

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A word from the Headteacher

Welcome to another edition of Roundabout and I hope that you have all been enjoying some much needed sunshine over the Easter break. The Summer Term is always a busy one but it is also peppered with fun activities and events for the children and so there is a lot to look forward to.

Here at the school we have been working on our current budget projections for the next three years and sadly it does not make for pleasant reading. I am sure that you will have seen items in the news about this subject; however, I would be remiss in my duties as Headteacher if I were not to make you aware that funding issues are impacting upon our school too. In the short term we will find a way

to keep the present level of service going but this will not be sustainable over the next three years as we simply will not have the funding to do so without moving into significant deficit.

As always, we will do our utmost to limit the effect upon the educational experiences of our children, but sadly we are not immune to the 'real terms cuts' that are occurring nationally.

Hopefully next month I will be able to write about more pleasant topics, but until then please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare.



Simon France
Head Teacher

To this month's Merit Award winners

Abigail Jones
Abigail Murray
Amelia Thynne
Amie Dempster
Amy Hawkins
Anna Rixom
Archie Ballard
Autumn Hadland
Billy King
Brendan Gregory
Cameron Taylor
Daisy Clarke
Daisy Godfrey
Daniel Robson
Darcy Preece
David Trim
Edward Mousley
Ella Brown
Elliott Jeffery
Elivia Winterbourne
Eva Henry
Fearn-maia White
Finley Girdler
Freya Bugden
George Abbotts
George Jolob
George Kleinschmidt
Gypsy-Skye Bowman
Henry Fealty
Henry Tucker
Isabelle Downes
Isobel Gillingham
Jack Andrews

Jack Ryan
Jae Riddell
James Downes
James Nagle
Jason Shaw
Jasper Graham
Jemima Sutton
Joe Bown
Joseph Short
Joshua White
Juno Wood
Katie Danvers
Katie Jenkins
Lauren Pettitt
Leila Snooks
Lexie Deller
Libby White
Lily Ward
Lorena Selby
Lottie Griffiths
Lucas Easton
Lucas Sibley
Lyvia Holland
Macie Girdler
Maisie Dennes
Maisie Snooks
Marley Croft
Millie Bainbridge
Naomi Percival
Oliver Watts
Olivia Hill
Oscar Hampshire
Persephone Matthews

Poppy Attridge
Poppy Wood
Poppy Wright
Rebekka Neill
Rhea Moors
Robyn Scott
Rowan White
Ruby Bown
Ruby Gould
Sam Bown
Samuel Cottman
Savannah Manning
Scarlett Dillon White
Scott Rowles
Sebastian Richards
Sophie Gray
Sophie Ringsell
Taylor Winterbourne
Teagan-maria White
Theo Case
William Goss
Zach Potter
Zaide Cooper
Zak Morland
Alesksandr Daveney
Alex King
Amelia More
Amelia Sibley
Archie Brown
Archie Martin
Ashton Vivian
Bailey Odhams
Ben Jones

Bonnie-Marie Bowman
Callum Mayes
Dakota Wills
Daniel Ellis
Dylan Waters
Edgar Daveney
Ellison Gibbons
Emily Pestana
Fearn-Maia White
Freya Scott
Finn O'Hara
Finn Szydlowski
Fletcher Murray
Frazer Sampson
Gemma Miller
George King
George Kleinschmidt
George Martin
Harry Ball
Harry Clothier
Harry Frame
Henry Tucker
Imogen Thomas
Isabell Maidment
Isabella Winterbourne
Isabelle Downes
Isobella Cooper
Jack Browne
James Downes
Jamie Wyatt
Jazmin Betteridge
Jenson Stanton
Jessica Drury

Joshua Goble
Joshua Gordaon-Nelson
Joshua White
Josie Phillips
Kai Bullen
Khian Stone
Kiera Martin
Kitty Richman Tory
Layla Ireland
Leah Wood
Leo Burt
Libby White
Lily Cob
Lily D'Arcy-Wykes
Lily Flinter
Lily Riches
Lucas Morland
Lucy Bagg
Macie Cailles
Mai-Leigh Petrie
Maisie Dennes
Martha Graham
Martha Vujicic
Martha Wood
Mia-Rose Dominey
Michael Forkin
Michaela Smith
Milly Morton
Misha Bellows
Mollie Gregg
Molly Attridge
Myah Denmark
Naomi Percival
Ocean Tee
Oscar Brown

Oscar Potter
Owen Coslet
Owen Poole
Penny McCourt
Percy Dean
Phoebe Griffiths
Poppy Szydlowski
Ralph Rixom
Rebekka Neill
Robert Schofield
Ruby-Mae Trim
Sam Fones
Samuel Holloway
Sasha McQuaid
Scarlett Tanner
Sean Waters
Shaobo Zhang
Shaya Bellows
Sophie Huggins
Sophie Mills
Storm Gooch
Taylor Read
Tom Spencer
Vincent McCourt
William Cottman
Willow White
Zach Richards
Zak Morland
Zara Canning
Zoe Nurser
Rebecca Sepkes-Jones
Harriet Tomlinson-Mynors



kids the junction

student voice

A big thank you to everybody for your support raising money for our chosen charities, by dressing up as celebrities for the day on Friday 7th April. We will publish our total amount once all the pennies have been counted!

We also managed to raise extra money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, when Year 6 sold sweets at the Easter disco – thank you to all who contributed to such a worthwhile cause.

Next month we will be looking at meeting with a member of the PTEC committee, in order to talk about our wants and needs for LMPS!

