



# LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

By the time that you read this our new website will be live and hopefully you will agree that it is a huge step forwards. This has been a challenging thing to deal with as in this age of austerity and diminishing public finances, it falls upon existing staff to add such duties to their already stretched workloads. This being the case, huge thanks are owed to Mrs Dominey and Mrs Blake in particular although all of the staff have made valuable contributions to the production of the new website. Also by the time you read this we will be entering into the Christmas period and it is always an exciting time for the children as

there are so many special events on. I hope I will get chance to catch up with as many of you as possible over the next few weeks so please do take a moment to look through all of our impending events.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.

Kind Regards

*Simon France*

Head Teacher



# Congratulations!

## To this month's Merit Award winners

Macie Cailles  
Scott Rowles  
Noah Goble  
Rebekka Neill  
Lily Russell  
Martha Vujicic  
Bella Cooper  
Sophie Mills  
Alina Scott

Emilia Clark  
Jasper Graham  
George Martin  
Isobel Watts  
Poppy Wood  
Morgan Jones  
Eva Hampson  
Lucas Easton  
Ellison Gibbons

Michael Forkin  
Mollie Gregg  
Edgar Daveney  
Taylor Pye  
Joe Merritt  
Jae Riddell  
Tilly McEnnerney  
Frankie Fealty  
George Jolob

Naomi Percival  
Jasmine Gregg  
Shaya Bellows  
Sabina Rakhmatova  
Lauren Gosling  
Ashton Goodall  
Taylor Winterbourne  
Sophie Meade  
Theo Case  
Edward Mousley  
Fearn-maia White  
Harry Devlin  
Ella Briggs  
Michaela Smith  
Elizabeth Tomlinson-Mynors  
Sophie-Anne Salmon



# kids the junction

## student voice

### see it on our website

The Student Voice are very pleased to say we raised a massive £237.04 for Macmillan at our cake sale. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the children and their families who supplied such a fantastic array of cakes and gave donations to buy them.

As a Rights Respecting School, it is



important for us to stand up for the rights of all children, which is why we voted to support Children in Need again this year.

We raised a total of £436.42 this year for our 'Spotacular' non-uniform day last Friday, we loved seeing all the spotty creations and were very impressed with the creative ideas you all had! Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who, once again, supported us so willingly with our charity work.

At the next Student Voice meeting, we will be collecting the children's ideas about our charity work for the rest of the year.

Please visit our website page to read more about our role in school!

**The Student Voice  
and Mrs Murray**

## Music

Music continues to be a vibrant part of the activity at LMPS with junior choir, senior choir and orchestra in full swing. Furthermore children are enjoying playing their instruments at given opportunities, particularly in their curriculum music lessons if they remember to bring in their instruments! Many pupils have also displayed their keenness to rehearse Christmas items in preparation for the festive period.

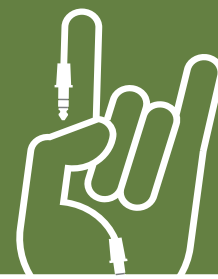
**ALERT:** Please note that the Christmas concert has moved forward one week earlier to December 6th @ 18.00 in the school hall. This is due to diary clashes as the last week of term is so full, it was decided it would be kinder to the children to spread out the activities a little and give the concert the time it deserves. Please do encourage your children to practice their item/s at home.

### Arrangements for Christmas Concert:

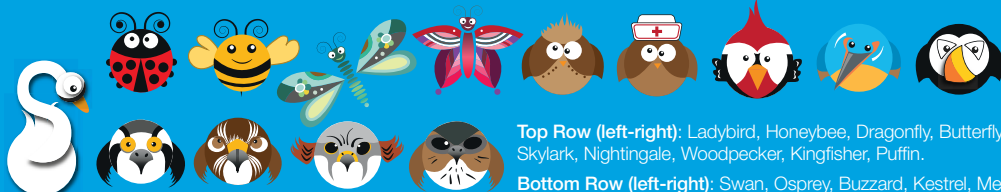
- Up to 2 tickets per family with children involved
- School uniform please – but no jumpers!
- Children playing instruments to arrive at 17:20 and go to Year 6 classrooms
- Choir children (junior and senior) to arrive at 17:40 and go to Year 6 classrooms
- Concert should finish approx 18:50pm

We very much look forward to sharing the music talents of our children with you.

**Mrs Pratten**  
Music Leader



Click on the icon  
to go to that class's  
dedicated web page



**Top Row (left-right):** Ladybird, Honeybee, Dragonfly, Butterfly, Skylark, Nightingale, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Puffin.

**Bottom Row (left-right):** Swan, Osprey, Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin.





**December is always a very special month but for Lytchett Matravers Library this December is especially important.**

We are celebrating 25 years since the library was officially opened on Friday 9th December 1991. To mark the occasion *'The Friends of Lytchett Library'* will be holding an open evening at the library and want to invite staff, children and families from the Lytchett Primary School to join us. Drop in anytime between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Friday 9th December. We have asked the school and pre-school to help us out with some artwork for the event plus there will be photographs from the opening ceremony and various events that have happened over the last 25 years. We are also expecting many of the library staff who have worked at the library since it opened to come along and it will be lovely to see them all. So please make a note in your diary and join us to celebrate.

