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Town Lane Infant School Newsletter



We want to start this newsletter with a massive thank you to you all. We feel this has been another successful year for all of our children and know that this is because of the partnership we have with our families. Our children have shown such resilience over the year and have all grown in confidence and independence. It has been wonderful to see the children involved in so many different learning opportunities in and out of school and many have taken part in brand new extra-curricular activities. We are so proud of all of our pupils' achievements and successes.

We know that this is only possibly with the support of our talented and dedicated staff, our wonderful governors and the strong partnership we have with our families.

The staff would like to say a huge thank you for their generous gifts and your kind words. It really does mean a lot to us all.

Lion King

The Y2 children excelled themselves with their performance of 'The Lion King' showing such confidence and independence throughout. Every single part in the production was performed brilliantly and we had such positive feedback from the audience. Thank you to all families for supporting with this and we wish you all well in the future.



PTA

We are so pleased that our PTA is now back up and running raising vital funds for the children within school. We want to thank the main members of the team for their dedication to the role and for working so hard to ensure main events in school were successful this year. The Summer fair was such a triumph and was supported by so many members of the community.

As parents of Town Lane pupils, you all automatically become members of the PTA and we know you will continue to support this in the future.



Summer Science Competition

Pupils are invited to enter our summer science competition, a build a bug hotel competition! The children can then observe who visits their hotel and make observational drawings and photos of the minibeasts. For more information about bug hotels you can visit:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/gardenactivities/build-a-bug-hotel/>

The entrance fee for the competition is a donation (minimum £3). The competition is a co-fundraiser with Town Lane's new STEM partner Ignota Labs. Proceeds will go to developing the science curriculum. Donations can be given either at the school office or to your child's class teacher. The current Year 2 are welcome to enter. Pupils should not bring their bug

hotels into school. Children can share posters explaining their creations to the school office or email photos to the school office. The deadline for the competition is Monday 11th September 2023. Winners will be announced on Friday 21st of September. Dr Jordan Lane, Science Lead and co-CEO of Ignota Labs, will also be judging the competition and providing brief feedback to each of the entrants on their scientific knowledge and process. The winner will win four annual tickets to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre. <https://www.eurekadiscovery.org.uk>



Stikins

We have teamed up with Stikins who can provide parents with quality sticky name labels for all children's belongings. When this is used by our parents, you will be generating commission for school (30%). Please go to <http://stikins.co.uk> to place your order and remember to use our **unique fundraising number 23869**

Awards

Mrs. Holmes and the arts team have a special announcement to share that we have, once again, been successful in gaining Artsmark GOLD. We are so proud of this achievement.



Mrs. Gibson and the Eco team have re-applied for the Eco Schools Green Flag award. Thank you to all who have supported our environmental work across the year.

Mental Health Support Team

The team came to school again this week and led a workshop for parents on the theme of emotional regulation. The feedback from parents was really positive and we want to thank the team for continuing to support our school community.



Play Leaders

We reintroduced the 'play leader' role this year for our Y2 children. They all worked

hard and were a great support for their peers and younger children at lunchtimes. We will continue this for our new Y2 pupils in the Spring term. Thank you to all involved.

Drama Club

Mrs. Hayes was really impressed with the children involved in our new drama club. She said the confidence of the pupils involved when speaking in front of others increased dramatically throughout. She was so proud that all children took part in the 'Town Lane's got Talent' event in the final week.



Numbots

All children from F2-Y2 have access to this online maths platform. Please encourage your child to continue using this to support transition into the next year group. Y2 children can now access Times Tables Rockstars using the same password in preparation for Y3.

Fund Raising

The foundation stage staff would like to share that they have bought lots of new equipment and a new outdoor barn for the playground with the funds raised this year. Thank you for your support.

Some reminders for September 2023

Drop off /Collection September 2023

Foundation One Nursery

8.40am- 3.10pm at the white nursery doors with parents

Foundation Two Reception

8.40am Enter school at large blue gates
3.15pm pick up at the back of school from classrooms

Year One

8.40am small blue gate front of main entrance

3.15pm 1HW large blue gate exit
1R/1H classroom back door

Year Two

8.40am small blue gate front of main entrance

3.15pm 2B/ 2J car park entrance/exit
2M large blue gate exit

We will continue to have a real drive for attendance next academic year and so it

is important that children arrive at school punctually and are in school every day, whenever possible.

UN Convention for the rights of the child

Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests on the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Diary Dates



School closes to pupils

Thursday 20th July

School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 5th September 2023

INSET DAYS 2023- 2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

May Local Elections TBC Thursday

Friday 7th June 2024