

Weekly News - Key Stage 2

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Dear Parents. This week's edition of our newsletter is dedicated to: **The Importance of Creating Lifelong Readers at LGPS.**

Inference! Deduction! Phonological Awareness! The list of important reading terms floating around can seem endless. As a parent it may be hard to keep track of everything your child needs to know and understand to be a successful reader. The good news is that research shows that the amount of independent reading undertaken by pupils both at school and at home is one of the most important predictors of academic success.

To foster a love of reading is equally as important, where Reading is chosen for pleasure or to learn more information on a self-selected topic. At LGPS a love for independent reading is fostered by providing pupils with opportunities to select from a wide variety of texts at their current reading level. Pupils are now also able to self-select from our school library. This approach naturally creates an environment where building confidence in Reading is a daily routine.

Reading at home

Our goal this year is to continue to increase the number of children reading at home to at least 4 or more times a week. Please continue to spend a few minutes hearing your child read and every time they do this please sign and date their individual reading diary. Remember our school target is 4 or more! Each child who does this will be entered into our weekly Reading Monsters draw to win a prize!

If you have any questions about Reading in school and need advice on ways to support your child please do pop in to see your child's class teacher. It is important we work together to instil a love of reading both in and outside of school and your support with this is very much valued.

Mrs Goulthorpe , Deputy Headteacher/Reading Leader



Reading for fun!
We know that reading can be a wonderful experience that can be an entertaining escape; allowing children to imagine great things; think, relate, and relax.

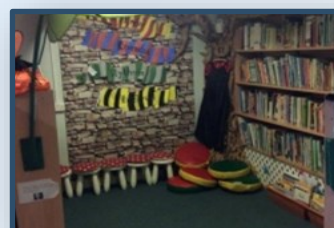
Future Dates to look out for!
Reading: parents into school afternoon
KS1 Themed afternoon
World Book day

Whole school attendance since September 2017 is 95.5%

The cumulative school target is 97%

Group	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
3FIR2	286	11	3	300	95.3
3FIR1	272	8	0	280	97.1
4ELM1★	295	4	1	300	98.3
4ELM2	292	5	3	300	97.3
5BAY1	265	12	3	280	94.6
5BAY2	271	18	1	290	93.4
5BAY3	260	14	6	280	92.9
6OAK2	296	12	2	310	95.5
6OAK1	282	6	2	290	97.2
Totals	2519	90	21	2630	95.8%

At LGPS we have made significant investments in making sure we have a wealth of books for the children to choose from. Money raised at the Christmas fair and additional funding has been utilised to supplement our school reading scheme and classroom book corners. As you can appreciate the importance of pupil's taking care of any books they take home is extremely important. To help us make sure pupils have access to books available to them, a charge of £5 per book will incur if the book is lost or damaged. A cost of £2 will be charged to replace damaged or lost reading diaries. All teachers keep an entry log of books that are taken home, which also helps us to keep a track of what your child is reading.



At LGPS we provide the pupils a range of enrichment activities to build a love of reading, including the KS2 Harry potter event, World Book day, Scunthorpe Utd Primary Reading Stars and author visits - to name but a few!



Fir Unit

Fir unit have started to investigate different types of skeletons this week. We created a skeleton jigsaw and learnt some of the scientific names for our bones.



Elm Unit

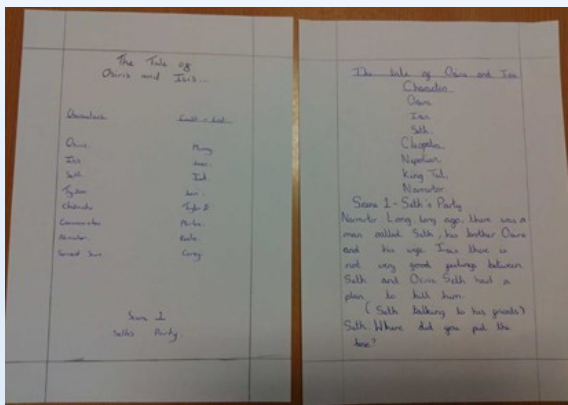
This week Elm Unit have been investigating how solids turn into liquids when heated. We tested how much the chocolate melted within 5 minutes and compared the chocolate which were set over three different temperatures.



Bay Unit

This week in year five we have been focussing on playscripts and then writing our own playscripts about the story of Osiris and Isis, as this fits in well with our topic of Ancient Egypt.

In maths we have been continuing to show resilience within using fractions and have now started to work with fractions with different denominators. We have been looking at insulators and conductors and trying to find examples of these within the classroom



Oak Unit

Year 6 are working hard to improve their maths by playing TT Rockstars - keep it up and remember to be using it at home!



Congratulations to This Week's Gold Book Award Winners

Fir 1	Alesha	Fir 2	Simi	
Elm 1	Harrison	Elm 2	Tyler	
Bay 1	Alexander	Bay 2	Eva	Bay 3 Keelie
Oak 1	Jessica	Oak 2	Jessica	
Mathematician of the week	Oliver (Fir 2)	Writer of the week	Brody (Yew 1)	Kindness Cup Amelia (Bay 2)
Sport Award	Isabelle (Yew 2)	Creative Award	Jessica (Bay 2)	
Attendance Ted	Elm 1			