Miss Barker, Acting ECM Leader & Student Voice



Music

On Tuesday 21st March, a group of musicians went to Lytchett Minster School for a workshop and performance afternoon with children from other schools in the Pyramid. Our children thoroughly enjoyed their experience and behaved impeccably. See the experience from the children's point of view elsewhere in this edition of the Roundabout, as written by Lucy M and Lucy H!

The summer term is always a busy time in a primary school, and for music this is especially true. The choirs and orchestra continue to work hard on songs and music for the production, 'Happy Ever After', and we are impressed with the levels of determination they have all shown in the face of some challenging music! Later on in the term there will be more opportunities for children to participate in different concerts and performances.

Year 4 have a treat coming up in their music lessons this term – they will be learning to play brass instruments, alongside learning to read

music and play
as part of a group

within the Musicianship programme, run by Dorset Music Service. This is an absolutely fantastic opportunity for them to be introduced to playing a musical instrument if they do not currently play; if they already play an instrument, it gives them the opportunity to further develop their musicianship skills. Learning to play a musical instrument opens up a whole new world for children and has been proven to impact positively on all aspects of their learning - I very much hope that after this course, we will have some children who want to carry on!



Miss K Wells

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.



Getting to grips with Shakespeare:

We had a super morning when Year 6 pupils visited us to celebrate National Shakespeare Week. A range of activities and a performance from Macbeth all contributed to an introduction to William Shakespeare.

Easter at the Library:

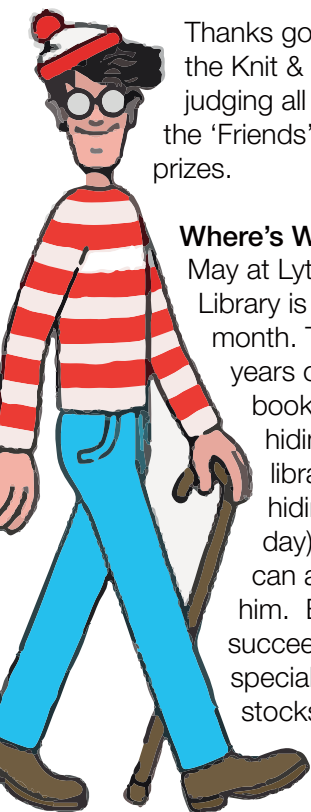
Stories, egg hunts, crafts and a colouring competition were all part of Easter at Lytchett Library.

Congratulations to our colouring competition winners and 'Thank You' to everyone who entered.

4 years & under: Lily Easton

5 – 7 years: Maisie Dennes

8 – 11 years: Samuel Cottman



Thanks go to the ladies of the Knit & Knatter Group for judging all the entries and to the 'Friends' for providing the prizes.

Where's Wally??:

May at Lytchett Matravers Library is 'Where's Wally' month. To celebrate 30 years of 'Where's Wally' books we will be hiding Wally in our library (a different hiding place each day) and children can attempt to find him. Everyone who succeeds will win a special poster (whilst stocks last) and be entered into the competition for a 30th

Anniversary edition of 'Where's Wally' plus a special sticker book. So drop in during May and see if you can find Wally.

Young Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for Summer Reading Challenge Champions (aged 14-25) to help out at our library this summer. This is a great opportunity

to gain experience of working as part of a team and helping children and families to get the most out of the Reading Challenge. The role includes signing children up for the challenge, handing out incentives and rewards, talking about their books and helping with displays and activities. To apply go online at www.dorsetforyou.com/librariesyoungadults and complete an application form or call in to the library to speak with a member of staff for more information.

Books to help with homework:

In our 'Homework/Topic/Project' section you will find books on all the latest curriculum subjects for each year group. If help is needed in finding exactly what you are looking for then just speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Mental Health Awareness Week:

8th – 14th May

Come along and try a 'Mindfulness' taster session. What is mindfulness? 'Mindfulness is paying attention to the present moment, without getting stuck in the past or worrying about the future'. Local Mindfulness practitioner Lisa Hardisty is offering you the chance to try some simple mindfulness techniques which can help with stress, anxiety and improve your general wellbeing on Tuesday 12th May 2.15pm – 3pm and free places can be booked in advance at the library.

Dementia Awareness Week:

14th – 20th May

Are you caring for or helping someone with dementia? If so, are you aware of the help and support available to you? On Friday 19th May between 2pm and 3pm Judy Barnes from a Dementia Support Group will be in the library to offer help and advice.

Citizens Advice Bureau:

A reminder that the Citizens Advice Bureau visit Lytchett Matravers Library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month between 10am and 12.30pm. A CAB Advisor will be available to offer free, impartial and confidential advice on a wide range of issues including benefits, debt, housing, consumer issues and more. This is a drop-in session with no need to book.

**citizens
advice**

Email address is

lytchettmatraverslibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk

Many thanks.

**Babs, Clair and Susan
Your Library Staff**





Welcome back from a deserved Easter break, it is amazing how this academic year is flying by. April is a month of spring and with spring comes a lot of change. The weather improves for the better (or so one hopes!), and gardens as well as verges and hedgerows fill with new life of blossom, leaves and grass. Birds return from warmer climates and life begins afresh.

It is also the time of year where schools' focus on assessments and SATs can no longer be avoided, as they are perilously close. A challenging time for pupils, parents and staff alike as everyone wants the best for those at the heart of the matter – our children.

The exam time can be stressful, but the school system has to have a means of measuring a child's ability and progress. The controversy is often in relation to how early these measurements of 'conformation' start as well as what should be measured; academic ability or social development? Society expects us all to have abilities on both fronts and schools are in a sense a small 'society' of their own, where both skill sets are learned, tested and developed. It is interesting, therefore, to read the Government's consultation paper 'Primary assessment in England'. The current statutory assessment system of Early **Years Foundation Stage** (EYFS) Profile in reception, Year 1 phonics screening, Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum assessment as well as the biennial KS2 science sampling test is what we are familiar with. All of these assessments are carried out to ensure children acquire the

skills to master reading, writing and arithmetic, as defined by set and expected standards for pupils leaving primary education, preparing them for their secondary school education.

