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Laira Green Primary School
Shaping hearts, minds and futures

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful month this has been for our children! We have once again been able to provide exciting trips and host visitors at our school, all of which enrich the experiences and opportunities available to our children. I was particularly proud of our Year 6 children recently, as they conducted themselves beautifully on their trip to the city centre. The children received many compliments, and I even received an email from a member of the public commending them on their wonderful manners.



As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our attendance is at an all-time high, which has had such a positive impact on the children's learning. This achievement would not be possible without your dedication and encouragement.



During the Easter break, we will be making some improvements to the school. Our stairwells will be decorated, giving the children a fresh and welcoming environment upon their return. Additionally, we have a special surprise planned for the KS1 playground, courtesy of our wonderful PTA, and 4JL's classroom will also receive a fresh new look. The work never stops in our efforts to enhance the learning environment for our children!

Looking ahead to next term, we have even more exciting events planned, including additional trips and visits. Of course, we also have SATs week approaching for our Year 6 students. They have been working incredibly hard, and we are immensely proud of their determination to do well.



Please remember that during the Easter period, the school office will be closed. However, we will respond to any emails upon our return. We wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 23rd April.

Best wishes

Mrs Claire Jones



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st April

Read with us- Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 2nd April

Read with us- Year 3 and Year 4

Easter Raffle- Facebook Live 1:25pm

Thursday 3rd April

Read with us- Year 5

Year 2 to take part in Walkwise Child Pedestrian Training

Friday 4th April

Read with us- Year 6

Last Day of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April

Non-pupil day

Wednesday 23rd April

First day of Term 5

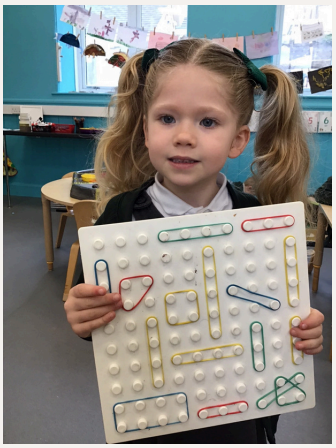
Monday 28th April- Thursday 1st May

Year 6 Mock SATs week

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CLASS UPDATES

Class RSC





Class RSC has had another fantastic term, filled with exciting learning opportunities as part of their 'Dinosaur Detectives!' topic! The children have truly embraced their roles as Paleontologists, searching for dinosaurs, bones, and fossils throughout the classroom. They have learned about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, as well as how dinosaurs once lived. Over the term, they have produced some amazing pieces of artwork, created clay fossils, and even hatched their very own dinosaur eggs. In Maths, they have deepened their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. During Phonics lessons, the children have shown incredible effort and determination as they have tackled reading and writing longer words, showing great determination in their learning. They are also confidently using their Phonics skills to write words and sentences. PE has been fantastic, with the children thoroughly enjoying the topic of 'dance.' They have been enhancing their expressive movement skills through the theme of 'everyday life.' Throughout the lessons, they explored the concept of space and practiced using it safely, while also experimenting with traveling movements, shapes, and balances to music. Reception have also celebrated Mother's Day with a wonderful assembly, and we are so proud of all the children! What a fun-filled month it has been – Well done, Reception!





Class 1MM

What a busy month Year 1 have had! We have been very lucky to go on lots of educational visits to enhance their curriculum. In Geography, we had the opportunity to go on an open top bus tour of Plymouth - visiting and learning about the history of key landmarks. To recap their History learning last term, about the Ancient Egyptians, we visited The Box. The children took part in a Museum led workshop exploring artefacts that are thousands of years old. We even got to explore the other galleries in the museum. In school this month, the children have continued to grow the code in phonics, learning alternative phonemes and graphemes. In Maths, we have been describing, measuring and comparing weight, mass, volume and capacity. In Science, the children have been learning about ways we can group animals and how we can identify these using key characteristics. In PE, the children have been loving their new 'dance' unit of learning, putting sequences of moves together in counts of 8 and have been very confident when performing in front of their peers. Keep working hard Year 1!

