



**December 2022**

# **Newsletter**



## **Headteacher's Message:**

Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of the term, it is an opportunity for us to reflect on what has been a long and busy term at Longthorpe! Thank you again for making me feel welcome, I am really looking forward to returning in the new year and we have some exciting plans which we will share with you in January. I must thank the staff for all their hard work this term and thank the children for being so lovely around school. They are so polite and always speak to me when they see me around school. I am looking forward to getting into lessons more in the new year to see the teaching and learning in action!

There have been lots of great things happening at school over the last few weeks, the maths mornings were well-attended and the feedback from parents was really useful. The drop-in coffee and chat session led to some very useful conversations and feedback and as a result we will be reviewing homework in the new year and creating a weekly newsletter to try and reduce the number of email communications we send you.

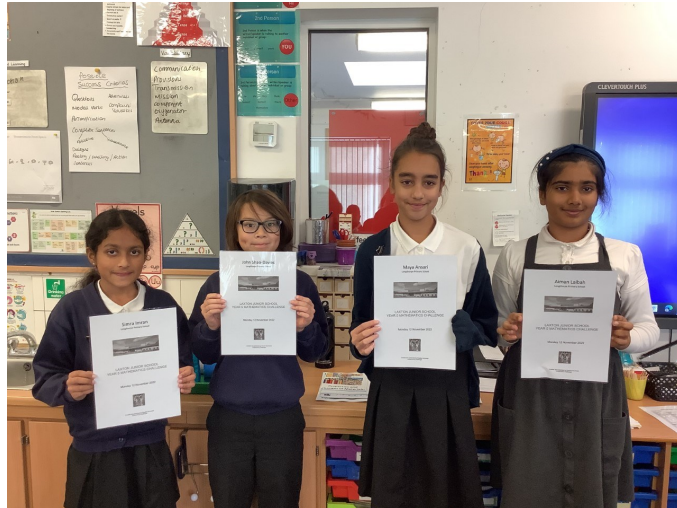
The end of term productions from the Reception children and those in years 1 and 2 were all superb! They remind us that creating special memories are what life is all about.

I wish each and every one of you a restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!

**Kate Trethewy**  
**Headteacher**

## Maths Challenge

Well done to Maya, Aiman, John and Simra who represented Longthorpe Primary School in a maths challenge at Laxton School in Oundle. The challenges really made them think outside the box and their behaviour was impeccable! Well done!!!



Also well done to all of the Year 5/6 children who took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge. Some of our children received a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate for their achievements! A special well done to Aiman who was the only Year 5 child to achieve a certificate!



Well done to Raphael, who has completed a 100 day Doodle Streak! That is impressive!

## TT Rockstars Competition Winners

### Winning Classes:

1st Place= 6SG

2nd Place= 4CM

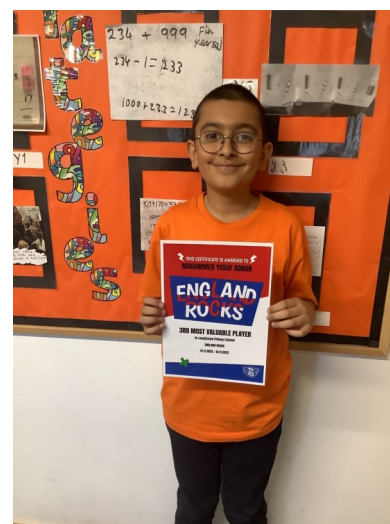
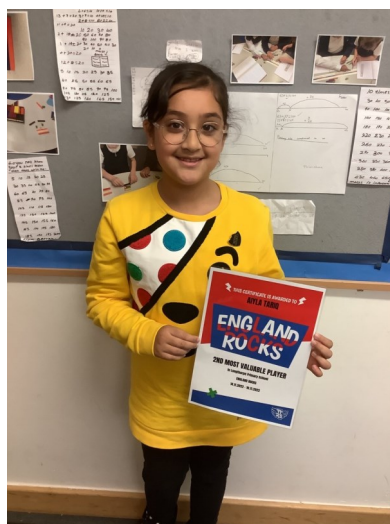
3rd Place= 6ST

### Top 3 Students:

1st Place= Jos

2nd Place= Aiyla

3rd Place= Yusuf



Thank you to everyone who donated we raised a massive **£532.73**, even more than last year, which is fantastic!