The consultation on Primary Assessment began on March 30th this year and is open for parents as well as education staff, authorities and school governors to make their comments. For anyone interested, the complete document can be found on www.gov.uk to read. Scheduled closure of the consultation is June 22nd 2017 at 5pm, and the results are anticipated to be published on the same website by September this year.

Statutory testing does little to formally measure a child's social development. It has been spoken about many times before, how LMPs are proactive and exceptionally good at things outside the classroom, but very recently we

have had strong feedback to back up this observation. LMPS recently received a letter from the family of a former pupil of our school. The purpose of the letter was to say a thank you for the educational experience their child had during their time at LMPS as well as Lytchett Matravers Pre-School. There was clear evidence of the importance of ensuring a positive early educational experience, both within and outside the classroom. This is a child now confidently entering into teenage years – the spring of adulthood.

Wishing you all a continued positive
spring,

Kristine Knudsen

Chair of Governors



World Book Day Success!



We hope you enjoyed spending your World Book Day vouchers on some fantastic books again this year. Once again, the children and staff went above and beyond to dress up as characters from their favourite books on World Book day! Thank you very much for the support, creative thinking and efforts that went into creating the children's costumes. We started the day with a whole school celebration assembly to share everyone's super ideas and the wonderful books that inspired them. Well done to our 'best dressed' winners, who won a £5 book voucher.

Each class also got to visit our fantastic village library during the week. We'd like to say a huge

thank you to Susan and her team for organising fun activities for the children and for encouraging even more of our children to use the library service.

We look forward to inspiring more reading in the future! If you haven't already, why not have a go at our new reading challenge 'LMPs Book Bingo,' which is a reading challenge

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for any child across the school, who wishes to take part, from Reception to Year 6.

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the aim behind the LMPs Book Bingo is to simply inspire a love of reading, especially for those children who aren't always enthusiastic about picking up a book! It will also give the children the opportunity to read a wider range of books.

There are six fun challenges to complete to get a 'full house.' When your child has completed their challenge, they need to return their challenge sheet and any evidence they wish to provide to Mrs Murray. Evidence can be in the form of photos, or a simple list of the books they have read or anything else that this challenge inspires the children to create!

Well done to those children who have completed the first challenge already. Watch this space for the second challenge which is coming soon, in order to earn the coveted Non-Uniform token!

Happy reading!

Mrs Murray
Acting English Leader



WOULD YOU LIKE A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

As you will know there is currently no Crossing Patrol person to help the children cross the road before and after school. The Dorset Road Safety Team has advertised for a crossing patrol but the position is still vacant.

If you are interested in this very worthwhile position please contact **Mr. Rob Camp**, at Dorset County Council 01305 251000.



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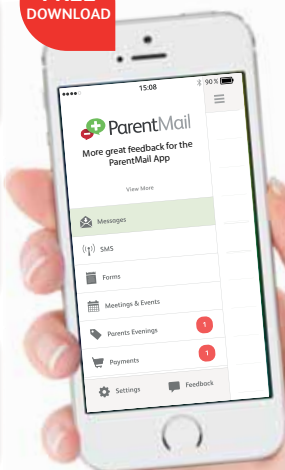
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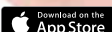
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SCHOOL NEWS...

Fair trade Fortnight!

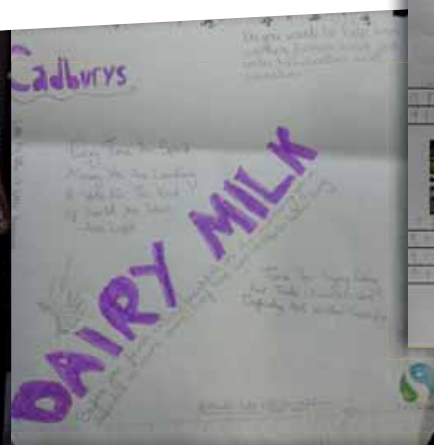
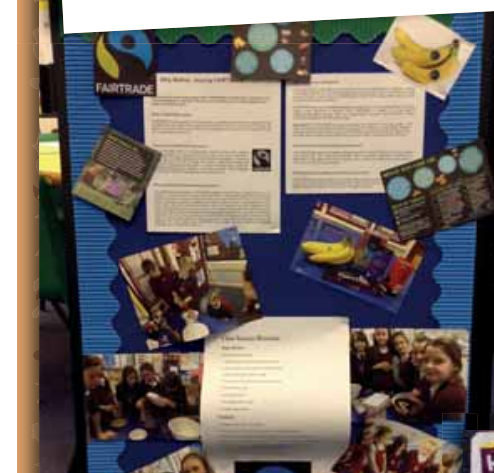
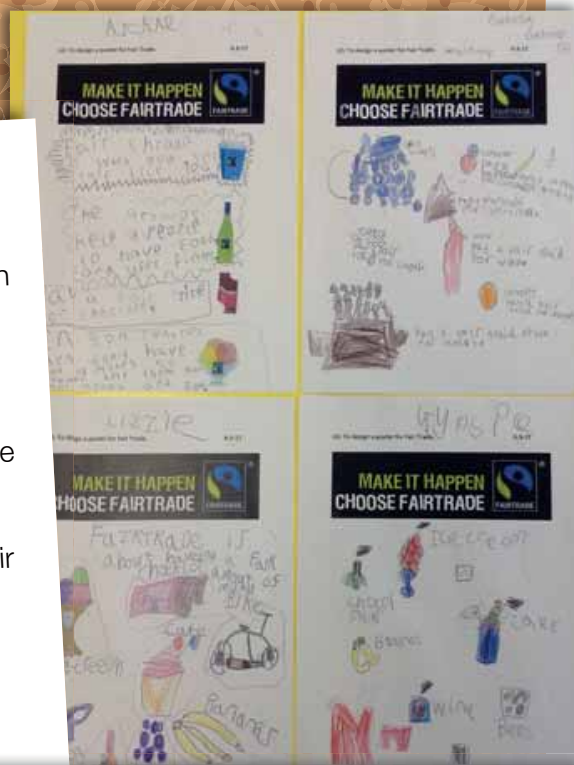
Do you know at the moment 61 million children in the world are not getting an education?

