



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

4th December 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Good afternoon everyone. Year 2 have been learning about Queen Elizabeth the 1st this week and have done amazing portraits. Reception have learned the R sound. Nursery have been leaning learning the Christmas song 'Mary, Mary'. They were singing very in time with each other. Year 1 have been doing some super listening to their stories. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in their Festive Fancy Dress on the last day of term before we all go off.

Miss Ward (head teacher for the day)



Magic Road Safety Show

The children loved taking part in this interactive road safety show.

You can support your child even further by talking about each safety element below:

Pedestrian Safety:

- Holding an adults hand
- Safe places to cross
- Distractions and concentration
- Responsibility of the pedestrian

Passenger Safety:

- Use of seat belts
- Getting into and out vehicles safely
- Safe behaviour of a passenger

Safety on Wheels:

- Safe places to play on a bike or scooter
- Wearing a helmet
- Safety equipment

You can also look at these websites to make sure the safety message is clearly understood:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/explore-education-resources/?age%5B%5D=3-to-6>

https://central.espresso.co.uk/espresso/modules/news/ey_news/journeys/051109j_safety2.html?source=search-all-all-Activities&source-keywords=road%20safety

Who's behind the mask?

Thank you all very much for supporting the school and wearing a mask at drop off and pick up times to help keep us all safe. One challenge we are facing now is recognising which parent or carer you are – especially if you are wearing a mask and a hat. Trying to recognise you from just your eyes is a conundrum. It would be very helpful, if you can, to approach the teacher on the gate and say the name of the child you are collecting so that we can prepare them ready to greet you once we know who is behind the mask.

Name the Dog Competition

Congratulations to Clara whose name was drawn out of the hat to win the dog – now called BOB! The names were absolutely brilliant and you all raised £82. This money was going to be split between our school and Mmbangombe School in Malawi. I received an email this week however asking for any donations to go towards buying masks for the children. In Mmbangombe school all the children have to wear a mask to be able to go to school. Many of the families can't afford to purchase masks and so the children are not allowed to go to school. I think we should send all of the £82 raised to Malawi for the school. I know you will agree it is going towards a very good cause.

Christmas Cards

Please remember that only one Christmas card to whole class should be brought into school. We know this feels very strange but it is to help limit germ spreading – just in case.



Christmas Lunch

This is **Wednesday 9th December**. All children can enjoy a Christmas lunch, including a small gift and jokes told by the children.



Theo's Sponsored Guess How Many Competition

Theo in Year 2 has donated a £20 Amazon voucher for a special competition – 'How Many Foil Decorations in the Jar?'. For a £1 entry fee the children can take part and write down how many foil decorations they think might

be in the jar. The money raised will go towards the school and the winner will be announced on Friday 11th December. If you would like to take part, please send in your contribution in an envelope with your name on and your guess. Thank you Theo and Mrs Rubens for arranging this for us! Good luck 😊

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December in return for a donation towards Save the Children (not Children in need many apologies that was my mistake) the children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper!

Festive Fancy Dress Friday 18th December

The last day of term will be very different this year and we will be asking the children to come to school in a 'festive' outfit for the last day in return for a donation to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

18th December Staggered Finish times for the last day of term

We will be closing for the children early on Friday 18th December. Finish times will be as follows:

Class	Time	Gate
Corgi	1.00 pm	Car park Gate
Spaniel	1.00 pm	Main Gate
Beagle	1.10 pm	Car park Gate
Dalmatian	1.10 pm	Main Gate
Labrador	1.15 pm	Car park Gate
Husky	1.15 pm	Main Gate

Thursday 17th December – Nursery last day

This will be the last day for Nursery children. Nursery will close at the usual time.

Raffle Ticket Reading

Fynn and Zach were the two reading raffle ticket winners this week drawn out of the box by Miss Ward 😊.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Maxwell and Zachary for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

Thought for the week from Miss Ward:

Don't forget to realise that friendships don't only help you when you are young but also help you build bigger friendships when you are older. Have a sparkling weekend.