We are delighted to have been asked to get involved with the *'Festival of Christmas Trees'* at St. Mary's Church in Lytchett Matravers. We will be decorating one of their Christmas trees and our tree will be dressed using decorations created from recycled books and the majority will have been made by children at our Saturday craft sessions. All the lovely trees will be available to view at the church on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd between 10am and 4.30pm and on Sunday 4th between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

### **Christmas Activities for Children:**

We have a wide range of free special Christmas events and competitions for children and families happening over the Christmas period.

## Library Diary Dates

### **Monday 12th December**

2.30pm – 3pm Christmas Rhyme Time:  
Christmas songs and rhymes for the under 5s

### **Saturday 17th December**

10.30am – 11.15am.  
Library Gets Lively at Christmas  
Story and craft for families

### **Monday 19th December**

10.30am – 11.30am Sparkle and Glitter  
Christmas Activity Session suitable ages  
4 – 11 years. Booking is essential for this session.

### **Christmas Competition**

Create a Christmas Decoration  
**2 age categories:**  
5s and under and 6 – 11 years.  
Super prizes for both age groups  
Entry forms available now.



### **Christmas Library Hunt Game**

search for the husky dogs hiding in the library for a chance to win your very own fluffy husky soft toy. And, finally do be sure to pick up some great Christmas reads and perhaps the latest DVD releases to keep you entertained over the Christmas break.

**We close for Christmas at 12.30pm on Saturday 24th December.**

A very Happy Christmas to everyone from **Babs, Clair and Susan** at the library.





# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Standing up to Bullies.

Article 19 of the CRC:

*"We have the right to be safe"*

The 14th-18th November was National Anti-Bullying week; a week we always mark in school, as a whole-school, to stand up against bullying or any unkind behaviour.

The pupils and staff feel very passionate about our school being a safe and happy place to learn and we are proud to show respect for the right we have, to be safe.

This year's theme was 'Power for Good' so we all practised singing Katy Perry's Roar, which we sang as a whole-school in our assembly. The children sang beautifully and from the heart; there were lots of emotional staff members!

The Year 6 children also made a fantastic video of themselves, using their 'Power for Good' by showing the younger children you should always believe in yourself. This is being displayed on our TV screens

(thank you Mrs Blake) in school, so do come and have a look!

We then went outside, as a whole school and made a spiral to show unity against bullying and for respecting the rights of others and ourselves to be safe and happy. The spiral has become a bit of a tradition in our school now and we all felt it was a very special moment to share.

**Mrs Murray** (Every Child Matters & Rights Respecting School Leader)

## Gifted and Talented Writer's Workshop

On Thursday 3rd November I went to Bearwood Primary School with three other Year 3 and 4's for a More Able Writers day. Mrs Odgers came with us and drove us there. We met David Gatward who is a brilliant fiction writer, performance poet and illustrator. He told us about his life and his writing.

After break he showed us some ways on how to plan our writing. Then just before lunch we did this thing called 'Flash Fiction' where he gave us a topic and we had to write a story about it. Our topic was 'horror'! After lunch he helped us with our ideas and we finished writing our stories. Some of us read ours out!

At the end of the day David Gatward gave us a signed copy of his book to take home with us. I really enjoyed the day and learnt lots about writing stories.

**Harry Robson**  
Swan Class







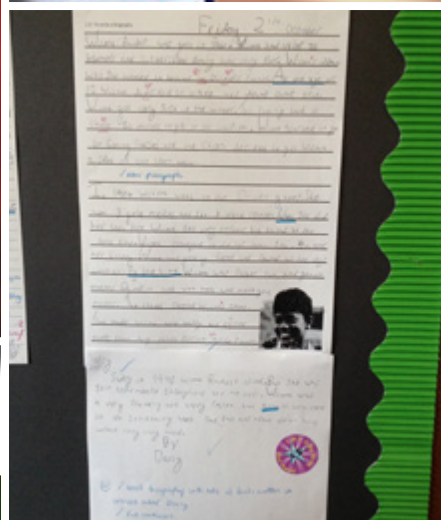
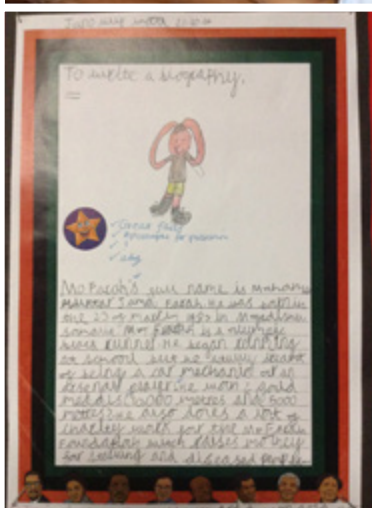
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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October was Black History Month. During this month each year group learnt about a different black personality, past or present. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to learn all about significant figures that have made a difference to our lives and the world we live in. The school produced some truly beautiful work ranging from biographies about Martin Luther King Jr. to Singing Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. Take a look at some of their work below...

