



St Luke's Park Newsletter (4)11.10.2024

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Harvest Thanks

What a wonderful Harvest assembly we had this morning! Thank you to all of those who kindly donated food for Wickford Foodbank and for being such a brilliant audience as our littlest learners amazed us with their art work, poems and songs. An extra special well done to Little Owls class who were so grown up and handled their first special assembly so brilliantly. Well done all!

Supporting Your Child's Education

Reading

Please read daily with your child and note this in their reading record. Ten minutes a day makes a HUGE difference to children's progress in reading and this impacts on their ability to access all areas of the curriculum as they progress through the school.

Writing

The teaching team has noticed that children are finding it more and more difficult to develop a clear and neat handwriting style. We wonder if the increased use of touchscreens over crayons and paper these days might play a part and wanted to do more to share with parents what they could do to support children at home.

Firstly – play! Fine motor skills are really important and playing with Lego etc is a great way to develop this. Of course, we can't control these fine motor skills without progress in gross motor skills too – those bigger movements that develop stability. Climbing, throwing and catching etc This is a really important part of development before children are ready to write.

We will start to send out some short homework tasks relating to letter formation linked to the progression in phonics lessons in **Little Owls class**. These link with the images used to first introduce the letter as it will help children remember how it is formed. We know how excited they will be to share their learning with you each time they learn a new letter sound.

In **Squirrels class**, we will also focus on some letter formation practice but link this with practice of the 'tricky words' that they are learning in their phonics sessions.

In **Hedgehogs** we will share with you the handwriting style that we introduce to children consisting of an outward 'flick' as a pre-cursor to a joined style and ask that children use this to practise the spellings that Mrs Tyler shares with you.

In **Key Stage Two** we will develop this by asking children to put new vocabulary into context with some practice sentences. Your support at home will make a big difference to how children are progressing in school.

Maths

Learn about how to support your child in their maths work by signing up to the FREE courses that we are hosting at SLP. The first EYFS course has been and gone but day two is still available to book and I would urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. Future dates are as follows. To book, contact TiEGr: email info@tiegr.org or Tel 07737771816 or 07843308219

EYFS (2 of 2) Tuesday 22nd Oct 8.45-10.30am

KS1 (1 of 2) Thurs 17th Oct 8.45-10.30am

KS 1 (2 of 2) Thursday 24th Oct 8.45-10.30am

KS2 (1 of 2) Mon 14th Oct 8.45-10.30am

KS2 (2 of 2) Mon 21st Oct 8.45-10.30am

Key Stage Two children all have access to Times Tables Rock Stars and we would ask that children use this for at least 5 minutes a day to boost their multiplication skills. Next week year 3 and 4 will enter into a 'Battle of The Bands' competition between Badgers and Foxes to see which class has the highest scores over the week. Who will be victorious? Watch this space!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Ms Kendall-Hobbs



Attendance



Good attendance and punctuality are key to ensuring children access the best education they deserve.

Please avoid booking holidays during term time.

Class Dojo

If you have not yet signed up for Class Dojo please do. Children can change their little 'monster' avatar when you log in at home and they see this next to their name every time Dojo is displayed in class.



Reminders

All absences need to be reported each day before 9am by phoning the main school number or emailing admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk

If you have arranged for somebody else to collect your child, please ensure that you tell your class teacher or inform the main office who will pass the message on.

Upcoming Dates to remember:

Multiply Maths course (KS2 parents)	14.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS1 parents)	17.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (EYFS parents)	18.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS2 parents)	21.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS1 parents)	24.10.2024
October Half Term	28.10.2024 – 01.11.2024

For a full list of upcoming dates and times please refer to the calendar on the school website

<https://www.stlukesparkprimary.com/diary/list/>

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners

Squirrels: Ivy and Ivy

Hedgehogs: Pippa and Ethan

Badgers: Connor and Poppy

Foxes: Mila and Rosie

We also had certificates from our summer photography competition.

A huge well done to all those who participated.

Squirrels

Winner: Holland

Runner up: Courtney

Hedgehogs

Winner: Erin

Badgers

W Maisie

Runner Up: Thea

Certificates are awarded in line with our school values for:

Individuality

I am unique and special: nobody is exactly like me

Respect

I accept that people's thoughts, feelings and rights are important

Resilience

I recover quickly from difficulties because I believe in myself

Responsibility

I know I must make good choices and do my job

Courage

I am brave enough to do the right thing

Compassion

I care about those who are suffering

Collaboration

I work as part of a team to achieve the best results

Creativity

I use my imagination and have



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