Do you know 150 million children across the world are involved in child labour, often working in really dangerous conditions?

Do you know being able to get an education is the right of every child and is good for the whole of society? For example, if all children in poorer countries had basic reading skills, it could save 171 million people from poverty?

Between the 27th February and 12th March, we took part in Fair trade fortnight. The children across every year group explored what 'Fair trade' means, and looked at the impact buying Fair trade products has for many people around the world. Take a look at some the wonderful work the children produced.

Miss Waring
Multicultural Leader



Eco Team News

The Eco Team have been busy interviewing our very own award winning parent for upcycling. Ms Flinter, (Lily and Una's mum) has been so successful at upcycling objects, she now has a large shop in Poole and has just won the very prestigious 'Apple Eco award', being presented this at the Houses of Parliament.

The ECO team carried out a detailed interview with Ms Flinter. One of the questions they asked was,

Q: 'How did you learn the skills to upcycle? What made you want to start upcycling?'

Ms Flinter replied, **A: 'I have a massive passion for helping our beautiful planet and proving not everything needs to be new or have a chemical in it. Learning about history and how we began shows us all we can do it. When my father was a little boy, my Grandma in the war had no choice but to Upcycle everything! She didn't even have the internet to look things up for ideas. Back in those days they were the best upcyclers, so we can too. Skills are about learning, failing, trying again until you got it whatever it may be. My daughters laugh at me sometimes when they see me on the floor covered in wood and paint and tools and refusing to buy anything new. However eventually I get there and sell it in the shop and it's an awesome achievement.'**

For the full interview go to:
www.lmpsdsorset.org/page/?title=ECO+Team&pid=23

Ms Flinter will be trying her best to come into school and provide an upcycling Eco workshop for the Eco Team. We are very much looking forward to that!



Mrs McCabe & the ECO Team



Dress as a Celebrity



We had a fantastic day on Friday 7th April, raising money for Student Voice and the children's chosen charities – Marie Curie and Cystic Fibrosis Trust! Thank you to everybody who made a wonderful effort dressing up as their chosen celebrity for the day – some were very realistic, whilst others were very comical!

Each class teacher had the challenging task of choosing one winner. There were some fantastic costumes! We will let you know the total raised soon.

**Miss Barker, Acting ECM Leader
& Student Voice**



SCHOOL NEWS...

Celebrating Shakespeare at the library

From the 20th-24th March, it was National Shakespeare Week. Schools and organisations across the country took part in different activities and events to celebrate this great writer.

At LMPS, Year 6 studied this writer extraordinaire and created colourful posters for the local library to display. On Monday 20th March, the children went to the library to attend a special Shakespeare workshop. When year 6 piled in they were given the task to answer questions about Shakespeare. These questions included: When was



Shakespeare born?, Where was he born?, What job did his father do? Including many more.

Next, Year 6 had lots of fun insulting and complementing other people with Shakespeare's insults and compliments. Many of the insults went like this: Thou lumpish hedge pig rabbit-sucker. An example of a compliment was: Thou rare honey-tongued

wafer-cake. The workshop ended with a performance by the Lytchett Players, who acted out the scene from Macbeth where he met the witches. All in all, it was a great morning and set us up to continue to learn and write about the play, Macbeth.

By Bertie D, Year 6 Pupil



**Do you follow LMPS on Twitter?
Have you noticed some odd
tweets using #happyeverafter?**

Our production, scheduled for 22nd June 2017, has created its own hashtag and we are tweeting regularly to promote the performance.

Currently, rehearsals are well under way with choir, orchestra, dancers and actors all busy preparing the fairy tale with a modern twist. Recently, the actors joined the dancers to practice several numbers including Bippity Bobbity Boo, Fabulous and Be Our Guest.

You can feel the energy and excitement as our children's talents begin to shine!

If you don't follow us on Twitter - sign up and see if you can guess what songs the tweets refer to. Feel free to tweet back - you might want to ask one of our characters like the Evil Queen, Big Bad Wolf, Rumpelstiltskin or Princess Esme a question or find out more about the enchanted kingdom of Ever After!

Mrs Hancock & Miss Coombs





SCHOOL news...

Life Education Van

During the week beginning 27th March 2017, we had a visit from the Life Education Centre Van. Each class went into the mobile classroom to learn the skills that will help them make healthier choices in life. There was lots of interesting discussions, and the children enjoyed seeing Harold the Giraffe again!

Thank you to the staff from the Life Education Wessex, for providing such a valuable and exciting experience for our children!

**Miss Barker, Acting ECM Leader
& Student Voice**



The Pyramid Festival.



On Tuesday the 21st of March, Lytchett Matravers Primary School's orchestra and some other musicians went to Lytchett Minster to join other schools in our pyramid to have a workshop and then have a concert at the end of the day. As keen instrument players ourselves, we came along to see what the afternoon had to offer.