**Miss Waring**  
Multicultural Leader





Wednesday 10th October 2018

1.1.18 with a thought  
 What's the story?  
 This is a biography about Martin Luther King Jr.  
 Child Book

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Friday 7th October 2018

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 What's the story?  
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 Child Book

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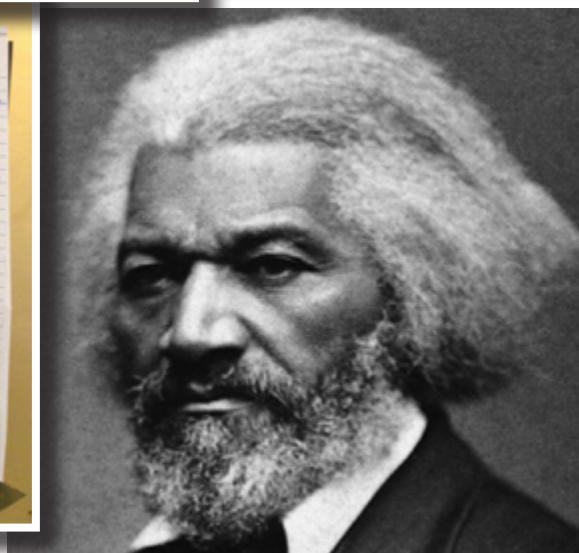
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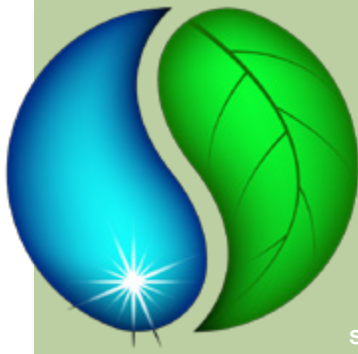
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# SCHOOL news...



## Eco Team News

see it on our website

**Wow! What a busy month the Eco Team are having!**

We have started our year with a fantastic solar energy information session. We were very lucky to have our Dorset Eco officers come into school and explain to the children how solar energy works. The children loved all the interactive activities and even made their very own solar panel models, from making lights brighten up the room, to creating a purely solar energised fan. Just take a look at the photos!

We have also created great Eco links with the well know supermarket Waitrose. Waitrose head office have very kindly given our school two brilliant growing bundles to start our growing season off with a bang! The kits include gardening gloves and tools, along with a lovely variety of seeds for our children to plant. The Eco Team are really looking forward to making a start on our allotment.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cotterill who has worked so hard to create a brilliant outside classroom for all our children to use. The Eco Team are very excited about this, as we have our very own growing area in which we can involve the whole school in the planting and growing process.

Thank you once again for your continuing support with all things Eco.

**Mrs McCabe and the Eco Team**



## First Aid

Woodpecker and Kingfisher classes were excited to experience their first ever First Aid session at the start of November. From a trained St John's ambulance volunteer, they learned the important lesson that "airway is king". They listened carefully while the four key things to remember about resuscitation were explained, then worked in teams to perform resuscitation on a range of dummies. The children were excited to go home and try out their skills on a cushion or teddy bear, but never a person who's still breathing!

**Mr West**

Woodpecker Classteacher

## Hot School Meals... a polite reminder from the school office.

Please note that there is a strict cut off deadline of midnight every Sunday, the week before for hot school meals. If orders are not placed by this time/date (parents are sent an email reminder from Chartwell's every Saturday), then parents will need to provide their child with a packed lunch for the week.

If you do not have access to the internet, the office staff will gladly assist you in placing your order on-line the Friday morning BEFORE the Sunday deadline.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.







## Lest we forget...

The children in Year 6 have been learning about World War I and read some very descriptive and evocative poetry which helped to bring the pride, fear and horrors of the war to life. They were then able to imagine what the soldiers could see, hear and feel and following this, wrote their own poems. Here are some of our examples:

### *Life on the battlefield*

Cannons blasting at full pelt  
Soldiers dropping like flies struck by newspaper  
Tanks prowling the area  
Rats scampering like rats do  
Nibbling at the skin of the fallen  
This is the life on the battlefield

Guns claiming victims by the second  
Trenches are the only hiding places  
Barbed wire just making a nuisance  
Lice crawling into your boots  
And ripping into your flesh

This is the life on the battlefield  
Grenades making trenches close up  
Bodies littering the ground

The bare ground making it impossible  
to look up  
For fear of getting shot,  
By the enemy's No.1 sniper  
This is the life on the battlefield

By Lucas Sibley

### *The Identical Poppy*

The whimper was his last breath  
Everything went quiet as he died  
All we can do now is remember him  
And all his bravery  
All those days of fighting  
Walking down into the deep, dark trenches  
Now I'm a poppy in a field  
Of brave strong men.