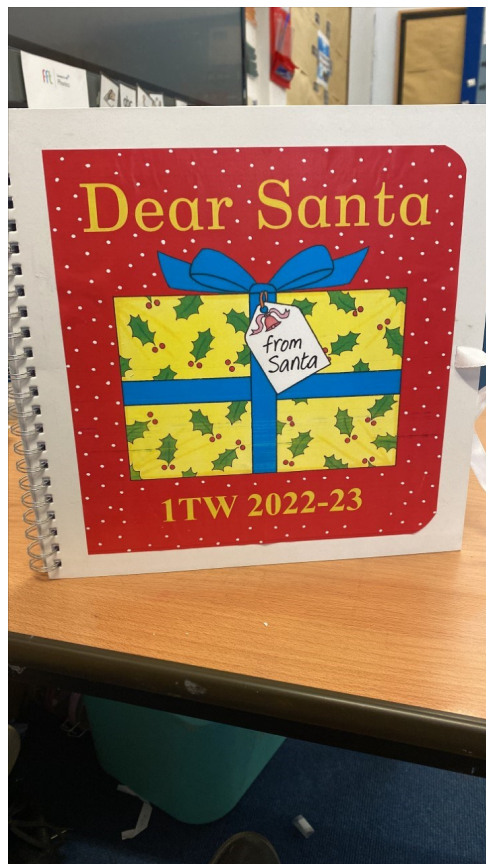
## Reception

The children performed their Christmas nativity to the whole school and then to their parents. They were brilliant! Learning their lines and saying them so clearly and singing all the songs. They were super stars!!!!



## Year 1

Year 1 have been writing their own book, and made their own version of Dear Santa!



They have also been having lots of fun with Year 2, practicing their Christmas production. We hope you all enjoyed the show, they all worked hard!



## Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about the charity Food for Nought.  
Food For Nought – For People and the Planet

The children have been inspired by the wonderful work of this local charity and we have decided that we would like to help, particularly at this time of year which is so difficult for many.

Food for Nought provides surplus food from supermarkets and local farms to community fridges and food banks all around Peterborough.

The children have written letters to the Community asking for donations of food, we are hoping each child can bring in one tin or a packet of food each. If your family could spare one item for our collection it would be greatly appreciated.

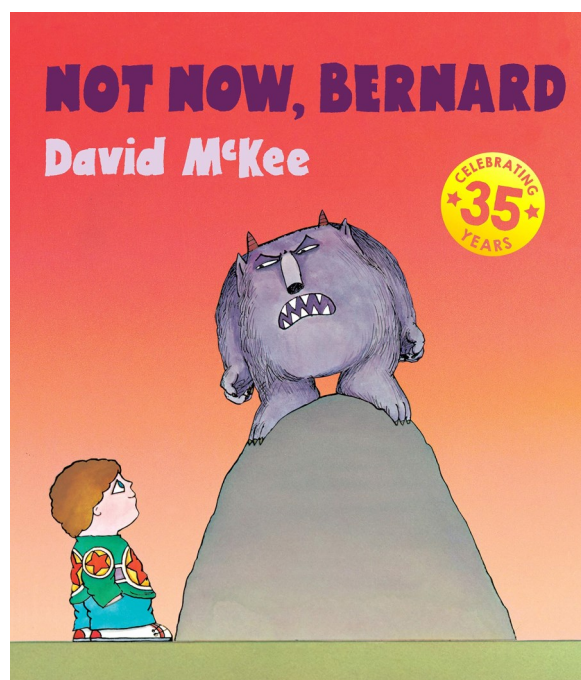
If your family is finding themselves in difficulty, please do not hesitate to let one of the staff members within Year 2 know so that we can share any donations we collect with you and this worthwhile charity.



## Year 3

In the last few weeks the children have been comparing the Bronze Age with the Stone Age and deciding which one they would rather have lived in. They have talked about and shared their 'Network of Support' in PSHCE, thinking about when is a good time to talk, based on the story 'Not Now, Bernard!'

