



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of our first half term of 2021 – and the six weeks have flown by! Unlike the Spring lock down, which came somewhat as a surprise, this current period of restriction has definitely proved more challenging for all. Not least due to the fact that we have experienced what has become the 'norm' in the middle of winter.

Week on week, parents and children have continued to work together in partnership which our team at Lakeview to ensure that learning is taking place and children are having the opportunity to engage with the peers, where possible from home. I want to take this opportunity again to thank you for your continued support throughout this challenging time.

As we start the half term break, it is still unclear when school will fully re-open. I want to reassure you however that the teaching team are working hard together to continue to plan engaging lessons for children to learn going forward, be it remotely or in school.

After only thirty days in school as the new Head Teacher, I can say with conviction that I have become part of an amazing team who have the children's learning, engagement and wellbeing at the heart of everything they do. In return, the children I have met, both remotely and in school, are a delight to be around. They are polite, have a fantastic attitude to learning, are proud of their achievements and a credit to their parents. As a Head Teacher there is nothing more you could want for.

I wish you all a good half term break and hope that in my next newsletter I am able to write about our plans for children returning to school.

Kind regards

Jackie Normanton

With access to libraries, classrooms and bookshops limited this site has found some of the best online storytimes for children to access freely at home. There are QR codes and links to story readings on Youtube and all of the books are read aloud by their fabulous authors and illustrators.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>





The children took part in Safer Internet Day last week which focused on the theme of “An internet we trust: exploring reliability online”. They have taken part in activities both at home and in school, exploring how they can identify what to trust online and who to tell if they

are unsure. It feels like a really important time to be learning about internet safety as so many children are spending more time online through remote learning.

One of the activities that Year 4 took part in was to become ‘internet detectives’. They had to find a variety of information online and see whether they thought it was reliable or not. Archie Shepherd, from Mallards class said, “I found out not everything is reliable on the internet. You should not just trust something on first sight you should always check with someone first.” Bailey Ani-Ok from Herons said, “I have to make sure that what I am doing online is safe and if I am not sure then I should ask someone that I trust.”

We also ran a poster design competition to all year groups. The winner from KS1 was Gracie from Toads with this fantastically bright poster! The winner from KS2 was Sophia from Eagles class with this really creative and informative design. Both winners will receive 3 merits and their posters will be posted onto the school Facebook page.



Gracie



Sophia



Festival of Literature has occurred on-line over the last 2 weeks and the children have enjoyed listening to authors and taking part in live Q & A sessions led by the authors who have been talking about the books they have written and leading.

Ellen Warner from Eagles Class and Lakeview School had a shout out, as Ellen had her question read out and answered on the live author sessions! Anna McNuff, who wrote the book ‘100 Adventures To Have Before You Grow Up.’ has recently had a baby (2 months ago). Ellen asked: Are you planning on taking baby Storm on any adventures?

It was really special!

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https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland



TT Rockstars Whole School Times Tables Competition

Over the last two weeks, the children of Lakeview have been competing to win the title of TT Rockstars Timestables Champions in a TT Rockstars competition between the year groups.

Year 3 and Year 5 took off at a frightening pace leaving every other year group in their wake. Could they sustain the effort as they fought it out for 1st and 2nd place?

Year 6 had other ideas! As the children responded to their teachers' rallying call, Year 6 took their rightful place at the top of the pile during the week, fighting off constant pressure from the Year 5 team.

And what of Year 4? Not to be outdone by their neighbours in Year 3, the Year 4 team, spearheaded by a determined Heron, started to make their move, leapfrogging the Year 3 team, into 3rd position.

As all this unruly jostling for position was going on, the Dragonflies and Butterflies combined to make a push up the leaderboard. As can be seen from the final standings, their determination and hard work has paid off, earning them an amazing 4th place in the inaugural TT Rockstars Year Group Competition! A big well done also has to go to the Year 1 competitors as they continued to participate in the competition. Can they be future winners ready to make their mark?