Never know when or what will happen  
To me next  
We all stayed strong until that very moment  
When I died  
Now I'm in a better place  
Now heaven's my home  
I lay in a field of identical poppies  
No one knows it's me  
Never-ending, hiding and crouching  
Now I'm in a better place  
I sure hope I've done my country proud.

By Milly More







## Leeson House

**A big congratulations to all Year 4 pupils who recently attended Leeson House on their first residential visit. The children were all amazing!**

On Monday 7th of November, everyone arrived with their bags, big smiles and nervous parents in tow. The fun began as soon as we arrived at Leeson House, with a round of activities such as orienteering, bird watching and sensory tasks.

It was great to see how well the children worked in new surroundings, all of them were keen and enthusiastic to become involved in the activities. The children were eagerly anticipating the news of who was sharing rooms, I am certain that no-one was disappointed! Let me assure you, all of the children were eager to make their own beds!

Our first day was rounded off by a night walk. The weather was kind to us and the skies cleared revealing the wonders of the universe above us. The children listened attentively to the Leeson House staff, as they taught us about the constellations. The children settled well in their new bedrooms and without too much persuasion, snuggled down to a good night's sleep. It is always very satisfying for the staff involved, to see children who may have been a little apprehensive before their visit, achieve this goal.

The second day of our visit involved a walk along the Priests Way and coastal path, this gave the children a great opportunity to enjoy the spectacular landscapes that surround us here in Dorset and to learn about our local history and folk-law. The Leeson House staff are great at capturing the children's imaginations with tales of smugglers and ship-wrecks. I am certain that most children were spurred on to complete their walk in record time by Mr France's singing!

Our return to Leeson House revealed some rather tired children, however they were all happy to spend their money in the gift shop! (As always, the time taken to settle down to sleep on night two was far less than night one!)

Our final day at Leeson House involved a round of Team Building activities. It was very refreshing to notice how the children encouraged each other to tackle these tricky tasks together. There were some great conversations, team hugs and all round support seen by our staff. Working together, all teams found that they could be successful. These are skills that go way beyond the grounds of Leeson House and are the seed for some very important Life Skills.

I feel very strongly that residential trips such as this one provide our pupils with the very best broad and balanced education that is sometimes difficult to achieve in the constraints of the classroom. It is a real pleasure to watch ALL children, over the space of just three days, become more confident, independent and resourceful.

None of this would be possible without the support of our staff and I would like to say a **HUGE THANK-YOU** to **MR FRANCE, MISS MEACHER, MRS MCGRIL, MISS HAMMETT, MRS TALBOTT, MRS PORTER, MRS GOULD & MRS DOMINEY** for their hard work.

[see it on our website](#)

## Guy Fawkes Safety Tips

Before Halloween, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a Halloween and Bonfire night assembly delivered by Dorset Police's Safer Schools and Communities Team. They learned about how to keep themselves safe while trick or treating and on Bonfire Night. They were also encouraged to think about how more vulnerable members of the community might feel at these times. The children came up with some very insightful comments and questions of their own and we look forward to hearing about all the fun they had celebrating these events.

**Mr West**  
E-Safety & Computing  
Leader



For a glimpse of some of the fun and games, please take a look at our Leeson House photo album on our Year 4 web-pages.

**Mrs Claire Dunn**  
Year 4 Class Teacher







# SCHOOL news...

## Our Greek Drama Day

On Wednesday the 5th of October we did our Greek drama day with Treehouse Theatre, where they did a play in a day with us! This which was so much fun!

Firstly, we walked silently into the hall, everyone greeted Ben and he (Ben) talked us through the routine and our groups! Then group one (Creation according to Zeus) started to work with Ben, meanwhile, all the other groups did some Greek activities in the classroom.

We also had our own cue cards with our quotes which we had to learn. Then we switched over to group two (Ancient Olympic Games) so group one had their go with the Greek tasks. Osprey class then went in with Ben where group three (Alcibiades in Athens) and group 4 (Greek theatre) worked with Ben. We then had a break and ate our amazing lunch and then we were back to business.

After we had rehearsed our lines and scenes, It was then SHOW time- we all went into the hall and started our play. It was very funny and entertaining. We really enjoyed it! It was the best day ever !!!

By MM English Group in Buzzard Class.



## Our Victorian Drama Day with the Treehouse Theatre

On the 17th of October, we had an amazing experience; a Victorian Drama day with the Treehouse Theatre. Since, we had been learning about the Victorians, we knew all the answers to the questions!

It all began when we walked into school; the costumes were great, you could tell who the rich and who the poor Victorians were!

Toby wore a jacket and top hat and Freya wore a beautiful red silk dress. Fearn and Oliver had coal on their faces and were dressed as chimney sweeps.