Miss Ward

Thank you to Miss Ward

Miss Ward has been a most marvellous head teacher today. She was very serious about her role and literally took charge! Today she welcomed Year 1 and 2 into school on the gate, completed a teaching and learning walk around the school, observed in a classroom, hosted the Celebration Assembly to the whole school, gave out rewards for super walking and kind hands, helped with decorating the whole school and wrote specific items for the Newsletter. Miss Ward was quite inspiring and all I can say is Gavin Williamson better watch out! (I did try for an extra day off for an extra mufti day but Miss Ward thought that the festive fancy dress on the 18th would be enough.)

Have an ideal weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a fantastic week in the nursery!

The children have enjoyed learning about rhyming words. We have been playing a new game called Silly Soup to practise finding rhyming pairs.

In our maths work the children have been practising counting in different ways and have been learning to play the game of dominoes.

The children have been exploring ramps and slopes using the cars to explore different ways of travelling and how the slope effects the speed of the car.

They have also explored the sand making caves and homes for the dinosaurs. They have been very resilient threading beads on string but also on sticks to make special rainbow stick trees. The children have been very busy working collaboratively on jigsaw puzzles.

We have been sharing Christmas stories and talking about how people celebrate Christmas in different ways, we have particularly focused on the Nativity Story. As part of our craft activities this week the children have made angels and a picture showing the baby Jesus in the stable and we talked about the cold weather and made snowmen.

David Tricks visited to give us a Green Cross Code magic show! We had a good time watching the magic tricks and learning about important Road Safety, Stop, Look, Listen, Think! We also watched some clips from:
<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/crossing-roads/>

We have spent time learning our Christmas songs for the sing along we are going to put on Tapestry. Please make sure that you have signed up to Tapestry, if you have any questions about Tapestry please ask a member of staff or email the office. Hopefully the children have been practising the songs at home.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Reception (Year R)

The week has flown by in reception as the children were busy with their learning. In phonics, we learnt five new sounds and have begun using the sounds we know to read words. Also, we focused on the tricky words 'my' and 'you' saying them in a sentence. This week in maths we counted on, adding two single digit numbers together by using a number line and remembering to count on from the first number in the number sentence. It is great to see how the children's confidence is growing.

We have continued looking at the Winter season and started preparing for the Christmas production. We got into the festive spirit by making different Christmas decorations to take home and to decorate the class. The children took such pride and care when making their decorations. Finally, we had a great experience learning about road safety from a magic show. The children discussed the different crossings, the dangers present on the road, the right clothing to wear at night and what to do before crossing the road.

Next week, we will continue to learn about the Christmas story and what Christians believe. The children will have opportunities to rehearse for the Christmas production and make some Christmas cards. In phonics we will learn some more new sounds and we will practise them through blending. Next week in maths, we will revisit the concept of 'one less' using objects to help us.

Ideas for Home Learning:

- Can you practise your adding skills and count on using a number line to find the total of two numbers?
- Can you try verbally form different sentences that include our tricky words 'my' and 'you'?

Key Vocabulary:

Subtraction, left over, counting back, number line, segmenting, blending, sounding out, Christmas story, nativity, celebration

Reminders:

Please make sure your child's blue or purple FRED folder containing their phonics home learning is in their book bag each day.

Year 1

Welcome back Dalmatian Class, it is lovely to have you back in school in time for all our Christmas activities. We have been busy this week preparing for Christmas, including putting the finishing touches to our nativity models and learning some Christmas songs as well as decorating the classroom.

In literacy, we have been writing a fact file on Van Gogh and learning how to express an opinion about a piece of artwork. The children have been choosing their favourite Van Gogh picture and writing about why they like it. In maths, we have been spending sometime reviewing the topics we have learnt over the past term and next week we will be revising some of the topics we find trickier.

We are really pleased with our Van Gogh inspired 'Starry Night' pictures and have been working this week on creating a cityscape collage. We have been learning about another artist, Lowry and comparing rural and industrial landscape paintings.

Next week we are starting to anticipate Christmas by writing a Christmas story based on the Jolly Christmas Postman, creating our nativity play using stop-film animation and learning about Christmas traditions around the world.