And so the race is done... the Battle of the Bands has come to an end! After two weeks of hard work, resilience and teamwork, the Battle of the Bands Champions for Spring 1 are ...

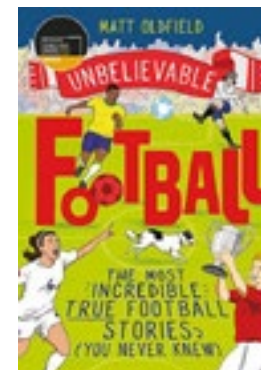


Well done Year 5 – The Winning Year Group.

What we are learning at Lakeview

Year 6

This week, the children in Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in the 'Festival of Literature' where they have been able to hear from three different authors: Matt Oldfield who wrote 'Unbelievable Football', Anna McNuff author of '100 Adventures to Have Before You Grow Up' and Onjali Q. Raúf who spoke with the children about her book 'The Night Bus Hero'. The children have been really excited by these books and their work has shown this love of books with brilliant questioning skills along with fantastic inference and deduction as well as linking other subjects such as PSHE and Computing into their work as well. Copies of the books will be waiting for the children to enjoy when they return to school!



Like children across the school, the Year 6 pupils have become embroiled in a bitter feud with the rest of the school to see who can become the TT Rockstars champions in a battle of fastest brains and fingers!

It's been a pleasure to share their enjoyment for their learning through these books and this competition especially but we have also loved seeing the children's resilience, independence and creativity throughout their work whether it's English, Maths or simply a quiz during one of our daily live sessions- well done Year 6!

Some examples of Year 6 work

Name 3 of your favourite adventure books.	The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton Charlie and the chocolate factory by Roald Dahl Matilda by Roald Dahl
Which adventurers can you name? Do you have a favourite?	Huckleberry Finn, Gulliver's Travels, Moby Dick, Three Musketeers and Tarzan. My favourite would be Mowgli out of Jungle Book because he has fun adventures and animal friends.
Do you think it's important to have a thirst for adventure? Why?	I think it is important because it can be really fun and exciting and it's a once in a lifetime experience that you'll remember forever.
Why is it important to plan carefully before going on an adventure?	It's important because if you don't plan you might not have the right equipment, food and clothing for it and it may be dangerous.
When you have completed an adventure how do you feel?	You might feel happy relaxed and proud of yourself for doing the adventure and you'll have happy memories.

The adventure is building a den and sleeping in it!
People can take part in it around the world because all you need is sticks or a tent or a blanket to make your den, even snacks, and lots of pillows if you chose! You can make your den in your house or even in your back garden!

Use this

If you're sleeping outside cover your den with leaves to keep the cold air out
You'll need warm clothes if you're outside
You may want a midnight feast so get your favourite snacks
To make it extra cosy get all your blankets, pillows, teddies or even fairy lights!
Bring a book, to help you get to sleep
Take photos to make a scrap book
Create a backpack of the things you may need



Lacey - 100 Adventures

An interview with Alireza Heiranvand



Once you have read the chapter 'The Shepherd boy who stopped Ronaldo', you are going to be interviewing Alireza by asking him some in-depth questions about his time playing football.

Use the question matrix to ask better questions.



Hi Alireza, thank you to agreeing to be interviewed.

Hi. No problem at all, what would you like to know?



How did you get your career started?

I left Sarabias and on the bus ride to the capital city I started talking to a coach of a team and he offered to let me go and train with his team and then after a lot of different football teams I went to the under 23s and then to Iran national under 23s squad I had become Iran's 1st choice keeper and then I led my team to the 2014 world cup and then the 2018 world cup.



How did you go from being a striker to a keeper?

My teams keeper got injured so I stepped in and I turned out to be a great keeper and my secret weapon was my arm someone filmed me catching a cross and then launching it 70 yards up the pitch to set up one of my teammates who was by the other goal and it went viral.



What has been your greatest achievement in football?

