

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROUNDABOUT

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A word from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the Christmas/New Year edition of the Roundabout and I am sure you will be able to see that it has been an extremely busy time at the school.

The first thing for me to do is congratulate all of the children for how hard they have worked over the last term. It is really pleasing to see the progress that they have been able to make since they returned in the Autumn.

I would also like to say how impressed I have been at each of the Christmas performances this year. The children really surpassed themselves and it always makes me feel proud to watch them perform to such a high standard. They always gain a great deal from these productions and it is such an important part of their education.

I would also like to end 2019 by publicly thanking all of the staff at the school. They work tirelessly all year and we are very lucky to have such committed professionals working with the children.

Finally thank you to all of you! I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We will look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 7th January.

Best Wishes

Simon France

Head Teacher





kids the junction

music

What a busy term it has been! We have had so much going on in Music this term and it has been great!

Year 3 had a fantastic end to their Musicianship concert – more about that later. Year 6 have been juggling learning to read staff notation with learning to sing traditional Christmas carols for their production of Scrooge and it has to be said, they can sing like angels. Year 5 have listened to and analysed the music of the Planets Suite by Gustav Holst and used that information to help them to create their own composition about our own planet. Their performances showed great understanding of texture and tempo – I was really impressed. Year 4 have been focussing on weather music and dynamics. Ask them about Vivaldi. In Year 2, they have improvised and composed music relating to myths around the United Kingdom and have enjoyed playing various instruments when doing so.

The orchestra performed two pieces in assembly recently, which were very well received by the KS2 audience. It was a good opportunity to show off the different instruments we have in the orchestra, including our two new saxophone players.

KS2 choir have been busy singing around the community with a visit to Forest Hill Nursing Home, Castle Farm Care

Home and Upton Social Club. It is lovely to see the reactions of the audience on these occasions – they absolutely love to hear the children sing – and to see our children interacting so beautifully with them after they have performed. We are in the process of organising more visits for the Spring term so watch this space.

Year 3 Musicianship Concert

Last week, 63 year 3 children performed their end of programme concert to their parents. To see all the children holding the violins correctly and playing in unison (mostly!) was a fantastic sight, especially when one considered that at the start of the programme 10 weeks ago, many of the children couldn't hold the violin the right way up! They played several pieces, with individuals announcing each piece and explaining the technical terms such as "arco" and "pizzicato". Mrs Ely, the violin teacher from Dorset Music Service, and I were so proud of them. For many children, this may be the only opportunity they have to actually learn to play an instrument and so it is very worthwhile.

Some of the learners will be continuing after Christmas, which is great news. As always, if your child is interested in learning to play a musical instrument, please don't hesitate to contact me.



**Click on the icon
to go to that class's
dedicated web page**



Top Row (left-right): Ladybird, Honeybee, Dragonfly, Butterfly, Skylark, Nightingale, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Puffin.

Bottom Row (left-right): Swan, Osprey, Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin.



GOVERNORS' CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Unbelievably the end of the autumn term is here and performances of the nativity and year 6 play have taken place. All the planning and preparation put into those events always produces a fabulous end result.

Well done to all involved, and thank you to you as parents for your support with costumes, the learning of lines, and attending the actual events.

The **Governing Body** at LMPS are also presently making its own preparations, as in March 2020 two of our parent governors will come to the end of their term. This means we will be holding elections to fill these posts, the voting being done by the parent/guardian body of LMPS.

Any parent/guardian of a child currently a pupil at LMPS will be eligible to stand for election should they wish to do so.

Though we may all be a little tired of election talk by now, on return to school in the new year the formal process of parent elections will start. This will initially involve informing parents/guardians of the commitment and expectations of any successful candidate as well as how to put yourself forward.

A formal voting process will take place after the closing date for nominations, with the elected

candidates taking up office at the end of March.