Firstly, Mr. Painter (Head of Music at Lytchett Minster School) gave us a short talk about what we would be doing. Then, the string section went off to room 56, and the woodwind stayed in the theatre. We practiced for one hour! We went over the different pieces. For strings they were: Marching Through the

Mud and Lazy Horse. For the woodwind sections, the music was called: Rock Goes the Weasel and Run. At the end of the day, our parents came in to see each section perform all their songs. It looked like all our hard work finally paid off as it was a success and everyone had a great time.

By Lucy M and Lucy H, Year 6 pupils.





Mother's Day Stay and Play in Reception.



We had a great afternoon at our Mother's Day stay and play. We had decorated biscuits, made baskets of flowers and cards for our Mums. There were lots of activities for us to do! My Mummy had a cup of tea and I ate the biscuit! I love stay and plays.

By Percy in Ladybird Class

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

On Wednesday 15th March, Reverend Steve Partridge from St Mary's church came to school to take our assembly. We all loved hearing the story about Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish that was acted out by some of our Year 5 and 6 children.

Naomi, "The assembly was fun because we got to see some children acting and I love singing along to Reverend Partridge's guitar."

Jasmin, "I loved the assembly, it was such fun."

Finley, "The assembly was great and I loved the song 'We are a city on a hill'."

Thank you Reverend Partridge for being such a wonderful part of our school community.

By Year 6 pupils



Visit from Reverend Partridge

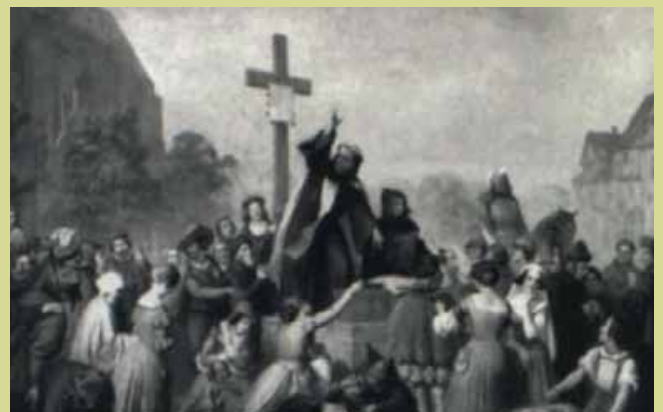
On Tuesday, 28th March 2017, Year 6 children of LMPS had a visit from Reverend Partridge - our local vicar. The topic for Year 6 this term has been 'Monarch Madness', and we have learned all about how Henry VIII formed the Church of England. We also learned about Queen Elizabeth II and how she is also the current head of the Church of England. Reverend Partridge came in to help us debate the role of the church in the modern world.



We learned about how the church is involved in all areas of society – caring for the poor, education, social work, and Government. We also had a chance to ask Reverend Partridge any questions we wanted to! Some of the questions included: Can God hear us? Can you believe both in God and in science? Is the Bible reliable?

It was a very interesting discussion and we learned a lot. Some children said it was one of the best lessons ever!

By Paul S Year 6 Pupil





SCHOOL news...

Red Nose Day –
Friday 24th March 2017

THANK YOU
for supporting Red Nose Day

Thank you to everybody who came along and bought a 'Red Nose' from school to help raise money for Comic Relief. We had a special Comic Relief assembly on Friday 24th March, where we all put on our noses and posed for a whole school photo!

We raised a fantastic £225, thank you so much!

**Miss Barker, Acting ECM Leader
& Student Voice**

Rights Respecting Award

It is with the greatest pleasure that we can announce that LMPs has been awarded UNICEF's Level One Rights Respecting School Award!

The assessment for the award took place on 9th March, when Jilly, the UNICEF assessor visited our school for the day. She met with many of our students, as well as having a tour of our school, led by the Student Voice. Jilly also talked with lots of staff members, governors and parents to find out what a Rights Respecting School means to us. The children did us extremely proud by showing Jilly exactly how passionate they are about their rights. Jilly even said she had never heard so many of articles remembered and understood by children of a Primary School age! It was clear that the rights of the child, according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child are clearly embedded into our learning.

We are so grateful to the children, parents, staff and governors for embracing our mission to become a Rights Respecting School.

To read the full report or find out more information about the award, please visit the Rights Respecting Page on our school website.

[www.lmps.dorset.org/page/?title=Rights+Respecting+School+\(RRS\)&pid=90](http://www.lmps.dorset.org/page/?title=Rights+Respecting+School+(RRS)&pid=90)

Mrs Jemma Murray





SCHOOL news...

World Math's Day 10th March 2017

Wow! What amazing mathematicians we have in our school!

Everyone enjoyed a creative, fun-filled and exciting mathematical day, which resulted in all our children becoming Arithmetic Math's Wizards.

The children calculated and carried out an amazing array of activities from cooking to painting numbers, from mathematical Quiditch to the Cheerio challenge, to name but a few. There was excitement all round as each year group fulfilled their challenges, with quotes from the children such as, 'I love this! I could do this forever! Thomas Year 3 and 'This is the best day ever!' Sophie and Gypsie Year 1.

Our World Math's Day was a huge success and really helped all our children to engage and take part in a range of activities to develop their mathematical skills. A huge thank you to all the teacher's and TA's who put a lot of hard work into planning such an inspirational and fun- filled day and to our brilliant children for engaging and working so hard in all the activities.

Just take a look at how we got on...

Mrs McCabe
Acting Mathematics Leader





SCHOOL NEWS...

Year 3 Educational Visit to Stonehenge.

