsibly on the surrounding roads

Attendance

Whole School attendance to date: 95.61%

w/c 2nd October

Class with the best attendance:

Ladybird Class with 97.12%

100% attendance: Well done to Harrison who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 117 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

w/c 9th October

Class with the best attendance:

Owl Class with 99.26%

100% attendance: Well done to Ollie who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 126 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

Theodore's adventures with Milly:

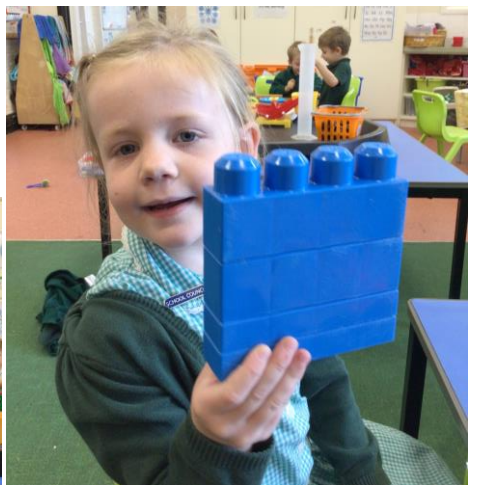


Ladybird Class

This week the ladybird class had a surprise visitor in the classroom. A troll called Tony had been to see the classroom and had left a mess behind. The children have enjoyed using instructions within our English learning to try and catch the troll.



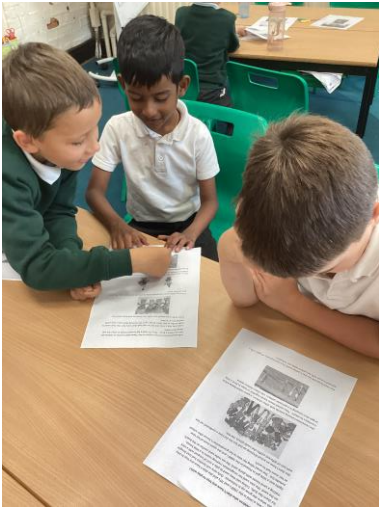
To support their oracy development reception ladybirds have practised creating their own stories using a classroom object that they have chosen for themselves.



Rabbit Class

History

We have been enjoying our learning surrounding our topic 'How have children's lives changed?'. We have enjoyed learning all about toys in history. We explored a toy handling box from a local museum and also researched and compared toys from the past and now.



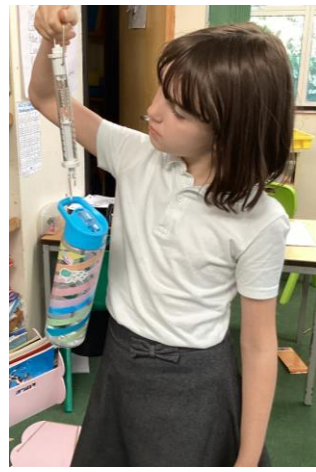
Harvest

We have enjoyed creating some artwork ready for our harvest festival. We created strawberries using tissue paper and wrote a positive affirmation on the back to remind people to be thankful for being just who they are!



Owl Class

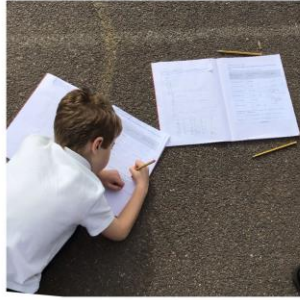
Our science unit this term is forces, we have looked at different types of forces. In this lesson we learnt about Sir Issac Newton and then used Newton meters to measure a force. We made predictions and to ensure our results were accurate, we repeated each of them twice.



RE

This term we have been learning all about Islam. We have been connecting our learning by thinking about what Muslims may celebrate compared to what we celebrate. We have also made links to Christianity, thinking about fasting, pilgrimages and religious places. In our most recent lesson, we looked at the 5 pillars of Islam and made connections to other religions we know about.