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Class 2RB

Year 2 have enjoyed some fantastic learning in March! We have been very busy in DT and PSHE, where we have been learning about healthy eating, the Eatwell Plate and we have had a go at preparing several healthy meals including a potato salad and a fruit salad. The children loved it! We have also been busy in our PE lessons learning group dances and learning to count in groups of 8 beats. This has linked well with our music learning, where we have been finding the pulse and recognising different groups of beats. In Maths, Year 2 have been learning about mass, capacity and temperature which has involved measuring and estimating. In Science, we have continued learning about the different habitats on Earth and have also been learning about food chains. The children have continued with the Walkwise Child Pedestrian Training and have been representing our school brilliantly while walking in our local area. We were also lucky enough to experience a fabulous concert from Sonopera which was definitely a highlight for us all. Well done for another great month of learning, Year 2!

Class 3CL

Year 3 have had another excellent month of learning with lots of exciting events going on! We have welcomed a Jewish visitor into our classroom to talk to us about Jewish festivals, we have enjoyed conducting investigations in Science as part of British Science Week and we have had lots of fun celebrating our love of books during World Book Day. In addition to all of this fun, we have also enjoyed reading our new book, Until I Met Dudley, during our English lessons. So far, we have learnt about the features of explanation texts and used this to help us understand the grammar that we need to use to be successful when writing in this style. In Maths, 3CL have blown us away with their excellent knowledge about Mass and Capacity. This week, we have learnt about the difference between volume and capacity and also how to add and subtract different quantities. We have thoroughly been enjoying our P.E. Dance lessons this half term, especially when we were asked to create a sequence that linked to going on holiday. Year 3 have been learning to create dance moves as opposed to actions, keep a steady beat when dancing, counting in sets of 8 and changing their dynamics when dancing. We are almost at the end of Varjak Paw and we have been so excited to discover how Varjak is connected to Jalal and how the Gentleman is turning the cats into toys! We have been using our inference skills to understand the deeper meaning of the book, which has been tricky, but 3CL have done so excellently.





CLASS UPDATES

Class 4JL



4JL have had an exciting and productive month at school! In Science, we've been fascinated by electricity, learning how circuits work and experimenting with various electrical components. Our Design Technology lessons have been equally enjoyable, as we've worked on creating our own edible garden, discovering the joys of growing and harvesting herbs and cooking pesto pasta! Swimming lessons have been a highlight, where we've shown great determination, improving our strokes and building confidence in the water. We have been aiming to swim 25 metres unaided. Looking ahead, we're excited about our upcoming dance unit, which will allow us to explore rhythm and movement, especially as we tie it in with our Samba lessons in Music. It's been a fun and engaging month full of learning and growth!



Well done 4JL, keep working hard and showing great determination.

Class 5MT and 5AW

This month has been a whirlwind of creativity and discovery in 5MT! The children have been busy with a fantastic variety of hands-on activities that make learning exciting and engaging. In DT, they designed and built adventure maps for Bee-bots, developing their problem-solving and coding skills along the way. PE had them stepping (and spinning!) into the world of Rock 'n' Roll, mastering some lively dance moves with enthusiasm. Geography lessons have sparked curiosity as we explored biomes and the fascinating ways animals adapt to their environments. It's been wonderful to see the class so engaged with the natural world! Meanwhile, in maths, they've raced through area and perimeter and are now gearing up to tackle statistics. English lessons have been equally intriguing, with the non-fiction book Everyday Journeys capturing their imaginations. Who knew that everyday objects like chocolate, glass, and even poo could have such fascinating stories behind them? It's been a joy to see the children learning, questioning, and having fun every step of the way. Here's to another exciting month ahead!