The **Governing Body** is made up of people from various walks of life, some elected by the parents/guardians of LMPS, some elected by the staff at LMPS, and some co-opted for the skills they bring with them into the role. Skills required within the **Governing Body**

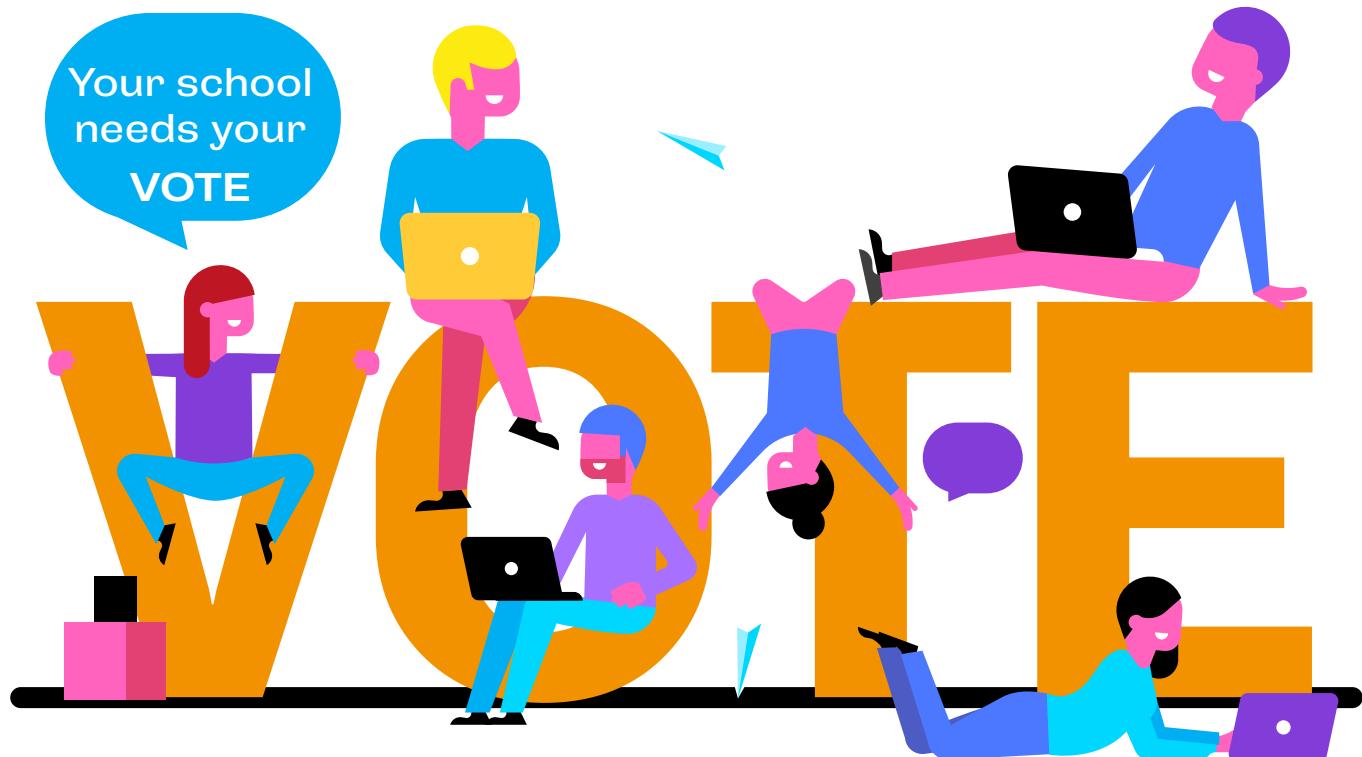
range from finance, marketing and HR as well as facility management, school data analysis and legal experience.

Presently the **Governing Body** is undertaking a self-assessment including a skills matrix so as to better inform parents/guardians of which skills particularly desirable to bring to the forum. Please be assured this does not prevent anyone with other skill sets to also put themselves forward! More to come in January..

Wishing you all a peaceful 2020

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*Kris Knudsen
Chair of Governors LMPS*





SCHOOL news...

pupil's voice

Members of the Pupil Voice team had great fun at the Christmas Fair helping Mrs Gould run two stalls. We ran the 'Lucky Dip Santa' game which was very busy everyone hoping to find the hidden sweet or chocolate bar.

Our 'Reindeer Shy!' was very popular, everyone enjoyed seeing how many of the tin can reindeers they could knock over with some bean bags. There was some very accurate throwing (that Mr Noyce would be very proud of) and lots of reindeers toppling.

It was a fantastic fair, lots of people turned up and fun was had by everyone. We hope we managed to help raise lots of money too.