In the hall, we were split into four different groups. Each group told a different story about Victorian child workers from factory workers, miners, chimney sweeps and domestic servants. I was in group 4 and I really enjoyed it. I played a beggar called Rosie. She worked as a pick-pocket but was worried about getting caught and going to prison. Her master got angry and told her she would be best for begging. Then he caused her to go blind which meant she would make more money. I got to scream as loud as I could and run of stage which was fun.

It was a great day as we also got to miss lessons! I had a laugh with my friends who were also awesome characters. At the end of the day, I didn't want it to be over. I love drama and year 6 were so lucky to have this opportunity.

Written by Rhea Moors

[see it on our website](#)







# SCHOOL / SPORTS news...

## Year 5 Star Gazing Evening

Year 5 children, parents and staff all gathered on the evening of Thursday 17th November to gaze at our fascinating solar system. The was not too clear but a few stars made a faint appearance. This didn't spoil our evening though, as we used a superb star gazing app called- Skyview!

Some children shared some of the great work they had done about Space. We heard: Neil Armstrong's diary entry after he landed on the moon; interesting constellation facts and we also explained the solar system planets to scale.

The children's fantastic moon phases projects created an exciting buzz as everyone was blown away by the amazing work

[see it on our website](#)

done by parents and children. The evening came to a warming end whilst a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit was enjoyed by all!



## Bronze Ambassador Day

**On Tuesday 18th October we sent 6 Year 5s over to Poole high to attend the Poole and East Dorset Primary Leadership Academy to receive training on becoming Bronze Ambassadors.**

There were 16 schools there with over 100 students learning about the role of a sports leader and becoming a bronze ambassador. The day was split into 4 sessions. One on communicating and working as a team, One on planning and designing new ideas, then 2 practical sessions which involved one on learning new playground games and the second one on adapting the games to suit the participants needs.

The children took part whole heartedly and were enthusiastic in their participation in these sessions. At lunchtime a comment was made that "this is nothing like we thought we were coming to do its way better, were learning great new things".

The days was led by the Dorset SGO's but were assisted by Sports leaders from Poole High School who then led many of the smaller parts of the sessions. At the end of the day the children were challenged with going back to school and trying to use the skills and knowledge they had learnt to help us develop PE further. We look forward to hearing their new ideas at our next Sports Leaders meeting after half term.





# SPORTS news...

## GOLD MARK for PE and Sports

**A huge thank you and well done to EVERYONE who has been involved in supporting PE and Sports across our school for the past year. Being awarded this is not an easy achievement and as a school we are very proud. Not only do we ensure our most able sportspersons are given the chance to compete and celebrate their achievements, but EVERY child is given those opportunities.**

The school has always strived to increase pupil participation in all physical activity, but last year has been the most impressive by far. The Sports Funding had a huge impact on the children as more pupils than ever are now joining lunchtime and after school Sports Clubs. The number of pupils joining and attending lunchtime and after school Sports Clubs has increased again this year, reaching a superb 76% of our children engaging in an extracurricular sporting activity both during lunchtimes and after school.

After the success of our Sailing, Netball and Tag Rugby teams qualifying and competing in the county finals last year as well as two of our children being selected for the swimming county finals, our children have been inspired to take part in more sport and physical activity. The school Sailing Team won the Dorset School Games, making them the best Sailing Team within the Dorset County! A HUGE congratulations to Mrs Cotterill for her role and organisation that led to our children taking part, inspiring and winning this event!

For Netball and Tag Rugby, over 40 children from all abilities have been attending each club, week after week. Last year we competed in tournaments and festivals against other schools in Equestrian, Athletics, Tag Rugby, Netball, Football, Tri- Golf, Swimming, Sailing, the Manor Mile (cross