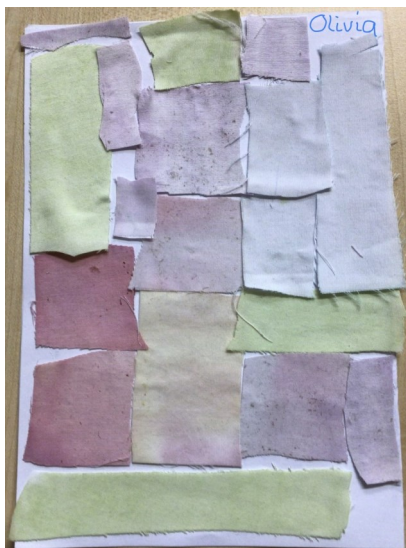
In music they have been learning about pulse and rhythm.





## Year 4

In Year 4, we have really enjoyed our art project this term. We looked at the artist Kiva Motnyk and learnt how she made her own natural dyes. She then used the fabric she had died to make a collage. We have made our own natural dyes using red onion skin, beetroot, blueberries, spinach and lemons. We then dyed our own fabric and made our own collage in the style of Kiva Motnyk.





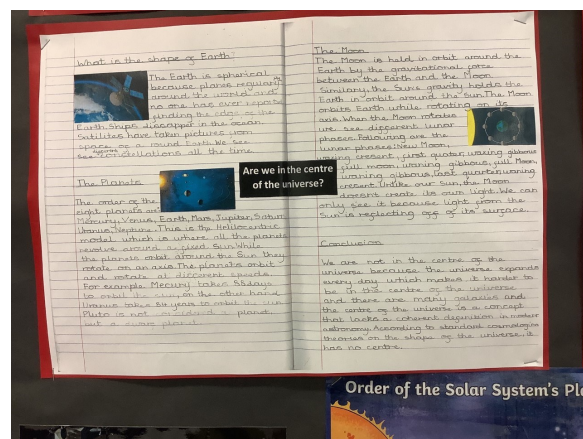
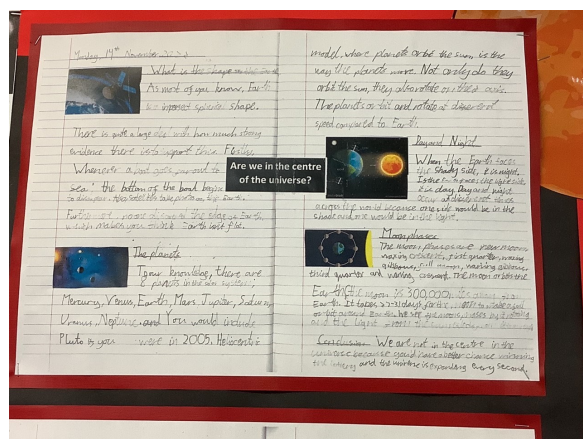
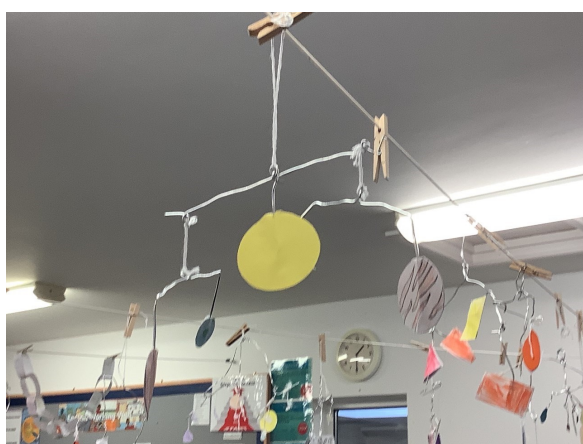
## Year 5

As our topic has been focused around space, answering the question 'Are we in the centre of the universe?' We have solidified our knowledge about the movement of the Earth and Moon, focusing on the heliocentric model.

Children also produced some wonderful two-page spreads to showcase their learning throughout the topic, which have been a pleasure to read!