I am proud of everything I have done from the journey to the end result and like I said "I suffered many difficulties to make my dream come true but I have no intention of forgetting them because they made me the person I am today."

Sophie

Year 1

The Year 1 team have been blown away these last few weeks with the home/school learning done by the Year 1 children. We have loved seeing you on Google Classroom every morning for a story, show and tell and class assembly each week. We would also like to take the time to say a big thank you to all of the Year 1 parents for supporting us this half term.

We were amazed at all of the creativity you showed during our Be Creative week. You took on each challenge in your own imaginative way. We were so happy that you enjoyed the book 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds and we just loved seeing how it inspired you in your Art work.



The children have made a great start to our topic 'Step back in time' and have enjoyed looking at how transport, toys and school life has changed over the past 60 years.

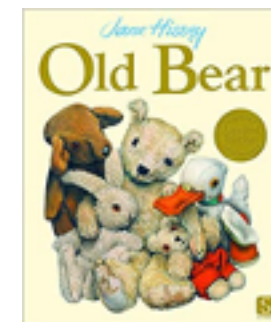
They have been getting even more creative by building cars and rockets with materials they can find around the house - **see the photos on the next page.**

Some of the children even had a go at making play dough and followed a recipe where they had to use their measuring skills learnt in Maths to help them.



In English the Year 1 children have spent the last three weeks looking at the book 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey.

They have done amazing work around this book including predicting, answering inference questions and showing off their team work skills with their family. They then had the chance to write their own story based on their favorite toys from home. The outcome of this blew us all away and we now believe we have some very promising young authors in our classes.



We look forward to seeing more of your incredible work and lovely smiles. Have a wonderful half term.



WHY NOT TRY OUT SOME OF THESE CHALLENGES OVER HALF TERM!

- How many socks can you pair in one minute? Submit your best attempt!
- Throw a piece of A4 paper into a bin. Most spectacular throw wins.
- Egg drop: Drop an egg from the greatest height without it breaking – you can protect it with only 3 items found at home.
- Build the most impressive bridge you can from items at home.
- Build a story character using just fruit and vegetables.
- Disguise a fruit as another fruit!
- Create a photographic alphabet using objects around the house that resemble letters. For example:
- Wiggle a biscuit from your forehead into your mouth in the quickest time.
- Make the tallest freestanding tower from items in your house.
- Draw a self-portrait using condiments only!
- Make the longest word you can using only the letters in your school's name.
- Throw a teabag into a mug from the furthest possible distance.
- Perform your favourite book using what you have at home.
- Make a mess on a sheet of paper – the most magnificent mess wins!
- Write down as many slippery things you might find in a garden as you can think of.
- Write the longest list of words that include the word SHED.

- Find something that looks like an animal but isn't in any way an animal. Most animal-like non-animal wins. Toys, models or cuddly toy animals do not count.
- Change the colour of a glass of milk.
- Using only one slice of bread, make yourself the best eyebrows, moustache and beard before sending in a selfie or yourself.
- Design your very own ice cream and give it the best ice cream name ever!
- Build a tiny house using only things you can find at home.
- Make or draw a rainbow without using pens, pencils or crayons.
- Make the ideal breakfast or brunch and send in a photograph.
- Make a fort that can fit at least 3 people in it.
- Camouflage yourself before revealing where you're hidden!
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- Build the longest bridge using only recycled paper, cardboard and tape.
- Take an impressive photograph.
- Paint a picture whilst blindfolded!
- Make an object spin for the longest time possible.
- Memorise one of your favourite poems.
- Draw an upside-down self-portrait using crayons.
- Create a new handshake.
- Make the best paper aeroplane. The furthest flight wins.
- Score a goal with a pair of socks and a carrier bag. Most creative goal wins.
- Without lifting your pen or pencil from the page once, draw a terrifying monster.
- Turn your bed into something that isn't a bed.
- Transfer water between two bowls without moving either of the bowls.
- Spell your school name using objects that start with the same letter e.g. an apple for A, balloon for B...

ENJOY THE CHALLENGES