At the end of our Stone Age to Iron Age topic, the children in Year 3 arrived at school early on the 6th of April, excited to be visiting the most well-known prehistoric monument in Europe! When we arrived, half the year headed straight off to the famous stones, while the other half set about discovering what Neolithic life at Stonehenge was like.

First they became archaeologists, exploring Stonehenge through a variety of models and artefacts to answer key questions such as how Stonehenge was built and how we collect evidence to find out what things were like in the past. Then they headed outside to visit Stonehenge's Neolithic village and try their hand at fence-building, rope making and grinding corn, just like our Stone Age ancestors would have done!

After lunch in the glorious sunshine, the groups swapped over and we were lucky enough to be given a tour of the famous stones by one of English Heritage's volunteer experts. She accompanied us around the stones, explaining the different parts of the stone circle and its surroundings and answering the children's questions. They were thrilled to be seeing a prehistoric monument they had learned so much about and they had plenty to ask her!

At the end of a long and busy day, the two groups got back together to board the coach home with some wonderful new memories of their Neolithic day at Stonehenge. Thank you so much to all the parent helpers who came along to help make this such a special day for the children. We couldn't have done it without you!



Year 3 Team



Year 1 India!

This term Year 1 have been learning all about India. We have looked at the culture, food, clothes, animals, Gods and Goddesses and where India is in the world. The children have written super fact files which are on display outside our classrooms and made 3D pictures of the Taj Mahal.

We have compared life in a British and Indian school and looked at the similarities and differences between the two.

After Easter we are very lucky to have a group of students join us from

Canford School, who will be visiting India for a school exchange. They are coming in to do an afternoon full of activities, which they will also be doing with the children in their partner school in India.

If it's anything like last year, it will be great fun! Keep an eye out for photos on our class website pages!

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Leigertwood, Mrs McCabe and the Year 1 Team.



SCHOOL news...

Year 2 and 6 SATs Help for Parents

With Year 2 and 6 SATs Weeks rapidly approaching we are all focusing hard on supporting the children and providing them with every opportunity to perform confidently and at their full potential.

Please find below some examples of how to support and help your child before and during SATs week:

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what they need to work on to help them improve.

To support with reading you could:

- Talk about the books children are enjoying before, during and afterwards – discussing the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have and explain their own opinions.
- All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes and TV guides.

To support with maths you could:

- Play times tables games.
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time.
- Encourage opportunities for counting coins and money; finding amounts or calculating change when shopping.
- Look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes around the home and name or describe them.
- Identify, weigh or measure quantities and amounts in the kitchen or in recipes.
- Play games involving numbers or logic, such as dominoes, card games, darts, draughts and chess.

In addition to the ideas above, each child already has a pack of support materials to help them to practice the types of questions they will be asked.

Most importantly, we would just like to say how proud we are of all of our children. We know how hard they have worked, but there is something very important the children should know:

- The SATs do not assess what makes each of you special and unique. The people, who create these tests and score them, do not know each of you the way that we do and certainly not the way your families do.
- They do not know that some of you love to sing in our choir with Miss Wells, or play music in our wonderful orchestra conducted by Mrs Blake. They do not know

that you are a dedicated sportsperson, always giving 110% on the courts or field, representing our school at tournaments, always putting your team-mates first.

- The people writing these exams do not know that your friends can always count on you to be there for them, that your smile can brighten any teacher's day, or that you have a mischievous twinkle in your eye when you're having fun!
- They do not know that you 'give everything a go', wonder about the future or sometimes help our younger pupils in the playground or your little brothers and sisters after school.
- They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful. Trying your very best every day.

The scores that you achieve in these tests will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being clever and you should know that you are. So whilst you are preparing for these exams and 'getting through' SATs week, remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing things that make you the wonderful person that you are.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

Aristotle

Believe in yourself, we do.
We wish you all the best of luck,

Mr France, Mrs Dominey, Mrs Foster, Mr Burton, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Murray, Miss Waring & all of the staff at LMPS





SCHOOL news...

Walk like an Egyptian!

The children in Year 4 were very excited today, as it was the day of their 'Egyptian Exhibition'. They had invited their parents, grandparents and carers in to show off all of their fantastic work they had done throughout this terms topic 'Egyptians'.

The parents were first dazzled by their amazing dance performance, 'Walk like an Egyptian' and some even got up and had a dance themselves! Then there was the opportunity to share and look at their topic books, art work and home learning projects. Many parents commented on how much the children had done and what a high standard the work was. The afternoon was finished off with an 'Egyptian Quiz' where the children and parents worked in teams to answer questions to test their knowledge.

Miss Meacher, Mrs Gould and Mrs Dunn are very proud of the children and how hard they have worked throughout this term. We have all really enjoyed our 'Egyptians' topic, we have learnt and had lots of fun too!

Year 4 Team





SCHOOL NEWS...

Cross Country

On Thursday 30th March, our Year 5 and 6 running team took part in the Poole and East Dorset Cross Country Championships at The Canford School. Once again, there was a big field of very talented runners. With some of our boys missing due to illness, we did not have a full boy's team, however the boys achieved very well individually. The girls came 3rd out of nine schools in both Year 5 and Year 6, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the runners!

A special mention is needed for Alyssia Woods, who placed an amazing 2nd in the Year 5 race, winning a silver medal and to Elexa Haslam, who has been training extra hard at parkrun recently, proving hard work pays off and winning 2nd place in her age group.

Thank you very much to all the parents who supported the event.

Mrs Murray and Mr Noyce were very proud, yet again.



NETBALL League Match 1 = WIN!

A HUGE congratulations to our fantastic Netball Team, who won their first League Match this evening (14.03.17) against Sandford St Martin's Primary School.

