

NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing 10 February 2025

This week from the Headteachers-

On Tuesday, the children learnt all about staying safe online, if you have been hearing about the pop-up gremlins this will be why. Staying safe in a digital age can be hard to navigate so we will be sending our Online Safety PowerPoint to you all to provide some extra support for keeping your children safe online.

The school was filled with superheroes this week for Reception's Inspirational Day. It was particularly lovely to see so many real-life superheroes and to hear the children discussing the attributes of a superhero. We have also seen some amazing writing in Reception during this topic, it has been a joy to see and hear the children so inspired.

This half term has been jam packed with magical learning experiences, we hope that you are able to have some downtime over the half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 24th February.



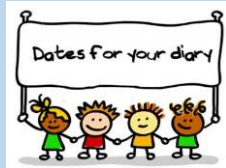
Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams
Co-Headteachers



Diary Dates

To view the latest calendar please follow the link below-

<https://letchmore.ovw9.juniperwebsites.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2,3,4,5,6,1&pid=9&viewid=1>



Thought of the Week

If you can
dream it,
you can do it.

Walt Disney
Walt Disney



Attendance:

This weeks overall attendance is:
97.25%

The winner of this week's attendance award is
Kingfisher with 100%

Please be aware that we have taken into account illness and exceptional circumstances.

This week at Letchmore Infants' and Nursery School

This month's value:

Independence

What can you do independently?

For all the news on this weeks events in school follow the link below to our Latest news page-

<https://letchmore.ovw9.juniperwebsites.co.uk/news/?pid=9&nid=2>



Important Information

- Please find below links to some useful free courses and information for parents/carers-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/add-vance-14054405963>

<https://spaceherts.org.uk/training/>

<https://procfu.com/nepubbooking>

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LETCHMORE PTA NEWS

FundRAISIN' Challenge Winners

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations in our recent FundRAISIN' Challenge. Across the school we raised over £950 which is absolutely amazing, and a big increase on last year. Well done to everyone for taking part! As we raised so much money, and because there was only 1p difference between the two classes that raised the most, we have decided to have two winners this year. We are pleased to share that the classes that raised the most are... drum roll... Wren and Barn Owl! Congratulations to both classes, and we hope you enjoy your in-class movies with a popcorn snack later today! And again, a massive well done to all of the classes - we were blown away by your generosity. Certificates will be handed out to all classes in today's assembly.

World Book Day - Letchmoreish Delight Bars

Letchmoreish Delight Bars are back by popular demand this World Book Day, Thursday 6 March! For new families to Letchmore, this event is where you can buy a chocolate bar and if you are lucky enough to find a sparkly ticket inside - you win a top prize! Letchmoreish Delight bars are only £1 each, and there is no limit to the number of bars you can buy. NEW this year - avoid disappointment when chocolate bars sell out and pre-orders yours in Arbor! Pre-orders are open until the 1st of March, and bars will be given out at the end of the school day on World Book Day. Bars will also be available to purchase on 6th of March after school at our event stall outside the office.

We have loads of great prizes to be won, including tickets to Willows Farm and the Roald Dahl Museum, book bundles, signed books, vouchers and much more. Good Luck!

YOU COULD WIN...

FAMILY TICKET TO
THE DISCOVERY STORY CENTRE

FAMILY TICKET TO THE
ROALD DAHL MUSEUM

2 X TICKETS TO WILLOWS FARM

EVERYONE ACTIVE VOUCHER

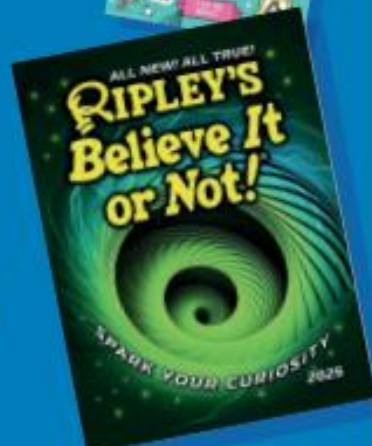
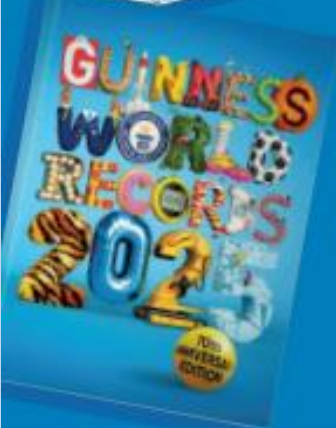
SIGNED BOOKS BY
LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON

