



LANGLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022



Have a lovely half term

It feels that in a blink we have reached half-term! We have all worked hard to settle the children in and to meet individual needs over this half-term and have seen new pupils settle in well. It has been a pleasure to see beautiful beaming smiles every day!

This year we will be focusing a great deal on staff and pupil wellbeing alongside all of the other important aspects of school life. We are in the process of creating a staff wellbeing survey and looking at forming a wellbeing team who will lead whole school initiatives to promote the mental health and wellbeing of staff and children.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work, commitment and determination to always do their very best for our children at Langley. I would also like to thank the parent community for all the support, understanding and cooperation shown.

Wishing you all a very restful and fun-filled half term holiday.

Reminders & Notices

Safety notice



In order to safeguard the children at the start and the end of the school day, can we please ask parents and carers to use the main pedestrian gate, rather than the minibus gate.

Emergency Contact Details



Please ensure you update the school with any changes to your address and phone details. If any changes have occurred, please contact the school office so they can be updated.

Changes to Parents' Evening



Following feedback from parents, we will be making adjustments to parents evening. Further information will follow.

Medical Forms



Please return all medical consent forms to your class team as soon as possible.

Teacher Training Day



The school will be closed on Friday 11th November 2022 for all pupils.

QR Codes links for direct access to some of our school web pages



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Our Curriculum



Letters



Forest School



Our Staff



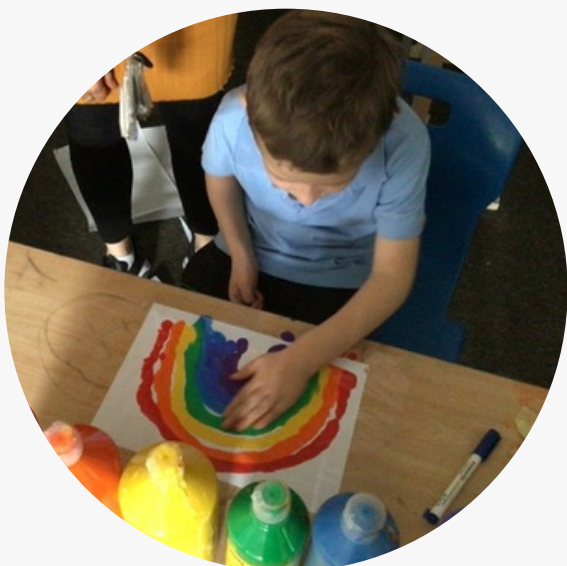
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Firs Class

It has been a busy few weeks in Firs! We have been learning lots about ourselves and each other, looking at pictures and identifying ourselves, painting portraits and making collages of ourselves in our school uniform. We had a lovely time making our 'waving rainbows', which you can see in the pictures. We have also been working with our friends in Oaks class for some mixed PE sessions, imaginative play afternoons and transitioning across both rooms in the department to access a variety of learning opportunities. The staff would like to wish everyone a restful break and can't wait to welcome the children back after the holidays!

Oaks Class

What a fabulous first half-term Oaks have had. We are all really settled and enjoying the daily routines and having great fun whilst learning every day. It's been extremely busy, and the class have coped brilliantly with lots of changes. They have loved our weekly PE sessions with Firs, where we have challenged them with their balance and climbing skills. We have also been exploring numbers and shapes and joining in with lots and lots of number rhymes and counting. Oaks have also shown their very creative talents and added to our portrait gallery as well as exploring junk modelling. It was a pleasure to speak to all the Oaks parents this week and to be able to share with you how proud we all are of the Oaks children. We are excited to see what the second half of the Autumn Term brings and especially to be able to witness the children further grow in confidence and make progress. Wishing you all a fabulous half-term holiday and a much needed break for our 'busy Oaks'.





Beeches Class

What a fantastic half term in Beeches. We have enjoyed our forest school sessions exploring the changes that happen in Autumn and making bird feeders out of apples and cheerios. In music we have had a great time exploring the different sounds that musical instruments make and how we can keep to a beat. In phonics we have been on sound hunts around the classroom looking for objects that begin with our sound of the week and then using these to crack secret codes in our writing. Finally, we have enjoyed learning all about Diwali, trying different foods and making our own diva lamps to join in with the festivities. Have a wonderful half term Beeches and we can't wait to continue the fun when we return.