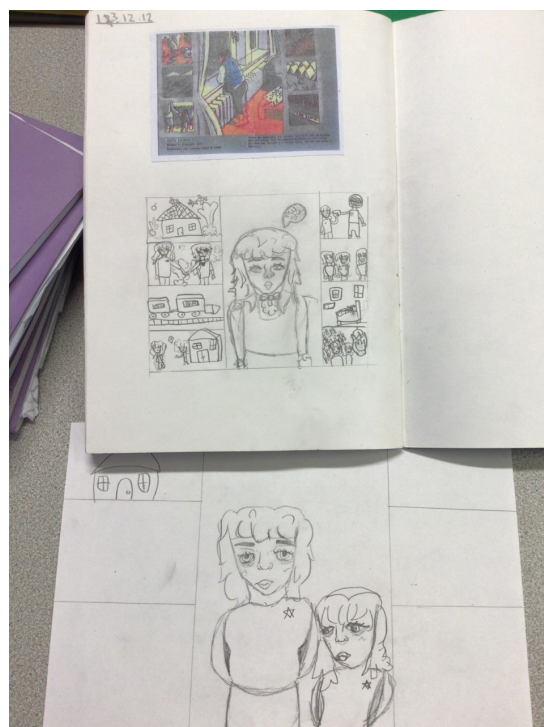
Continuing with our space theme, children produced some wonderful Calder style mobiles during our art lessons which look wonderful and have decorated the Year 5 classrooms.

We are looking forward to next terms history based topic on Ancient Greece and can't wait to see all of you in the New Year!



## Year 6

Year 6 have been looking at the artist Toby Morrison and how he illustrated a refugee's story. We are illustrating our own stories about refugees during the Second World War. We are also making things in D &T out of recycling - make do and mend idea.





## SEN Panathlon & Hockey Festival

### Hockey Festival

Children from years 5&6 who have been taking part in our after school hockey club had the opportunity to go to Peterborough Hockey Club to take part in the school games festival. The festivals are all about giving children the opportunity to take part in a competitive sport, with the focus being on teamwork & participation, rather than winning.

Our team played together very well, learning more about how each of them play in a team with every game, and they all supported each other incredibly well (especially in such cold weather conditions!).

I am very proud of them all, this is fantastic practice for when we have our tournament.



### SEN Panathlon School Games event

We took a group of 8 children who are on our SEN register to take part in a specialised sporting event just for them! They had 7 activities to take part in, all working together as a team to pool their points together for an overall total. All children had an amazing morning just being able to have fun and engage in as a team and give each other support. They did so well in fact that they won 1<sup>st</sup> place for the morning session! They were so happy with themselves, and all staff were incredibly proud of their efforts. As they won the event, this means that they get the opportunity to compete against other schools in a wider area later in the year (keep an eye out for further information closer to the time).

I think my favourite part was the look on their faces when they all received their gold medals!! Congratulations all of you.



Miss Hunt



# A few things to remember.....



## School Uniform

We do not keep lost property, so please ensure all clothing worn in school is clearly named.

Name stickers can be ordered from <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>. Our school fundraising number is 12433.

## School Absence

If you need to report an absence, please call the school office on: 01733 265959 and press option 1, and leave a message detailing the reasons for the absence (including symptoms if unwell) with the child's name and class teacher, along with your name. If you do not want to leave a detailed message, please speak to the school office on option 3.

## Contact Details

If your contact details change, please make sure we have the most up to date information by completing the online form found at the below link:

<https://form.jotform.com/210202552409342>

## Term Dates:

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2022</b>	
Opens	Monday 5th September
Half Term	Friday 21st October - Friday 28th October (Inclusive)
Ends	Wednesday 21st December (Finish 1pm)
<b>SPRING TERM 2023</b>	
Opens	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February
Ends	Friday 31st March (Finish 1pm)
<b>SUMMER TERM 2023</b>	
Opens	Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
Half Term	Friday 26th May—Friday 2nd June (Inclusive)
Ends	Wednesday 19th July (Finish 1pm)

## Dates for your diary:

- \* Friday 6th January 2023– **EYFS Vision Screening**
- \* Monday 16th January 2023– **KS2 Choir Starts**
- \* Wednesday 25th January 2023– **Oral Health Dental Survey– Selected Year 6 Children**
- \* Wednesday 1st February 2023 - **Deadline for Y6 Bikeability consent forms**
- \* Monday 19th June 2023 - **Thursday 22nd June 2023– Year 6 Bikeability**