NINA PEANUT
MERCHANDISE

GUINNESS
BOOK OF RECORDS

RIPLEY'S
BELIEVE IT OR NOT

BOOK BUNDLES



GET INVOLVED THIS WORLD BOOK DAY...

LETCHMORE INFANTS'
AND NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

BUY A CHOCOLATE BAR,
FIND A SPARKLY TICKET



& WIN A TOP PRIZE

PRE-ORDER ON ARBOR BY 1st MARCH
BARS WILL BE RELEASED ON
WORLD BOOK DAY 6th March

No limit on the number of bars you can purchase. Bars also available to buy on the day, but PLEASE pre-order to avoid disappointment!

WIN TICKETS, VOUCHERS, SIGNED BOOKS & MORE!



This week at Letchmore Infants' and Nursery School

Curriculum News & Pupil Voice

This week's curriculum news is brought to you by Greenfinch class.

We have had a lovely week in Greenfinch class learning all about China.

We started the week locating China on a world map. We were very good at remembering the oceans and continents we learnt about last week.

Next we compared Beijing with London. We looked at different landmarks and even had a go at making some of them.

Finally we watched a video about the life of a little girl who goes to school in China. We compared her day at school to a day at Letchmore.

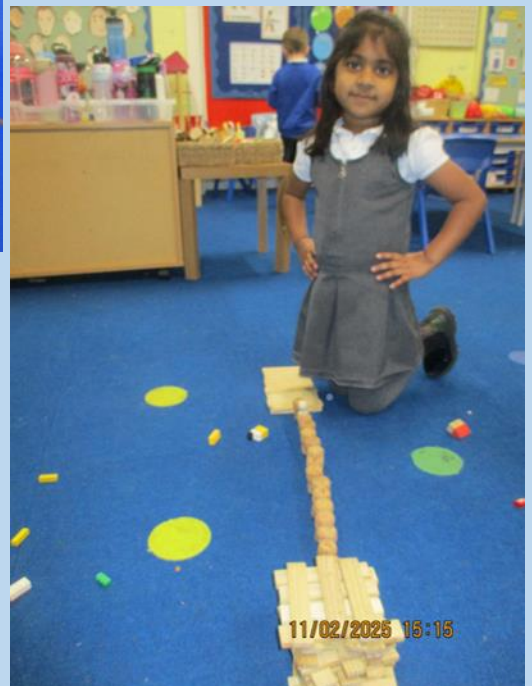
During our own learning we have built the great wall of China, explored Chinese artefacts, made paper lanterns and had a go at writing using Chinese symbols.

Pupil Voice-

'The Chinese school had 4000 children in it and 50 in each class!' Harry
'They didn't have any play time, at break time they all did exercise together' Tate

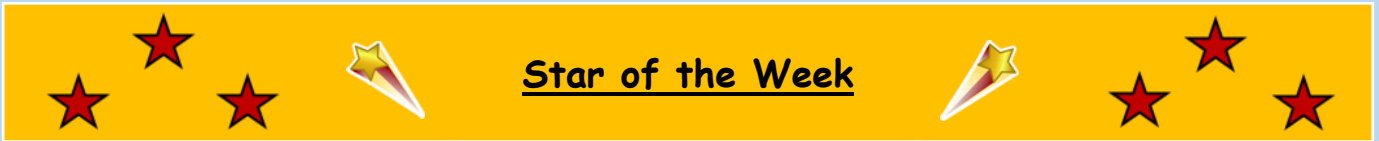
'The children weren't wearing uniforms,' Hope.