Badger Class



We have been learning about Forces in Science, with Air Resistance being our focus. We discovered that air resistance is a type of friction between air and another material, which slows objects down. We experimented with sheets of card, big books and umbrellas to see if an object's surface area would affect the amount of air resistance we feel when running.



In Art, the children have been learning how different colours can be represented with sounds. This week, we grouped up to create a small composition consisting of little 'motifs' for each colour on one of Mark Rothko's paintings.



Dragonfly Class

Computing

This term we have used our skills when searching the internet to be able to effectively locate information, revisited some of the key messages to help us stay safe online and have begun developing our coding skills. We have learnt how to simplify code to make the algorithm as efficient as possible. Our coding lessons have been an excellent opportunity to show our school values of endurance and as well as respect and friendship when supporting each other to be successful.



English

Having completed our invented 'Defeat the Monster' stories, we have begun work on a non-chronological report all about the Quantock Gurt Wurm. In our learning we are developing our use of openers and cohesive devices, adjectives to give information, prepositional phrases to give precise information, accurately using punctuation and writing using formal language. To help us write effectively in a formal

style, we spent time internalising sections of the text. In particular, we focused on developing actions for openers and complex sentences.



Support for parents

Somerset Parent Carer Forum is offering courses to support parents who may have concerns about their children's needs.

Topics covered include:

- Emotional based school avoidance
- Establishing routines and using visuals
- Helping your child with sleep difficulties
- Social stories
- Managing behaviour that challenges
- Helping your child through transition
- Helping your child manage their anxiety
- Helping your child understand the changes that come with growing up
- Understanding sensory differences
- Supporting communication through play

For more information, visit: <https://somersteparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/>

BLSA Meeting

Wednesday 18th October, 8pm, The Lethbridge

The BLSA will be meeting on **Wednesday 18th October, 8pm at The Lethbridge** in the village and would welcome all parents and carers to attend. We would like to engage as widely as possible with parents and carers to get their views on what is important to them and what they would like from the BLSA.

The meeting will also be looking to elect a new Chair of the BLSA. If any parent or carer is interested then please email the BLSA bishopsllydeardsa@gmail.com

Harvest Service with a difference

Following pupil voice, we would like to do something different this year. The children would like to have a greater impact in the community. Rather than having the Harvest Service in the church, we are going to do a Harvest Collective Worship in school. We are inviting residents from Dunkirk House to celebrate harvest with us. The children will be singing and creating artwork and poems for the residents to take back to Dunkirk House. We will still be collecting donations for Taunton Foodbank - please bring in items on Thursday 19th October.

Christmas Cards

Order forms were sent home with children this week. Please order online using the details on the card. The **deadline for orders is next week: midnight on Wednesday 18th October**. Orders will be delivered free to school.

Swimming

We have been informed that refurbishment works are due to start at Wellington Pool after half-term. Unfortunately, this means that our planned swimming lessons for Badger and Owl classes have had to be cancelled as there is no availability at other Taunton pools. Children in these classes will be prioritised for swimming lessons next year.

Tax-Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can use it to pay for breakfast club and after-school club sessions as well as nurseries and childminders.

For more details, to find out if you are eligible and to apply online, visit:

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Flu Vaccination, all year groups

The NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to offer the flu vaccination spray. If you would like your child to have the vaccine and have not yet given consent, please visit <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu> by 17th October. The school code for the form is **SM142402**.

Please remember...

Please ensure your child brings their reading book, reading record, water bottle and coat to school every day.

We are having to photocopy books for children to read as books are not being returned.

Many thanks for your support.