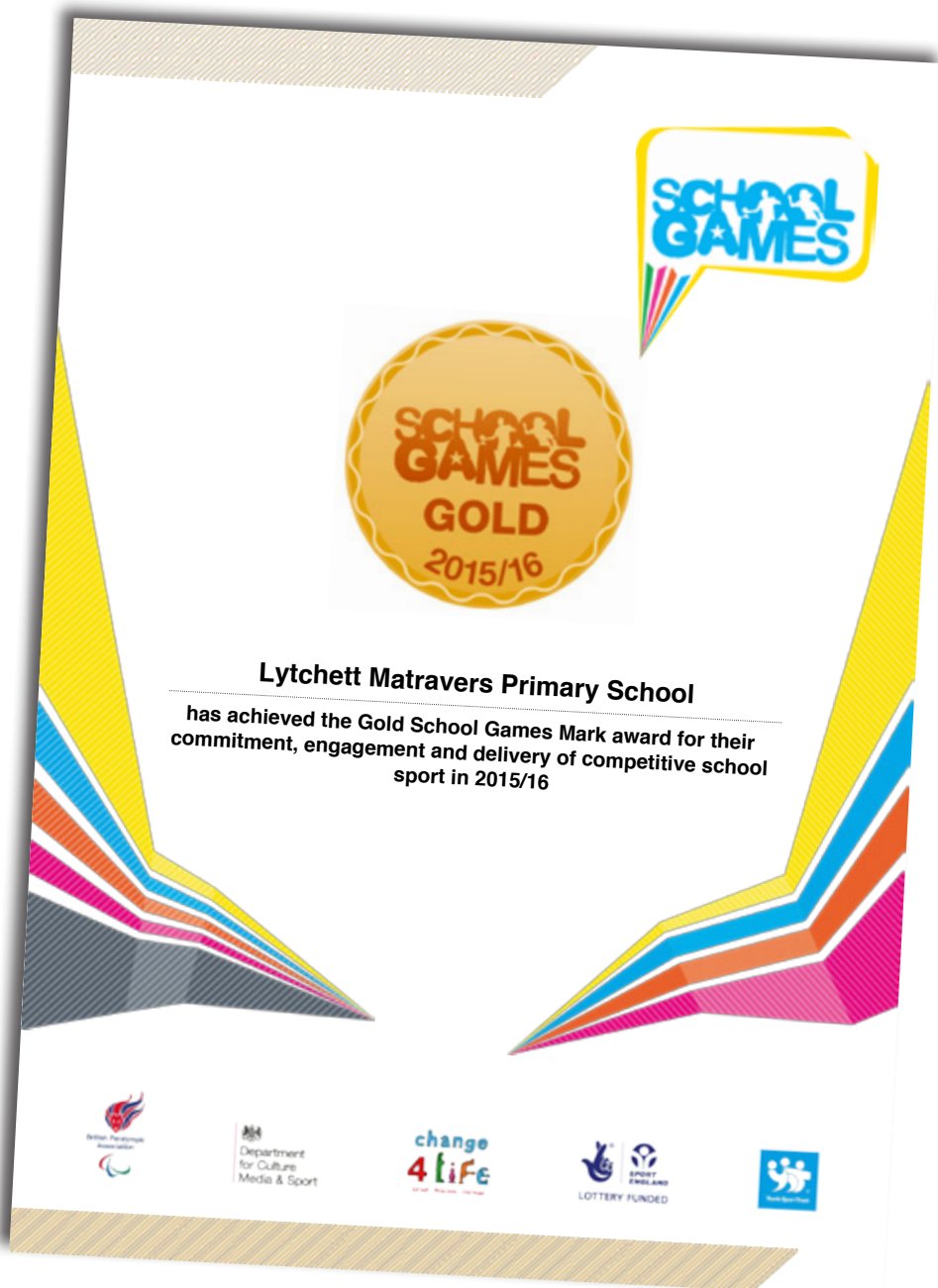
country) and Cricket. This has varied our sports clubs that we offer which has meant the school is working hard to address the global issue of childhood obesity. Children of all ages and ability ranges have been inspired to take part in more physical exercise for fun and to try and challenge themselves to get into a team to represent the school.

LMPS has been awarded the '**GOLD MARK**' for **PE and Sports** - which is no easy task!

This achievement would not have been possible without the extra hard work and dedication from everyone who runs after school clubs, attends fixtures and provides the children with exciting PE lessons on a weekly basis.

Well done team, one to be proud of.

**Mrs Laura Dominey**  
Deputy Headteacher







# SPORTS news.

## Football not Fantasy

Mrs Dominey's  
Desk of  
**Sport**



### Year 4

Our Year 4 Footballers were fantastic at the Corfe Hills School Football Festival on Thursday 17th November. They shone and made us all so proud!

All of the children played with so much heart and passion!

#### A Team

Our A team lost 2 and drew one, but came second in their final round.

##### Scores:

2 – 1 Loss against Henbury View School

1 - 1 Draw against Merley First School

6 – 1 Loss against Sturminster Marshall Primary

The A team was then seeded into a final round, where the children played brilliantly with some superb defending, but unfortunately lost, coming runners up to Merley First School.

#### B Team

Our B team won every match, coming first overall out of 6 teams – what an achievement!

##### Scores:

6 – 0 Win against Sturminster Marshall B2

6 – 0 Win against Sturminster Marshall B1

2 – 0 Win against Henbury View B1

4 – 0 Win against Henbury View B2

3 – 0 Win against Merley First School

The B team was then seeded into a final round, where the children played for first place overall in the B Team's competition. They won this match 3 – 0 against Henbury B Team and were just amazing.

In the photographs, the children are stood with Molly Pike, who attends Corfe Hills School and plays for the England & Chelsea under 16s Football Teams. I'm very much looking forward to watching these children play again in the future - it's looking very bright!

#### A very proud Mrs Dominey

Deputy Headteacher



*Team A*



### Year 5 Football Festival!

You may remember that last year, we were lucky enough to have students from Corfe Hills School (CHS) support and help our children for their sports days. We believe that it is important to foster links between schools and provide our children with the experience of working with older children who love their sport.

This year, Corfe Hills contacted us with an exciting opportunity for our Year 5 children. On Wednesday 9th November, the Year 13 PE students from Corfe Hills School, alongside Mr Dominey (Head of PE at CHS), came in to work with all of our Year 5 children, hosting an Inter-class Football Competition and festival!