'They were using chopsticks to eat their lunch' Ocean



Celebration Corner

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<p style="text-align: center;">Hummingbird</p> <p>Freddie for being creative when using the construction kits.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sparrow</p> <p>Isla-Sage for good counting when paying hide and seek.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Woodpeckers</p> <p>Beran for joining in with counting rhymes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Starling</p> <p>Isobel for always doing her very best in all her learning. Eliana for not giving up when writing her tricky words (3/2/25)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wren</p> <p>Isabella for the progress she has made with her reading - fantastic!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kingfisher</p> <p>Jenson for super reading and progress. It's a pleasure to share his book with him!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Goldfinch</p> <p>Nellie for her hard work in all subjects. Nellie listens well on the carpet and is always answering the questions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chaffinch</p> <p>Sebastian - for making lots of good choices this week!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Greenfinch</p> <p>Sophia for always making great choices during 'Busy Time'. I love the book you made this week!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owl</p> <p>Ollie for his lovely imagination when he became the alien character in class.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owl</p> <p>Isla for her beautiful Hindu bride and groom picture.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Barn Owl</p> <p>Yasmin for working so hard to extend her writing and always checking it.</p>



<p style="text-align: center;">Goldfinch</p> <p>Rory for consistently working hard on his writing. Your days of the week work was fantastic!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chaffinch</p> <p>Jasmine - for some excellent subtraction on a numberline!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Greenfinch</p> <p>Ocean for amazing sentence writing this week. Your handwriting is getting very neat.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Snowy Owl</p> <p>Beau for his amazing story in his own independent writing book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tawny Owl</p> <p>Katerina for working incredibly hard at extending her writing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Barn Owl</p> <p>Reve for working hard to produce an interesting alien adventure story.</p>

Celebration Corner- Continued



Values Champion



<p>Hummingbird Grace-Pride and concentration for taking pride in her work and creating patterns.</p>	<p>Sparrow Thrilokh- Not giving up for practicing pedaling the bike.</p>	<p>Woodpeckers Anjana-Independence for putting on her own apron.</p>
<p>Starling Kyan -Not giving up-for putting on his own super-hero costume without any help.</p>	<p>Wren Vihanna courage for speaking up when things are bothering her.</p>	<p>Kingfisher Alyssa didn't give up when Investigating different ways to make a value. She used the equipment well to try various combinations.</p>
<p>Goldfinch Naria - not giving up Naria has been working so hard on her writing this half term and is using the sound mat to put words together.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Anastasia - (Love & care) for helping others making their split-pin dragons!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Kaylum- not giving up Kaylum has worked incredibly hard on his writing this half term and is now producing great independent sentences.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Lina for always trying her best in all her learning.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Florence for always having impeccable manners.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Feben for never giving up and always being enthusiastic in her learning.</p>



Sports Achievement



<p>Starling Jeppe for using his body to create big dance movements and performing it to the class.</p>	<p>Wren Neave for listening to the beat and moving in time during our dance lesson.</p>	<p>Kingfisher No PE due to superhero day.</p>
<p>Goldfinch Tobias for excellent yoga - following the instructions carefully to make each pose.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Sebastian for being great at following instructions in P.E this week!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Airah for brilliant yoga this week. Thinking hard about balancing when in different positions.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Grace K for her lovely dance routine for our circus dance.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Ruby for her amazing dance routine and keeping the beat of 8.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Ella for listening carefully and performing an excellent circus dance.</p>

Celebration Corner- Continued



Birthdays

Nursery-

Harvey 5th February

Leah 10th February

Reception-

Amber 6th February

Tyler 6th February

Year 1-

Hugo 10th February

Year 2-

Carter 5th February

Archie 6th February

Annabelle 10th February

Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



Isaac and Lennon winning at football this weekend!
Well done!



If you have any achievements you would like us to share
please email admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

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SAFER INTERNET DAY - 2025



The annual Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday, February 11th**. This year's theme is **'Too good to be true? Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online.'**

Internet Matters has created **Can you find the fake online?** an interactive game, that can be played at home to support recognition of fake information. You can select an age-appropriate quiz (under 11s, 11-13s, 14+) to play as a family (parents/carers versus children) to learn and test your knowledge on what fake news, disinformation and misinformation is and how to stop it from spreading.