Gold Book w/c 2nd and 9th October

- Ladybird** Rory for working independently in his maths this week. Mabel for using her phonics in her writing and remembering to use a sound mat.
- Rabbit** Elodie for developing her growth mindset and confidence when working independently. Freddie for deepening his knowledge and understanding by helping others within the class.
- Owl** Ethan for his changed attitude to learning. Ksusha for showing resilience when work becomes hard. Charlie for attending collective worship.
- Badger** Lincoln for showing a great learning attitude throughout the week. Jaida for showing enthusiasm and a love for learning. Jack for showing a growth mindset and enjoyment in learning. Navayah for showing confidence in contributing her ideas.
- Dragonfly** Freddie for brilliant, detailed description in his writing. Luca for improved focus and effort. Kerys for fantastic independence in maths. Joseph for great detail in his writing. Molly, Leo S and Dylan for fantastic effort in all lessons. Dawson for fantastic explaining in Maths. Rosie for excellent awareness of a spelling rule.

Dates for your diary

October

Monday 16 th October	Dragonfly Class Swimming
Monday 16 th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th October	Flu Vaccinations – all year groups
Wednesday 18 th October	BLSA Meeting, 8pm, The Lethbridge
w/c 23 rd October	Half-term



November

Wednesday 8 th November	Clifton Suspension Bridge Years 3 and 4
Thursday 9 th November	Clifton Suspension Bridge Years 5 and 6
Sunday 19 th November	BLSA Quiz night, Lethbridge, 7.30pm

December

Monday 11 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity, pm performance
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity, am performance
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Carol Service
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	BLSA Christmas Disco



QUIZ NIGHT

with Quizmaster Pete

SUPPORTING BISHOPS
LYDEARD CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday
19th November

at the Lethbridge Arms
Quiz starts at 7:30pm
(kitchen not serving food)

£2
per person
Teams of up
to 6. Cash
only



To book in your team contact
Sarah Dimond 07368 380523
Or bishopslydeardsa@gmail.com



FREE*

Christmas Festive Food Workshops

Bishops Lydeard Village Hall, Mount Street, Bishops Lydeard, TA24 5BJ

Enjoy making simple Christmas food with your friends and family...

These workshops are taking place as part of the annual Village Christmas Festival.

Come and join in the fun. Take part with your friends and family, and learn how to create some easy Christmas food. Great ideas for gifts for the festive season.

Fun activities for all ages!

What do I need to know?

- ✓ Free for those 19+ who are unemployed, earn less than £25,000 per year, live in Somerset, have lived in the UK for the last 3 years or who have refugee status.
- ✓ Fees apply for those who do not fit this criteria.

*Please see our website for eligibility information.


Saturday 2nd December: 11:00am – 13:00 | 1 Session

Saturday 2nd December: 14:00am – 16:00 | 1 Session

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**Bishops
Lydeard
LP
players**



Present An Evening of

"Comedy & Variety"

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st October 2023, 7.30 – 9.30pm
Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

Come and join us for our comedy and variety October production, which will be presented on two evenings.

The first half of each evening will be a selection of acting and musical sketches by members of the Youth Group, age 6 - 15, to showcase the talents of this lively team of up-and-coming Players.

The second half will be a one act comedy play '**Alas Poor Geoffrey**' by Alistair Faulkner, performed by an all-female cast from our Adult Group. The play is set in the 1960s. A family gathers in a comfortable suburban home for the funeral of Geoffrey, who leaves behind grieving female relatives. But it soon becomes clear that there is some disharmony in the household. This is a comedy, full of intrigue and misunderstandings with wartime memories and family secrets.

Both the Youth Group 6 - 15 years, and the adult group 16 and above, welcome new members. Contact us on Facebook if you would like more information!

Tickets: Adult £8; Under 14 £4

NEW FOR 2023! We now have an online system for ticket purchases,
www.ticketebo.co.uk/bishops-lydeard-players
or via the link on our Facebook page

For all other enquiries, please message Marion: 07761 688564
Bar available at all performances (Cash only)



October - Inspired Sports Camps



23rd - 27th October



Schools:

- Northgate - Bridgwater
- The Blue School - Wells
- Woolavington Village Primary - Nr Bridgwater



£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount



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