# SPORTS news...

## Year 5 Football Festival! cont...

The event was a mix of skills and play based activities, resulting in a competition for all footballing abilities across the year group. All of the children loved the morning and were delighted at coming either first or second overall in their mini-tournaments. It was delightful to see children who have shied away from football in the past, gain confidence and enjoy every second of their games.

We, at LMPS would like to say a huge thank you to the Year 13 CHS students. Our staff and children had a fantastic morning and very much enjoyed your event – we look forward to the next one!

**Mrs Laura Dominey**  
Deputy Headteacher



## Year 5/6 Football League Match V Upton Juniors



On Tuesday 8th November, our Year 5/6 Football Team played Upton Junior School, and the boys were brilliant! They were so keen and excited before the game started and once it started they were relentless in their desire to win the match. All 11 players gave everything they had played their socks off.

They were sporting but competitive. It's a shame everyone could not have watched and supported the children as you would have been so proud of them all. I was extremely proud to be their coach at this fixture. The final result was a well deserved 3-0 victory for us. So look out next week for our next fixture against Longfleet School!

I also must say thanks to all who helped me today and to the parents for their constant support.

**A very proud Mr Noyce**  
LMPS Sports Coach





# SPORTS news...

## Tag Rugby – School Games Qualifier

**On Wednesday 12th October, our Rugby Squad travelled over to Wimborne Rugby Club to play in the East Dorset School Games Qualifier. On arriving at the pitch we were greeted to the sight of some really tall students warming up on the pitch. However, this turned out to be the students from QE school who were refereeing our tournament, this was a great relief to some of the squad!**

We were welcomed to the event and informed that 9 teams were taking part, split in to 3 groups of 3. We found ourselves in group 1 and we were on first. The game started and it was clear the two schools were evenly matched. It was end to end and dramatic. We scored first, then on another attack a dropped pass gave a run in for the other team. The second half carried on the same way, great attacking thwarted by strong defence before another drop pass from us turned the ball over and the other team managed to finally break our defensive line and score a try to win the game 2-1.

After this, a brief chat took place between myself and the team on keeping control of the ball and not

panicking, it did the trick and the next game saw us win convincingly 6-1! The teams were all then brought together and split into 3 further groups. The winners in group 1, 2nd place teams in group 2 and 3rd place teams in group 3. We found ourselves in group 2.

We started the next round of games as we had finished the first with exciting attacking play as well as some stern tackling in defence. We finished with a 6-1 victory.

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We then watched the other two teams and the children were analysing them for weaknesses, discussing tactics with Mrs Gould, Mrs Dominey and myself. Our final game became a group decider between us and Ferndown Middle



School. The children didn't panic, they kept playing, worked hard, supported each other and listened for the whole of the first half which finished 3-1.

A quick pep talk and they were off for the second half. Well this was their best bit of rugby in the whole tournament. They controlled the game, forced the opposition to panic and calmly went about their roles. The children finished the game winning 7-3 and at the final whistle, not just the children celebrated, but the parents who had been quietly cheering all afternoon also erupted with a cheer! This win meant that we had qualified for the Dorset County School Games Finals in March.

A massive Thank you must go out to the children who come and practice on a Monday lunchtime alongside myself and Mrs Gould who has now become our Assistant Rugby Coach. To Mrs Dominey and Mrs Hancock who have given up their lunchtimes to come and help at club, and to all of the parents who continually support our sporting fixtures. A final, HUGE thank you to "Nanny Bubble" who has been busy sewing and fixing the tag belts ready for the tournament today.

**Mr Kevin Noyce**  
LMPS Sports Coach





# SPORTS news...

## Going XCountry

This time it was turn of Year 3 and 4 to take part in the LMPS Cross Country team!

**Date:** October 19th

**Location:** St Michael's Middle School

The course was a mix of woodland trail, with lots of tree roots to negotiate and the playing field. The boys were up first and they performed very well- all finishing in very strong positions. The girls all ran well too and had solid finishing positions. It was wonderful to see how comfortable our children were running Cross Country distance! The boys came 2nd overall (out of 7) and the girls came 4th. Fletcher (Year 3) ran a fantastic race to get a podium finish!

Out of a field of approx 50 runners these were the results:

**Fletcher Murray** - 2nd  
**Owain Bartlett** -8th  
**Billy King**- 11th  
**Scott Rowles**- 12th  
**Ben Jordan**- 20th

**Amelie Martin** -13th  
**Martha Vujicic**- 14th  
**Jasmine Scott** -19th  
**Naomi Percival**- 21st  
**Tilly McEnnerney** -24th  
**Rebecca Neill**- 27th

Miss Coombs and I were very proud of you all; you behaved beautifully and everyone put in 100%!

A very big thank you to the parents who were able to transport their children and support us on the day.