Please remember that **PE** will be on **Wednesday** not Thursday next week.

Christmas Jumper - if possible please could the children bring in a named Christmas jumper in a bag on Monday that can stay in school for the week. They can also use their jumper on Friday for Christmas jumper day and can change when they arrive at school.

Home Learning ideas

- Read or listen to The Jolly Christmas Postman, which other characters could the postman deliver cards and presents to.
- Have a go at writing your 3,5,7,9...we are getting them the wrong way round!
- Re-tell the story of The First Christmas in preparation for our nativity next week.

Vocabulary

Maths: greater than, less than, counting on, counting back, difference, addition, subtraction

Literacy: first, next, once upon a time, snowy, frosty

Topic: landscape, cityscape, rural, industrial

Reminders

Please remember

- FRED homework is due on a Tuesday and spelling tests are on a Monday.
- to send in spare clothes to school that can be kept in your child's PE bag.
- to ensure reading books and records and FRED folders are kept in your child's bag.
- to ensure library books are in school on Fridays otherwise children cannot change their book.

Year 2

We have had a super week in Year 2 despite all the rain! This week we have been learning about Elizabeth I and her life. We learnt lots of interesting facts about her, such as she wore white face powder to make her skin pale. However, the powder was in fact poisonous as it contained lead. In art, this week we painted a picture of Elizabeth I and learnt about an item of clothing called a ruff. In literacy we designed our own animals and then wrote a story about the animal.

Next week, we will be making Christmas cakes ready for Christmas. In art, we will be making stained glass windows using tissue paper and designing Christmas cards. In literacy, we will be reading the story 'Mog's Christmas Calamity' and then completing activities around the book.

Key vocabulary: Christmas, story, prediction, characters, ingredients, technique, plot, beginning, ending

School Office



Apply for Primary School Place – Reception and Year 3

Applications opened on 2nd November and will close on 15th January 2021.

You can apply for a Reception or Year 3 (Junior) school place online at:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

Or if you live in the Kingston borough at:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply_for_a_school_place/209/apply_for_an_infant_junior_or_primary_school_place_september_intake

Friends

Brrr! Time to get the hats and gloves out!

Some financial updates for you, the Christmas brochure raised a grand total of £1,175! And the Break the Rules day raised a fabulous £467! Amazing! Thanks everyone!

Short and sweet this week:

- The Christmas Programmes should go out in book bags today/next week.
- This is the last chance to use your Squires Voucher to get a real tree, they will donate £5 back to the school, ending this weekend.
- We've started creating the lovely hampers for the raffle, these are amazing with some wonderful contents! Thanks a million to everyone who contributed! If you have not already, please buy your raffle tickets via text, just message LDSRAFF3 to 70331. Or even, buy some more!!
- The Winter Wonderland Walk is nearly ready, the route has been created and we'll be sending out the packs soon!!
- The Tea Towels are in quarantine and will be going home in book bags soon.

- Look out for your Christmas Brochure in book bags too.

One request for this week, we still need your left over decorations for the school, if you have any please drop them off in the bike sheds!!

That's all for this week, have a lovely weekend,

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS



Golden Certificates



Credit Cards (4x Certificates)



Other Achievements

Alana for always being a kind friend to all members of class.

Lucas for trying really hard to make new friends and playing so nicely with other children.

Thomas for always being an inclusive member of Husky class and inviting others to play.

Eve for being a good friend to her classmates.

Thomas for always being a great friend to everyone in Labrador class.

George for always being a fantastic friend to everyone in Spaniel class.

Siya for the fantastic progress you have made in phonics.

Violet for always having a positive attitude to your learning and giving everything a go.

Alba for her resilience and effort when reading.

Omar for his enthusiasm and always joining in during his learning.

Riley for creating a very imaginative book.

Calla for great maths work when working out some 3-D shape problems.

Bo for fantastic partner work during guided reading.

Grace for being brave and having a good try even when she feels nervous.

Joshua S for always completing the morning challenge with enthusiasm.

Amelie for working really hard with her home learning - super effort.

