



Littleton Latest!

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We break up for today for half term, and return to school on Monday 1st November. We wish you all a happy half term!

Staff Change: After half term Miss Ball from Nursery will be moving to Apple Class in Year 1 to be the new full time teacher. Miss Crothers will be joining the school and taking over Miss Ball's role in Nursery and covering other teachers, for their time out, across the academy. We would like to give Miss Crothers a big warm welcome to Littleton Green.

Bonfire: After half term, we will be holding our annual bonfire for each year group. For this, your child will need a warm coat and a change of shoes (trainers or wellingtons). Please see below for a timetable of when your child's bonfire afternoon will be.

Monday 1 st November	Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 2 nd November	Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 4 th November	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 5 th November AM	Pre-School, Nursery and Reception

Dr Bike: On Friday 7th January 2022, we will have The Big Bike Revival-Dr Bike session in school from 8:30am - 1:00pm. The aim of The Big Bike Revival is to make bikes safer that are already being used and/or to bring bikes out of garden sheds and get them back in use. The Big Bike Revival is open to children right across all year groups. It is on a first come first served basis with 20 places available. If you would like your child's bike to be checked, please book a place at the school office before Wednesday 8th December.

Gang Show: Due to the ongoing situation, we have made the decision to postpone the Gang Show until the new year. We will let you know in the new year the dates and times for these performances. Thank you for your support.

Use of Social Media: We are aware that the use of social media is important to us in work and for our personal lives. We would like to remind parents that social media is not an appropriate way in which to share concerns or questions about school. If you have a matter you would like to discuss, please speak with the class teacher in the first instance. If you seek further support or clarity, then an appointment can be made with a member of our senior leadership team via the school office. Thank you.

New Menus: After half term there will be a new two-week menu.

E-Safety: Please click on the link below for e-safety news update:

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2021/oct/17/from-fortnite-to-fifa-online-video-game-players-warned-of-rise-in>



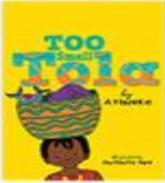
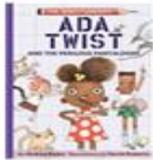
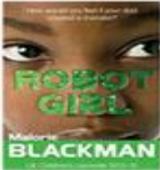
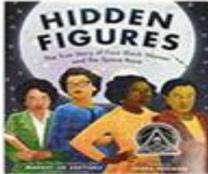
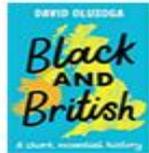
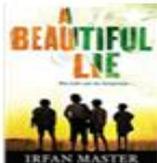
Diary Dates:

Monday 25th-Friday 29th October - October Half Term

Wednesday 3rd November - Flu Vaccine (Rec-Year 6)

Black History Month: Black books matter: It is important to read a diverse range of books, including those with black characters or by black authors. Sometimes you will read books with characters that are very similar to you or have had similar experiences to you, which is important in allowing you to reflect on those experiences. Reading books with characters that are different to you is a great way to put yourself in someone else's shoes. It helps you to understand them, their experiences and can immerse you in another world.

As a school, we are ensuring we promote diversity with the variety of books the children are reading during their reading and writing lessons. See below for an example of some of the books we are looking at in each year group:

EYFS:	Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema 		
Year 1:	Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max 	Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen 	
Year 2:	Too small Tola by Atinuke 	If all the World were... by Joseph Coelho 	Ada Twist and the perilous pantaloons by Andrea Beaty 
Year 3:	The Last Garden by Rachel Jo 	Africa, Amazing Africa by Atinuke 	
Year 4:	The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander 	Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman 	
Year 5:	Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman 	Hidden figures by Margot Lee Shetterly 	Black and British: A short essential history by David Olusoga 
Year 6:	Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah 	Rain Player by David Wisniewski 	A beautiful lie by Irfan Master 

If you want to explore more books which cover diversity including those with black characters or by black authors, please see the links below:

[Book Trust's book list of historical stories from black history around the world.](#)

[National Literacy Trust's book lists](#) for children and young people of all ages to share black stories and promote black voices.

Charity Fundraiser: We are supporting a pupil of ours in her quest to raise money for a charity close to her heart, The Donna Louise Charity. After half term Caitlin will be visiting classes with the sweet jar and explain about the charity. If you would like to donate to help this worthy cause, please see link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/DonnaLouiseFundraising>.



All proceeds go to the Donna Louise Hospice

Guess how many sweets in the jar - closest guess wins the jar!

CAITLIN'S STORY

In April 2021, after 12 months of appointments being re-arranged due to the pandemic, and numerous tests, Caitlin was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Friedrich's Ataxia (FA). FA is a neurological condition that can affect every part of the body - the main symptoms are balance/coordination difficulties, mobility problems (often resulting in wheelchair use), hearing problems, heart problems, sight problems and diabetes.

Our family have been supported through this difficult time by the Donna Louise (part of Douglas Macmillan Hospice). The Donna Louise have provided respite for Caitlin, counselling support for our family and disability friendly activities, plus guidance through all the challenges we have faced.

The Donna Louise is a charity that does not receive government funding, they are reliant on donations. Their support has been invaluable to us and we wanted to do something to raise funds to help their work.

Stars of the Week - The following children were awarded Star of the Week for being **Empowered:**



Rueben Wilshire	Chandler Skeldon	Ivy Pritchard
Poppy Rudge	Emily-Rose Baker	William Richardson
Lani-Mae Brooks	Harry Brothwood	Millie Garbett
Stella Bennett	Lacey Weatherer	Poppy Le Poidevin
Mia Hale	Emily Popa	Hayden Benson
Myles Weir	Kye Griffiths	Ollie Whitehouse-Stone

Week 1

Lunch Time at Littleton Green



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	ALLERGENS
MAINS	Creamy Tomato Quorn Pasta with Garlic Slice	Beef Stew with Mini Dumplings	Roast Gammon & Pineapple	Please speak to a member of the Catering Team if you have any concerns about the contents in our dishes.
VEGETARIAN	Cheese & Potato Pie	Quorn Stew with Mini Dumplings	Oven Baked Quorn Fillet	
SIDES	Jacket Potato, Garden Peas, Crunchy Coleslaw	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Red Cabbage	Roast & Mashed Potatoes, or Jacket Potato, Fresh Broccoli, Carrots, Peas	
SALAD BAR	Green Salad, Cucumber Sticks, Noodle Salad, Tomato Wedges, Flatbread	Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber Sticks, French Stick	Green Salad, Cucumber Sticks, Tomato Wedges, Beetroot Slices, Pitta Bread	
DESSERT	Homemade Shortbread	Top Hat Chocolate Sponge with Custard or Orange Wedges	Fruit Crumble	

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 	DAILY
MAINS	Chicken & Vegetable Pie Mashed Potatoes, Peas	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cheese & Crackers
VEGETARIAN	Veggie Parcels with Pasta or Jacket Potatoes, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Veggie Pizza	Fresh Fruit
SIDES		Chips, Jacket Potato, Baked Beans, Garden Peas	Reduced Sugar Jelly
LITE BITE	Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber Sticks, French Stick	Green Salad, Cucumber Sticks, Tomato Wedges	Yoghurts
DESSERT	Lemon Iced Sponge & Vanilla Custard 	Homebaked Cookies with Fruit Wedges	

"We Are Purple"