**Mrs Murray**  
LMPS Running Coach



Pupils of  
Years 3 and  
4, making us  
all proud

## Year 5&6



The Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Team has continued their campaign in the Poole and East Dorset Cross County league. This race took place at Sandbanks, on the beach, in October and it was a gruelling run; the children had to run on the sand, coupled with strong winds. It affected a lot of the runners there, but we were astounded by the efforts of our team members and once again we finished in a very strong position overall. After this event, both the boys' and girls' teams are an amazing 3rd place out of 14 teams! Will Goss (Year 5), once again, ran a superb race to come in 2nd overall, very comfortably, in the boy's race. Alyssia (Year 5) showed her fantastic form by again coming in 3rd in the girls' race and Elexa (Year 6) came in, in a very impressive 6th place.

### All positions:

#### Boys (Out of 120 runners)

**Will Goss**- 2nd  
**Findlay Girdler**- 16th  
**Joshua Goble** - 20th  
**Lucas Morland** - 36th  
**Joshua Gordon-Nelson**-47th  
**George Kleinschmidt** -49th  
**Ben Luther** - 51st  
**Joe Vujicic**- 53rd  
**Bradley Percival** 89th  
**Paul Stevens**- 98th

#### Girls (Out of 86 runners)

**Alyssia Woods**- 3rd  
**Elexa Haslam**-6th  
**Tayo Partridge**-38th  
**Amy Hawkins**-37th  
**Martha Graham**- 51st  
**Sophie Nurser**-52nd  
**Mollie Mechen** -56th  
**Jamie Woods**- 58th

Thank you, once again, to the parents who were able to support us on the day.

We are extremely proud of you all!  
**Mrs Murray and Mr Noyce.**







# SCHOOL NEWS...

**Lytchett Matravers  
Primary School  
Calendar 2017**

Get yours from the LMPs  
**Christmas Fayre** on  
**Friday 2nd December**

only  
**£5**

Proceeds from the calendar  
help provide funds for the school

## Free School Meals

To make an application for Free School Meals (FSM), please ring 01305 251000.

You will be asked your name, date of birth, national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and address.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marsh in the school office.

## £100 Allowance

Any child that is entitled to free school meals via pupil premium, (i.e. in receipt of free meals because you are in receipt of benefits), can now claim £100 per school year to use towards costs related to their child's education. This funding can be

used for items such as school uniform and educational school trips/experiences like swimming for example. In order for you to claim part or all of your £100 allowance, please speak to the school office, or contact Mr France or Mrs Dominey.





# DIARY DATES

see it on our website

## December 2016

Month Commences  
Thursday 1st December

Fri 2 December 2016

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: Studio LMPS

Fri 2 December 2016

Time: 15.35 - 18.00

Event: **PTEC Christmas Fayre**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 5 December 2016

Time: 15.30 - 16.00

Event: **Book Fair**

Venue: Main Corridor, LMPS

Monday 5 December 2016

Time: 13.30 - 15.30

Event: **Year 5 Swimming**

Venue: Broadstone Leisure Centre

Monday 5 December 2016

Time: 17.00 - 18.00

Event: **Governors Curriculum Meeting**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 6 December 2016

Time: 18.00 - 18.45

Event: **Christmas Concert**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 7 December 2016

Time: 09.30 - 10.00 & 14.00 - 14.30

Event: **Year 1 Nativity**

Venue: Main Hall, LMPS

Thursday 8 December 2016

Time: 13.00 - 16.00

Event: **Year 5/6 Cross Country**

Venue: Ferndown Upper School

Thursday 8 December 2016

Time: 17.30 - 18.30

Event: **PFM Governors Meeting**

Venue: LMPS

Friday 9 December 2016

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: Studio, LMPS

Monday 12 December 2016

Time: 12.00 - 13.00

Event: **Whole School Christmas Lunch**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 12 December 2016

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Event: **Reception Stay and Play Christmas Special for Parents**

Venue: Reception Classrooms

Tuesday 13 December 2016

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 3 Travel Fair for Parents**

Venue: Year 3 Classrooms

Wednesday 14 December 2016

Time: 09.00 - 13.30

Event: **Aladdin Panto Yr's 2, 4, 5 & 6**

Venue: The Lighthouse, Poole

Wednesday 14 December 2016

Time: 12.20 - 13.15

Event: **School Bank Marketing Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Thursday 15 December 2016

Time: 09.00 - 13.30

Event: **Aladdin Panto Yr's R, 1 & 3**

Venue: The Lighthouse, Poole

Thursday 15 December 2016

Time: 19.00 - 20.00

Event: **Yr 6 Christmas Production**

Venue: Main Hall, LMPS

Friday 16 December 2016

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: Studio, LMPS

Friday 16 December 2016

Time: 09.00 - 10.00

Event: **Whole School Celebration Assembly**

Venue: Main Hall, LMPS

## DON'T FORGET

For all calendar dates and information go to:

<http://www.lytchettmatraversprimary.org.uk/calendar/>

## 2017 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2016-17 Teacher Training days. School will be closed to children on these days. Thank you.

**Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017**

**Monday 5th June 2017**

**Friday 21st July 2017**

