



**Children and adults are at the heart of our school;
Our school is at the heart of our community.**

Armistice Day

Lakeview School fell silent on Armistice Day, with pupils and staff remembering the sacrifices made by our armed forces. In their classes, children learnt about the meaning of Remembrance and the significance of the poppy. They made a range of beautiful wreaths using different materials and skills.

Then, we gathered on the playground. We marked the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month with the traditional two-minute silence and we listened to The Last Post. Children from each class laid the wreaths as a mark of respect. Showing respect was our visible value in school this week. The wreaths and further photographs from our Remembrance assembly are displayed in the school foyer.



Message from the Head Teacher

In the past week, there have been many exciting events happening at Lakeview.
Please read on to find out more.

November Parents Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended our remote parent consultations during the week of 8th November 2021. We had an excellent response and consultations were held with parents for 78% of pupils over the two days. The teachers conducted 186 parent appointments on Monday and 168 appointments on Thursday. As we have trialled a new system for booking appointments and hosting virtual parents evening, we have obtained parent feedback to gauge your views and consider what improvements we need to make

Comments received:

Positive:

- Great System
- Clear, good timings, very happy.
- Brilliant, better than telephone calls.
- Easy to use, no issues. Nice to have face to face.
- Good for keeping appointments on time.
- Nice to be on video, felt more personal.
- Good System, however video wasn't working.

Even better if:

- Time slots too short. Times could be extended
- Would be nice to come and see children's work and displays.
- Calls have abrupt endings. Endings were more subtle
- Both parents to be able to access separately at the same time.
- Would like a few more parents evenings through the year.

We plan to host a Spring parents evening in March to update you on your child's progress and will aim to address the feedback we have received.

To enable you to see your children's work and displays, we are inviting parents in to school at the end of each term to enable children to share and celebrate their learning with you (See Useful Dates for dates and times)

Year 1

Year 1 November Learning Newsletter

In the last few weeks the children in Year 1 have been looking at their local area and then began to compare it to Russell in New Zealand. The children blew us away on our field trip around Wixams and made sure to show our school values when walking around our local community. The children were then introduced to the terms human and physical features and began to use the correct vocabulary when talking about the similarities and differences between Wixams and Russell.



In English, we have been focusing on the book *Monkey Puzzle*. The children have loved reading this book and were able to retell the story to their peers. They made sure that when they were retelling the story that we were using the correct vocabulary from the book. The children did this so well that they then began to act out the story and performed it in small groups to the rest of the class.

Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard this term already with lots happening. We had a Dragon on our playground when returning from half-term which CCTV can be seen here: <https://www.lakeview.beds.sch.uk/page/?title=Dragon+on+the+playground%21&pid=101>

We then had a brilliant trip to Kenilworth Castle where we had the chance to find out about the use of castles and the specific history of Kenilworth and how it has impacted on life in this country today as the Tudors were formed due to the siege of Kenilworth. We could not have been prouder of the children for the questions and the respect shown to the volunteers and the castle with the way they moved around. We were unfortunate to be stuck at Kenilworth because of the bus breaking down but the children again embraced the challenge and we all returned safely. We have also been asked to help Kenilworth create a new leaflet for children the same age as we were the first school to visit in two years. We will be busy preparing these over the coming weeks ready to send them to Kenilworth. We are also busy working on our enterprise items to sell at the Christmas fayre and are practicing for the Christmas performances in December! Look forward to seeing you all at these two brilliant events.



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Year 2 trip – Thank You to Parents

I would like to thank parents and children for your amazing spirit, smiles and patience last week. At the end of an amazing day, the children had a delayed return to school due to transport problems. Despite this, and the fact it was way past their bedtime, our children skipped back in to school with big smiles on their faces, to meet mummies and daddies. Thank you too for the many kind emails of thanks to the team for hosting such an fantastic experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs Normanton



Year 6

EFL Football

*****Tournament Winners*****

Two teams of Year 6 boys were fantastic ambassadors for our community at a local football tournament this week (15th November). The children were participating in the EFL Cup- a competition which eventually leads all the way to playing at Wembley Stadium. Both teams displayed sportsmanship, perseverance and determination in abundance and were always the first to touch elbows with the opposition at the end of each game and thank the officials.

One of the two teams were overall winners and proceeded through the tournament without losing a game, eventually winning the semi-final and final on penalties. Congratulations to all involved, especially those who will now have the chance to represent the school at the next stage of the competition as they move one step closer to Wembley!



Early Bird Club

Before half term, Mrs Oliver asked Year 6 if they would like to support our new Early Bird Club. This club supports those children who find it a little tricky coming into school or leaving a loved one at the gate.

The Year 6 pupils had to apply for the position of 'Meeter Greeter' and twelve children were selected from a huge pile of applications. Our lovely pupils are meeting and greeting children on the KS1 gate and walking them to their classroom. The to set children up for the day before heading to class – happy, calm and ready for learning.





Magical Music!



This term it has been wonderful to see and hear so many children learning to play musical instruments. So far this year, we have piano, violin, drums and guitar teachers who work for the Bedfordshire Music Cooperative. Specialist teachers come into school and work in small groups, pairs or one-to-one teaching a huge variety of instruments. If you are interested in learning any instrument (even if it isn't listed above), please visit <https://www.bedsmusic.coop/lessons>







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