

Newsletter

November 2021

Dear all,

As we move into the Winter and Christmas period, let me just say what a wonderful Autumn term in school it has been. It has been happy and full of wonderful learning with many exciting opportunities...teachers have really made the most of being able to get 'out and about' in the school grounds and further afield. Inside school our classrooms and corridors celebrate the children's superb work and children talk about and share their learning with pride. Here's a poem that one of the Year 3 children brought to me to read today:

*Mottled leaves are littered on the frost trees,
Leaves jump up and down by the frosty trees
Squirrels scamper up the trees
Birds twitter all around
Dancing leaves hit feet and crumble
Bleeding trees have leaves that tumble.*

Natalie 3B

Children are enjoying learning outdoors and noticing nature—Ryelands is a truly wonderful place to be!

Mrs Pye

CHRISTMAS

Christmas dates have been sent out on a separate app message.

*Although we can't have the usual performances and events with parents / carers inside school, we intend to make Christmas as magical in school as we can.
Thank you for your understanding and Christmas wishes!*

NURSERY NEWS

In nursery we have been learning all about ourselves. As part of our topic all the children made a postcard and we walked to the post box to post them home to our families. It was a lovely surprise for everyone, when they arrived home.

The nursery children have also enjoyed painting on large sheets on paper on the wall, whilst listening to classical music.

The children have found it very relaxing painting along to the music.



PUPIL PARLIAMENT

This half term, Pupil Parliament have had the privilege of taking the phase assemblies. The children worked hard to practise their assembly and it really paid off on the day. They were confident and represented themselves so well when talking to the school about the issues of climate change. Professor Robert Barratt of the Eden Project was a special guest at the assembly—he will continue extra work with Year 6 around this global issue. Look out in the New Year for tips from Pupil Parliament as to how we can all help by making small changes to our daily lives. In the meantime, all children in school are trying to think of solutions for us all too.

Year 3 - Art in Nature

The children in Year 3 had a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Victorian artist and writer, John Ruskin, when a curator from Lancaster University visited our school. They made journals, drew interesting natural objects by noticing the shapes and made 'fossils' by pressing leaves into clay. It was a very interesting and lively morning.



OLCC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The football team played their first match/competition for nearly 2 years this week without any practice. They were amazing. Every member of the squad ran their socks off to WIN THE TOURNAMENT!!
Congratulations to the whole squad who made us proud with your good manners and attitudes.



Raising Money for Children in Need

School Council helped to run the bake sale for Children in Need this year and we raised a very impressive £266.68. Thank you to everyone who baked and donated, as well as to those adults and children who helped on the day.



YEAR 5 Light up Lancaster Parade

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils and families for such a wonderful turn out at Year 5's Light Up Lancaster parade! Year 5 and their families paraded their Wyrms of Trowbarrow (which was created with local artists following a trip to the Trowbarrow nature reserve) around the city centre, and an amazing time was had by all!



Raising Money for NSPCC

On Friday 22nd October, we raised an amazing...

£238.34 for NSPCC.

A big thank you to everyone!



Where the Wildings are!

This term the whole school has started to think about how to improve our school grounds for learning about food and nature as part of a project called Where the Wildings are! We are lucky to be working with many partners to bring this project to life, including Food Futures, Lancaster University and Eden Project Education.

As a starting point, the School Council has been collecting ideas from the whole school. They want to know: How do you use the school grounds? What would you like to see or grow? How can you use the grounds to rest, play and learn? In 3R the children have been drawing pictures to show how they see the school grounds now and in the future. Children in 5A are using photography to track the changes each half term as the project progresses.

We would also like to know if parents / carers and the local community would like to be involved or are interested in gardening, wildlife or cookery. We will be holding a meeting in the new year but in the meantime for more information about the project follow this link:

<https://foodfutures.org.uk/where-the-wildings-are>

YEAR 3 TRIP TO MORECAMBE

Year 3 had a brilliant field trip to Morecambe recently. They followed maps along the route, looked for human and physical features of geography, noticed signs of Autumn, walked over 15,000 steps, drew on the promenade and sang 'Bring Me Sunshine' to passers-by.
What a lot of learning for one morning!