Not only was it our first netball league fixture, but we were playing away from home! I always find it amazing, the amount of times that I write how proud our children at Lytchett make me feel – and this fixture was no exception. The children really were fantastic.

Now we are playing league fixtures, the matches are longer and much more testing to our fitness levels.



The children hit this head on and continued to shine throughout the entire game.

Winning the first quarter, then the second, drawing the third and then winning the final quarter, our children played with dignity, respect, honesty, self respect, teamwork and determination.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents for transporting and continuing to support our children during fixtures. Another huge thank you also goes to Mrs McKenzie & Mr Noyce who have both been key to the success of our Netball Team.

Thursday 16th March will be our next challenge as the children are entered into the East Dorset qualifying Tournament, where we can win a place for the Dorset County Finals. Fingers crossed for this tournament!

Win, lose or draw, our children remain the same – a credit to LMPS.

Well done all,

A very proud Netball Coach & Deputy Headteacher

Laura Dominey



SPORTS news...

Netball County Finals 2017!

On Monday 3rd April, the LMPS Netball Team attended the Level 3 High 5 Netball County Finals Tournament, representing East Dorset alongside Allenbourn Middle School. Although we didn't place overall, our netball team was outstanding and won 3 of their 5 games, finishing 3rd in Group 1.



The two teams they lost against ended up in the finals and battled it out for overall 1st and 2nd places across the county. Looking at the scores of all teams competing, the overall county champions Baden Powell and St Peters, were beating teams 16 and 12-0, whereas they only beat our team 6-0. This gives you an idea of the fight and determination of our players.

The best thing about today, was the respect, determination and resilience of our children, who, after losing the first and second games, came back fighting to win their last 3! Here are the scores from the tournament;

GROUP 1

Match 1: LMPS V Baden Powell (1st overall) = Loss 0-6

Match 2: LMPS V Christ the King (2nd overall) = Loss 3-6

Match 3: LMPS V St Mary's = Win 6-0

Match 4: LMPS V Thorners = Win 9-0

Match 5: LMPS V St Andrews = Win 7-1

Proud is an understatement. Well done to the very first netball team to win a match (or 3!) at the Dorset County Finals. Year on year our children are making superb progress. LMPS have qualified for the County Finals for the past 3 years. In their first year, they didn't manage to score a goal, losing each game. In the second year, although our team lost each game, they managed to score many goals. This year they finished 3rd in their group, winning 3 out of 5 matches!



A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who transported and supported our children and school today. Without you, fixtures and experiences such as these would not be possible.

Another thank you to Mrs McKenzie and Mr Noyce for all of their hard work and support with our Netball Team this year.

A very proud Deputy Headteacher,

Laura Dominey



GOLF news



Monday 13th March saw our whole school taking part in free Golf sessions with Sturminster Marshall Golf Club and their golf professionals Mike Dodd & Charlie Pillinger...

Exciting news hits the school with the new relationship with Sturminster Marshall Golf Club and their golf professionals Mike Dodd & Charlie Pillinger. The club have been granted funding to enable them to offer golf as a sport to local schools.

Following our recent children's PE questionnaires, Golf was a sport that many children wanted to experience as part of their PE lessons in school, so on Monday, the professionals attended LMPS to do an assembly and a whole day of golf coaching for the whole school!

The children had a fantastic time and learned so much. Take a look at the recount written by our Sports Leaders...

Thank you Sturminster Marshall Golf Club and their golf professionals Mike Dodd & Charlie Pillinger for making our children's wishes come true!

On Monday 13th march, we had 2 golf professionals from Sturminster Marshall golf club come in to school to provide all the children with a taster golf session. The weather was beautiful and the sun shone which meant they were able to set up outside on the MUGA. This gave the feeling of actually being out on the golf course which all the children loved.

Each year group went out for a 30 minute session, where Mike and Charlie, our 2 professionals, introduced the children to a golf club (putter) and allowed the children to have a go at different drills relating to putting. There was a practice drill where the children were shown how

to hold the club, an individual skill for them to practice the putting technique, before the final team game at the end.

During a whole school assembly, Mike spoke to the children about funding for some free golf lessons for children, especially an extra funding pot for some girl only golf lessons that Sturminster Marshall could offer. At the end of the assembly four volunteers stepped up to the tee to compete for school champion. A massive target had been set up and the children had to chip the ball and try to be the closest to the middle. The winner was a boy from Year 3 who had the reward of challenging a teacher for ultimate champion. Mr Burton was selected and a nervous buzz descended on the crowd as both played their shots.

Mr Burton won, but only by a balls width!

Our Sports Leaders also got involved by assisting with setting up for every session, something that Charlie commented on by saying how brilliant it was to have children willing to help and do the work behind the scenes, not just to take part in the activity!

All the children enjoyed themselves and whether they had played golf before or not, were keen to have a go, giving it their all. The teachers were very excited about how all the children had all been very engaged and were talking about golf all day.

Recount written by LMPS Sports Leaders





SPORTS news...

Tag Rugby Tournament

Our tag rugby team ventured over to county finals at Leaf Academy, along with 23 other teams. Our aim this year was to improve on last year's success and going there I knew that would be a tough ask.

However the children once again pulled out all the stops to represent us. In our first game we lost a close encounter 7-5, not to be put off though we bounced back in the next to record a 6-3 victory. This left us with an all important last game of our group to get in to as high a group as possible in round 2.

The game started and it was an exciting end to end, try versus try match until late in the game the opposition scored a try putting them one in front. The children rolled their sleeves up and went all out to score again and with seconds remaining we were on the verge of scoring a try when the hooter went for the end of the game, meaning a 6-5 loss.

