

Weekly News – 11th October 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

Norton Primary School has joined the pride!

Lions at Large, Gloucestershire's first ever Wild in Art sculpture trail, will be 'roaring' onto the streets of Cheltenham and Gloucester next Summer. Over 30 majestic lion sculptures will be individually painted by local artists; with streets, parks and open spaces dazzling with their vibrant colours and surprising designs.

We are very excited to share that Norton has signed up to design and decorate one of the 'little lions' that will also feature on the trail! As part of this project we will be raising funds for Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity, who are organising the trail to support new cancer facilities. There are also a number of sponsorship opportunities for any local businesses who would like to support.

You can find out more about The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail at lionsatlarge.co.uk and for sponsorship opportunities please email ghn-tr.lionsatlarge@nhs.net.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and team Norton.

This week **Little Learners** have been looking at vehicles. We have completed lots of craft including rockets, boats and painting with cars. Our story has been The Journey Home From Grandpa's House. We also enjoyed making and creating with playdough.

Reception class had our first outdoor learning session on Wednesday afternoon and we had the best time. The listened to the instructions and enjoyed the story of 'Leaf Man', we also talked about the season of autumn and what changes they noticed in the outdoor area. They then enjoyed bug hunting, bridge building, mud digging, splashing in muddy puddles and cutting. We are already looking forward to next week!

On Monday the infants had a brilliant time at the Literature Festival watching The Great Dinosaur Show - Simon Mole. We were all captivated by the performance and loved all of his poems. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school so well. **Year 1** said it was brilliant!



In **Year 2** we have been ordering 2 digit numbers using the number of tens or ones to help us. In English we have been planning ways to trap Paddington in preparation for writing instructions next week. In art, we have been experimenting with different Pointillism techniques.

This week, **Year 3** went to the literature festival and we had a WONDERFUL time! The children of Norton were so well behaved, and we could not be more proud of them. In maths this week, we have continued to add and subtract, starting to look at exchanging tens for ones in subtraction. In Science, the children have been planning their own information leaflets about animals and in art we practised using a reference image for our own sketching.

We've had a great week in **Year 4** this week. On Wednesday we saw the poet John Dougherty at the Literature Festival. He was very funny and taught us some good poetry techniques. In history we have been learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and we will be using our knowledge to write newspaper reports about the discovery. In PSHE we discussed different feelings and how our body reacts to different feelings. We had a go at making freeze frames, here are some shocked faces !



In **Year 5** this week we have been writing our persuasive letters to ask for support for the refugees across the world. We have also been working really hard on our handwriting and each child is making brilliant progress!

This term **Year 6** have been discussing science vs creation in RE. We watched a video with a NASA scientist, Dr Jennifer Wiseman, who is also a Christian, and she feels they can compliment each other and don't have to be in conflict! Before our next lesson on Tuesday we would love you to do some star gazing, just like she did when she was your age - ready for us to share our thoughts and feelings we have whilst looking at the stars! I wonder if you'll catch a glimpse of the northern lights that some of the teachers spotted Thursday night!

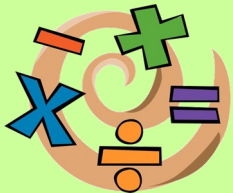
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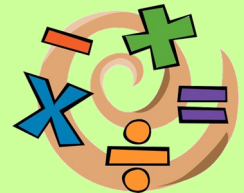
On Sunday 5 of the year 3 boys were playing in the first game of the season for Tewkesbury rugby club! William recieved the best batting award for U9's, and Jack recieved U11's Coaches player of the season!



While out playing on his scooter in the village, Porter saw some litter and said he wanted to tidy it up. He was inspired by the litter pickers in assembly last week. Well done Porter!



Maths challenge of the week!



Map reading and navigation...

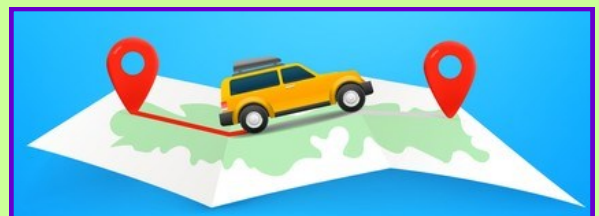


...use maps to plan routes and calculate distances.



Why not plan a walk around your local area?

Or plan a visit to see a friend or family member that lives far away?





Head teachers worship challenge!



We are setting a challenge every term to help us update our Christian values.

As you know our Christian vision is for all our children to shine like STARS...

"Those who are wise will shine like the sky and those who lead others to goodness will shine like the stars forever" *Daniel 12:3*

We think our Christian values for each term, which link to our vision, could do with a little update... we would love an image to go with each!

So this term we are asking you to submit a new logo for our Christian value this term: **COURAGE**

Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren by Friday 18th October, ready for the teachers to judge, and a winner will be announced in the last assembly before half term.

Please ensure your full name is on the back (so we can judge without names showing!)

LOST PROPERTY!

- ⇒ Please ensure **all** uniform is **named**
- ⇒ We have a very LARGE pile of lost property in school, please check if your child has lost anything already this year!
- ⇒ Lost property: is located in the junior corridor next to the boys toilets in a labelled tower of drawers. Any unnamed lost property is disposed of at the end of each big term.

Important notices:



- ⇒ Please check parent pay and settle any dinner accounts.
- ⇒ GDPR is carried over from previous years, if your circumstances have changed please update the school office.
- ⇒ Please fill out before and after school club forms for next term and return to the office. Forms can be found on the website. **NO FORM = NO CLUB!**



Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary for October:

- Thursday 17th October - Year 1 geography lesson walk around the village
- Friday 18th October - Reception parents stay and play/craft session (9am-10am)
- Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October - Whole school Diwali workshops (painting and dance)
- Tuesday 22nd October - Girls football match at Longlevens
- Thursday 24th October - Reception and KS1 phonics sessions. Please see dojo for full information.
- Boys football match at Norton - *please come support us if you're able to!*
- Norton headphone dis-glo! (Village hall 5:30pm-7pm)
- Friday 25th October - Last day before half term (finish at 3:15pm)

Next week's diary:

14th October 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		<u>Reading</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Fitness</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Infant football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Macaroni cheese Vegan meatballs Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday		<u>Junior football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Beef burger with wedges Vegan spaghetti bolognaise Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Y5 swimming lessons	<u>Lego</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Choir</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Infant gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Roast chicken Vegan sausages Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	Year 1 geography village walk.	<u>Junior gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Board games</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Craft & colouring</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Gardening</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Minced beef and onion pie Lentil and sweet potato curry Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Reception class stay and play craft session (9am - 10am) Sharing assembly 2:40pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna

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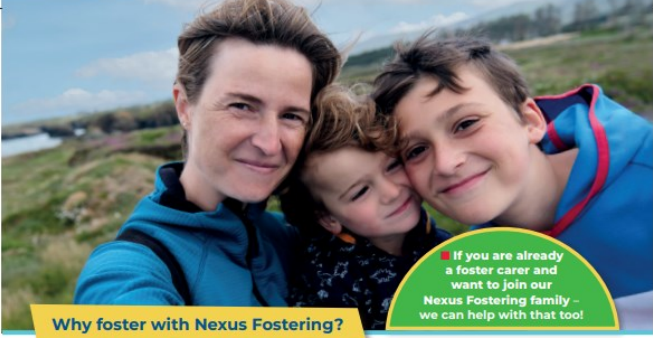


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Good Afternoon,

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents of your own pupils, or those who work / have worked in an Education setting.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Many thanks

Vicki Hopson
Democratic Support Officer

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