Anna for always working hard and trying her best. You are a super role model for Spaniel class.

Elliot for amazing effort in class this week.

Levi for a great Queen Elizabeth I portrait.

Daniel G for super home learning.

Zachary – 6

Sofia – 7

Maxwell – 6

Jacob A – 7

Erik - 5

DIARY DATES

December 2020

Wednesday 9 th	Christmas lunch
Friday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day • Re-scheduled flu immunisation for Reception
Monday 14 th	Winter Wonderland Walk opens
Friday 18 th	Festive Fancy Dress day Finish early for Christmas holidays – please see times below

January 2021

Monday 4 th	Inset day – school closed to children
Tuesday 5 th	Start of Spring term for children

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Corgi	1.00 pm	Car park Gate
Spaniel	1.00 pm	Main Gate
Beagle	1.10 pm	Car park Gate
Dalmatian	1.10 pm	Main Gate
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The Friends of Long Ditton Schools are pleased to present

WINTER WONDERLAND WALK

14th December - 3rd January

Each £5 bag contains:

- * Map * Sweets
- * Picture to colour
- * Scavenger hunt
- * Raffle ticket
- * Ginger bread recipe

Starting from Manny's tree and finishing at the George Evelyn Pub

Please SCAN THE QR CODE to order your bag. Or alternatively, you can contact the Friends at: longdittonfriends@outlook.com

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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

Please note the school does **not** promote or endorse any children's clubs or activities advertised.

LEARN TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD

Want some support with parenting but don't know where to look?



Surrey Adult Learning offers FREE workshops to help you create a better family life.

Are you worried about your child's behaviour or development or see your child struggling in school? These courses can benefit you and your child.

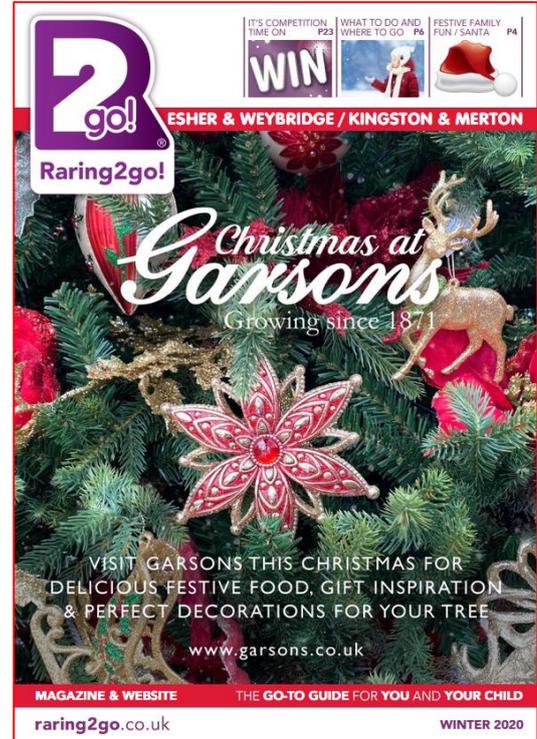
- Manage anxiety for you and your child with **stressbusting** workshops
- Join a **cooking** class with your child and create tasty recipes together
- Develop your creative side with a **Storytelling with craft** workshop
- Learn how to support your child's reading with a **Phonics** workshop
- Build your **communication skills** and understand your child's behaviour
- Improve your **English** to help your child with their homework
- Take a **maths** course based on what your child is learning.

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LONG DITTON SHINES



St Mary's church invites you to make a star for your window to spread some joy this Christmas.

Let's brighten every street in the village and make LONG DITTON SHINE!

#LongDittonShines2020



Are you struggling to provide food for yourself or your family?

The Foodbank is here to support anybody who is currently finding it difficult to provide food for themselves or their families due to financial or other issues. **You do not have to be in receipt of benefits to get help from us.**

If you feel that you need support from us, then please call or message us on: **07908 777475** or email referrals@eastelmbridge.foodbank.org.uk and we can let you know what you need to do for us to be able to deliver an emergency food parcel.

Catherine Heavens
East Elmbridge Foodbank Coordinator