CLASS UPDATES

Class 6LS

We are so proud of Class 6LS. Our children are working diligently with their SATs preparation - we truly couldn't ask for more! They have a determination in them to dig into the texts and unpick those tricky bits for deeper meaning and understanding. In maths, they are making links between key concepts and this is really helping them to be able to tackle challenging questions that cross over these concepts. A BIG well done from us!

In other subjects, we have loved building a model of our blood: learning about the different parts and their function. In DT we are designing our wraps and are looking forward to finishing our project before Easter.

It has been a pleasure to share some more relaxing moments together too - with our 'treat' sessions to say a big well done to everyone. Hot chocolate all round!

We have also been hugely impressed with the launch of our LBQ at home sessions - so many children have logged into the learning and completed the tasks with enthusiasm. Thank you to the families who have supported us with this.

Well done, 6LS!









Class 6LG

It's amazing how quickly this month has rushed by in 6LG! We have absolutely loved our English unit this term, devouring the amazing language in Beowulf (just like Grendel devoured his prey!) and using it in our own writing. We have continued to work incredibly hard to prepare for our SATs next term, and have also enjoyed some great reward time together, including hot chocolate and a film afternoon, to recognise all our efforts.

In Science, we have been learning all about the human body, particularly the circulatory system, and created excellent 3D models to learn about all the different elements within our blood. In PSHE we have built on this learning when thinking about keeping ourselves healthy, including the negative effects that some substances can have on our bodies and how important it is to look after ourselves. We have also been thinking all about nutrition in DT, and have all designed balanced, vegetarian meals which are inspired by Mexican cuisine.

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Branching Out in Reception



Branching Out in Key Stage 1



Branching Out in Key Stage 2



Easter

MATHS TREASURE HUNT

Join us for a day of free family fun !



Devonport Park
15th April
10am-12 noon

Southway Community Hub
17th April
10am-12noon

on course
SOUTH WEST



School Council Update

On World Book Day, School Council were proud to be asked by Mrs Garland to judge the best staff costume. This was a hard job as all the costumes looked amazing. Well done to Mrs Larsen for coming first in the staff entries!



Comic Relief was next on our agenda, so we brainstormed ideas for Red Nose Day fundraising and voted on the best idea. We collaborated with Mrs Jones and decided on creating a Laira Green Primary Joke Book. Joke entries were taken from children and staff. Our school councillors set up a whole school ballot for classes to vote on their favourite joke. Well done to everyone who took part in the Red Nose Day activities. The total amount of money raised came to £248.25. Thank you to everyone for supporting Comic Relief.

Recently we met with Miss Lindup to judge the Science Week poster competition. We discussed how creative and how effective the posters were on communicating 'change and adapt' in science and voted for the finalists. We were so impressed with all the entries!

Thank you School Council for being wonderful ambassadors for our school.





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CATERED 10TH BIRTHDAY

WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL 2025

10 YEARS OF YUM-TASTIC FUN AND FOOD



Homemade sausage rolls or French bread pizza served with crispy potato cubes and vegetables

Victoria Sponge Cake *(FOR ALLERGY INFO, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE KITCHEN OR SCHOOL)*



Laira Green Preschool

All children receive 15 hours free childcare. If you are a working parent, you may be eligible to receive 30 hours free childcare. To check, go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or contact the school.

Funded Session times:

Morning Session	8:30am-11:30am
Afternoon Session	12:15pm- 3:15pm

Additional Prices and Session times:

Early Years Breakfast Club	7:30am-8:30am	£4.00
Morning Session	8:30am -11:30am	£18.00
Lunchtime Session	11:30am-12:15pm	£3.00
Afternoon Session	12:15pm-3:15pm	£18.00
Early Years Afterschool Club	3:15pm- 4:30pm	£6.00
Early Years Afterschool Club	3:15pm- 6:00pm	£12.00

Contact the school for more information
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A Month in Pictures



















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