Acers Class

What a busy month the children in Acers have had! They have had lots of fun with their DT project. They have finished designing their own lego and duplo cars and they have watched their designs come to life! It was amazing to see how hard they worked building their designs. The children have also completed the process by evaluating their designs and said what they liked about their car and what they would change next time. The children have also had lots fun in forest school and particularly enjoyed making a fire with Mrs Smith. Keep up the good work Acers!





Poplars Class

The children in Poplars have enjoyed their topic this half term – toys! We've made lots of Toy Story crafts in Art and Design Technology. We have been working really hard in our PSHE lessons focusing on self-awareness.

Maples Class

Maples have really enjoyed working with Suzanne this half term for Music. The children have explored a range of instruments every week and worked hard on listening to others and following instructions of playing fast and slow as well as loud and quiet. We will miss her sessions, but we are looking forward to our new sessions with Villa football.



Cedars Class

What a busy half-term we have enjoyed in Cedars! We have explored artwork by Steven Brown and produced our own pieces of art using different techniques such as scratch art, blow painting and printing. All of the children have loved our science topic and enjoyed finding out about the functions of our skeleton and what the bones are called. We have had some local trips out to take photos to inspire our poetry writing and created a fact file for the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. Phew...definitely time for a holiday!





Larches Class

We've had a wonderful few weeks in Larches! We have loved learning about the artist Steven Brown in our Art lessons this half term and the children have produced some beautiful pieces of artwork. We have explored scratch art techniques, cotton wool painting and blow painting techniques. We also enjoyed our trips to Sutton Park and Sutton Town Centre to help us to compare the countryside to a town.

Rowans Class

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in Rowan's class. We have been enjoying our P.E lessons in the hall every week and have done some super climbing. We have enjoyed our weekly cooking lessons too and have made lots of delicious food including chocolate crunch cakes. We hope you all have an enjoyable half term, and we look forward to seeing the children very soon! We are super excited for forest school next half term for some outdoor learning



Willows Class

It has been a fun-filled October in Willows. We have been learning all about how we grow. Looking at different pictures of people in different stages of their life. We have also been enhancing our social skills using aided language displays to allow the children to communicate with both teachers and pupils. In DT, we have been cooking a mix of savoury and sweet bakes. The children love following a recipe and getting involved.



Our Multidisciplinary Team



Emma Storer

Emma is our school Occupational Therapist and works within the BCHC Plus Paediatric Occupational Therapy Service. She offers a portfolio of clinical support and training that the school purchases to meet the specific needs of our children. Emma works one day per week, delivering OT provision on a universal, targeted and specialist level within the school setting.



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Mon - Fri
9am - 4pm

<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/paediatric-occupational-therapy-service/>

Steve Brown

Steve works in school on Thursdays and provides training, practical advice and support to children who require support with their behaviour.

For more information about Steve you can access his website on:

<https://sites.google.com/view/sbbst>



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Laura Adlington & Louise Scrivener

We are the Speech and Language Team at Langley School. We will be working in school every week this year on a Thursday. We are from the NHS and a private team and we are very happy to be working together to deliver your service.

We will be working with staff initially and then we will start to assess individual children.

We look forward to working with your children.

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Laura



Louise



Harvest Celebrations

Many children enjoyed participating in our Harvest assembly on Thursday 20th October. Laura, from the Birmingham City Mission, joined our assembly and gratefully received all of the generous food donations we received. The children also enjoyed singing some Harvest songs.



Colder Weather

As the temperature is now changing, please ensure your child is sent to school with a jumper/cardigan and warm coat daily. You may also wish to send them with a hat and gloves. Please label all clothes, including hats and gloves with your child's name.

Request for Games

Langley School is currently looking for donations for turn-taking games that can be used in classes to support children's social skills. If you have any unwanted, fully working turn-taking games, please send them to school so we can put them to good use!

Useful links for parents

- <https://dadsocialcov.wixsite.com/dads> - A support network group for dads with disabled children.
- <https://www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/Enrolment> - Courses for parents/carers offered including coping with low mood and depression and an introduction to anxiety.
- <https://www.roots2branches.co.uk/> - An Autism network support group for parents and young people.
- <https://www.facebook.com> › Facebook Groups SEND SOCIALS BIRMINGHAM-Parent/Carer Page - A group set up for parents of SEND children to offer support, a buddy scheme and dates of local SEND activities throughout the holidays and beyond!
- www.contact.org.uk - A charity for families with disabled children. They support and bring families together and help them take action for others.



Class Dojo

Please follow the QR code to sign in to Class Dojo. Here you will find updates and important information from the class Team. If you have any difficulties accessing Class Dojo, please let us know so we can support you.