You can access the game [HERE](#)

GUIDES AND TOOLKITS

There are some excellent guides and toolkits being produced for parents/carers on a whole host of areas of online safety and digital safeguarding. These are being highlighted as particularly useful:

Second hand phones and devices - Learn how to make the most of older devices to help children learn responsibility and find guidance on steps to take to keep them safe.

My Family's Digital Toolkit - A free personalised resource which gives age-specific advice, advice to deal with specific concerns, recommendations for digital tools to support children's interests and more.



WHAT IS 'DOOMSCROLLING'? ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Internet Matters have published a useful article for parents and carers focussing on **doomscrolling**. This term refers to the habit of continuously scrolling through negative news online, which can significantly impact both mental and physical health. The article provides valuable insights for parents on how to recognise if their child is doomscrolling and offers practical tips to help prevent this behaviour. Understanding and addressing doomscrolling is crucial in promoting a healthier online experience for our children.

You can read the full guide [HERE](#).

INSTAGRAM TEEN ACCOUNTS

Meta and Instagram have announced new measures they are putting in place to protect teen users. "Teen Accounts: Built-In Protections for Teens, Peace of Mind for Parents. Meta states that any new accounts created by users 13-16 will automatically be put into a more restricted teen account which has built in protections which are:



- **Private accounts** - new accounts default to private. This applies to all teens under 16 (including those already using Instagram) and teens under 18 who sign up for a new account. However, currently this relies on users being truthful with their age. Instagram state they will be testing new technology with U.S. users at some point next year which will estimate age.
- **Sensitive content restrictions** - teen accounts will be placed into the most restrictive 'sensitive content control' setting.
- **Limited interactions** - users can only be tagged or mentioned by people they follow. Offensive words and phrases will be filtered out of comments and DM's (private messages).
- **Time limit reminders** - users will get notifications telling them to leave the app after 60 minutes each day.
- **Sleep mode** - Notifications will be muted between 2200 and 0700.

These settings can be turned off/on but users (16 and below) will have to set up **parental supervision** and those parents have to approve the changes. New features within parent supervision includes ways to see who their children are talking to (but not the content of those messages), setting daily time limits, blocking specific time periods and see topics that children are looking at.

This link explains these new features [HERE](#).

ROBLOX MAJOR SAFETY UPDATES.



In November 2024 Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. The rollout has already started and will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include:

- Limits to how children under 13 can communicate.
- Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather from the child's device (remote management).

To see an explanation of all the new features visit the Roblox website [HERE](#).

You can also see the full guide to Roblox parental controls on the Internet Matters website [HERE](#).

DIGITAL LITERACY GUIDE - INHOPE

Funded by the European Union, InHope have released a new Digital Literacy Guide which is aimed primarily at teenagers, but may also be useful for parents and carers

The guide is a free download (no sign-up required) and goes into lots of areas such as "Know your Device", "Interacting Online", "Seeking Help" and more.



You can find the guide [HERE](#).

The information in the newsletter is given to help promote the safety of children and young people online.

Every care has been taken to ensure the information and any recommendations in the newsletter are accurate at the time of publishing. Schools must make their own judgements when sharing our recommendations with parents and carers and, where appropriate, always risk assess with their pupils and whole school community in mind.

This newsletter is brought to you by the HFL Education Wellbeing team as part of their online safety support for schools and settings in Hertfordshire. Contact the team at wellbeing@hfteducation.org or call 01438 544464.

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Struggling with online selling? Easily sell your pre-loved items in person within your local community!

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First Saturday of every month.
Next event: Saturday 1st March

13:00 - 16:00

Pin Green Play Centre
Hampson Park, Webb Rise
Stevenage
SG1 5QU

*Stalls from £10, subject to weather outside
stalls with gazebos also available.*



Contact:

bookings@clareslittlebears.co.uk

COVID-19
**DAY OF
REFLECTION**
9 MARCH 2025

Covid Day of Reflection

Sunday 9 March 2025

11am – 2pm

We are marking the **Day of Reflection**

Junction 7 Creatives, Event Island, Town Centre



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For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not

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- Distressed Behaviours
 - Anxiety
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