A nervy lunchtime then followed, waiting to hear the next round of fixtures, until we were finally told that LMPS had made it into group 4 (an improvement on last year as we had only made group 5 last year!).

The first game the children were shell shocked by Sherborne Primary School who were amazing and I'm not sure how they were in our group as they should have been in much higher a group! They played some amazing rugby and our children had

no answer, resulting in a loss of 8-1. Even the parents were stunned!

So back to the drawing board we went, a quiet chat and a rallying call to show our true LMPS spirit, saw us take to the field in the following game with the same amazing rugby skills our previous opponents had displayed. The children showed our true rugby potential and wowed the crowd with some try's that myself and Mrs Gould look forward to seeing when the Lions go to New Zealand in the summer!

From Rhea running around the opposition and out sprinting everyone, to Zac linking his way through tackle after to tackle, through to the support running and passing down the line at full pace from the entire team resulting in tries in the corner, the rugby on display was high class and we won the game 10-4.

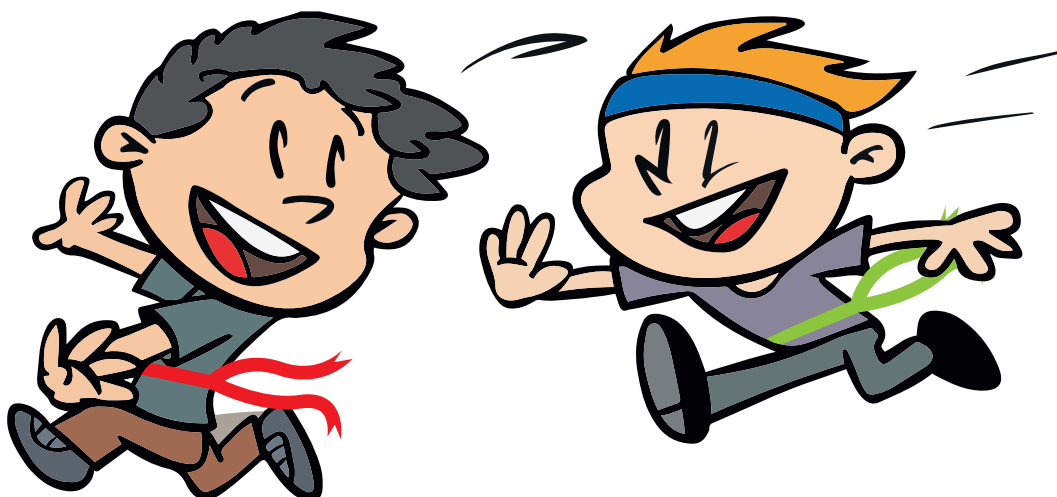
In the final game we had

a 6-4 victory, and this meant that we had finished 2nd in our group, with an overall position of 14th out of 24 across the Dorset County.

Once again our children have done the school extremely proud and we would like to thank them and all of the parents and carers that have transported and supported all year round.

Two very proud coaches,

Mr Kevin Noyce & Mrs Gould





SCHOOL NEWS...

Dear Parents and carers

Re: Hot School Meals

Could we please remind everyone that the deadline for ordering hot school meals, making changes and cancelling orders is **MIDNIGHT SUNDAY** the previous week.

Please do not ask for any changes/cancellation etc to be made as the answer from the office and Chartwell Catering will be a firm no.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

*LMPs Office Staff &
Chartwells*



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

May
2017

Month Commences
Monday 1st May

Wednesday 3 May 2017

Time: 12.20 - 13.15

Event: **School Bank Marketing Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Wednesday 3 May 2017

Time: 17.00 - 19.00

Event: **Full Governing Body Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Thursday 4 May 2017

Time: 15.00 - 15.30

Event: **Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting**

Venue: Dragonfly Classroom, LMPS

Friday 5 May 2017

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Monday 8 May 2017

Time: 09.00 -

Event: **YEAR 6 SATS WEEK BEGINS**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 8 May 2017

Time: 10.00 - 15.00

Event: **Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket. Invite Only**

Venue: Canford School

Friday 12 May 2017

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Monday 15 May 2017

Time: 09.00 -

Event: **Year 2 SATS Begin**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 15 May 2017

Time: 09.00 -

Event: **Year 6 Survival Week Begins**

Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 17 May 2017

Time: 12.20 - 13.15

Event: **School Bank, Marketing Meeting**

Venue: Room 15, LMPS

Friday 19 May 2017

Time: 08.30 - 09.00

Event: **School Bank Open**

Venue: The Studio, LMPS

Thursday 25 May 2017

Time: 12.00 - 15.30

Event: **Manor Mile. Invite Only**

Venue: Sandford Primary School

Friday 26 May 2017

Time: 15.30

Event: **End first half of Summer Term**

Venue: LMPS

Monday 5 June 2017

Time: 09.00 -

Event: **Teacher Training Day**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 6 June 2017

Time: 09.00 -

Event: **Start 2nd half of Summer Term**

Venue: LMPS

Tuesday 6 June 2017

Time: 10.00 - 10.15

Event: **Child of Hope Assembly**

Venue: LMPS

Thursday 8 June 2017

Time: 13.30 - 16.30

Event: **#HappyEverAfter Production Rehearsal**

Venue: School Hall, LMPS

Friday 9 June 2017

Time: 15.45 - 18.00

Event: **LMPS Summer Fayre**

Please see Miss Reid, Miss Barker, Mrs Foster or the School Office if you are happy to help with this event.

Venue: 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 2017 Teacher Training days. School will be closed to children on these days. Thank you.

Monday 5th June 2017

Friday 21st July 2017

Monday 4th Sept 2017

Friday 8th Sept 2017