The **Pupil Voice representatives** would like to say a big '**Thank you'** to everyone who supported our two non-uniform days for charity. We are so proud of everyone who took part and donated.

We know that the money we raised will be put to great use and used to help others.

Thank you



As a school we managed to raise an amazing

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pounds for JDRF with '**Go Blue**' day

AND

366

pounds for **Children in Need** when we all came into school dressed as '**Something Sporty**'.



LIBRARY news

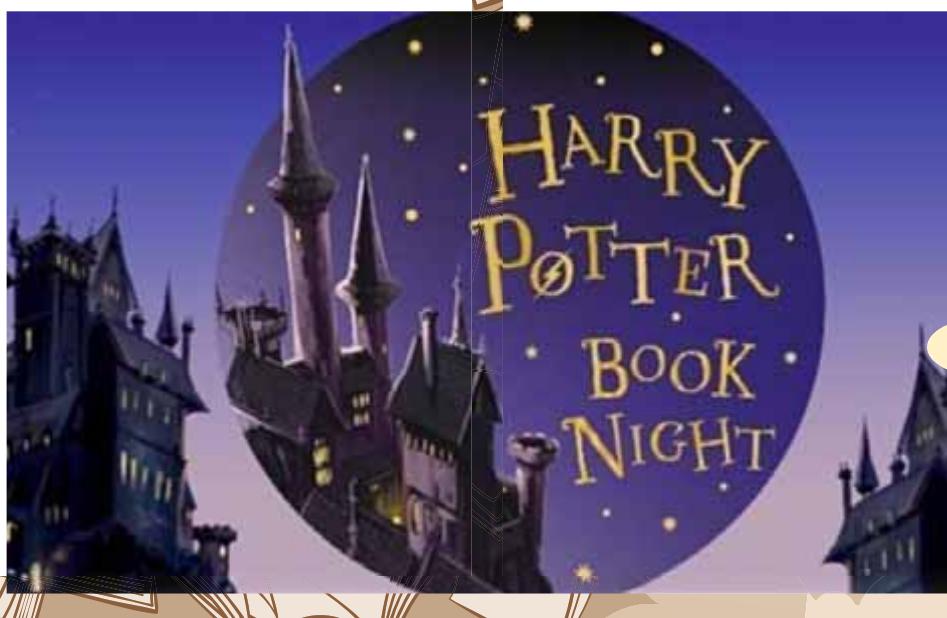


Hi Everyone

Things have been busy here at the library with lots going on. During half term we had a fantastic session run by the **Urban Heaths Partnership** and children were able to learn all about our local reptiles. They will be running another session for us on **Tuesday 7th April, 3-4pm** – so make a note for the calendar. We also ran a wide range of Christmas activities and competitions and thank you to everyone who took part.



Yes, it's back again – our very popular **Harry Potter Book Night Party**.
Friday 7th February, 5.30pm-6.30pm. Join us for a night of magical wizarding fun and games!! Suitable for children aged 7 – 12 years and children are encouraged (though it is not compulsory) to come dressed as their favourite **Harry Potter character**. After the children have entered the library via Platform 9 ¾ they will go through the sorting ceremony



before taking part in **Harry Potter** themed games. It really is terrific fun. This is a free event but there are limited places available so the recommendation would be to book as soon as possible.



Code Club: This is a fun and exciting way for children to discover computer coding and create games and animations and is for children aged 9-13 years. We have places available in our club which runs on the **1st and 3rd Friday of each month**, term time only.

If you would like to find out more then please contact the library on 01202 621281 or call in and speak with a member of staff.



The first week in February is **National Storytelling Week** and on **Saturday 1st February** we will be holding '**Storytelling Saturday**' for young children. Between 10.30am-11.30am come and hear some of our classic favorite children's picture books.

We will also be holding a craft activity during the February half term on Friday 21st, 3- 5pm. This is a drop in session so no need to book.



Babs, Clair and Susan – Your Library Staff



SCHOOL news...

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to have introduced a new way of planning and teaching maths across the school.

The new scheme, called **Loopy Maths**, provides all children with enough time to overlearn each maths objective. In addition, the children benefit from an "I do", "You do" teaching method which models how to solve reasoning problems. This explicit modelling allows more children to go on and independently solve challenging maths questions and achieve the expected standard for their age group.

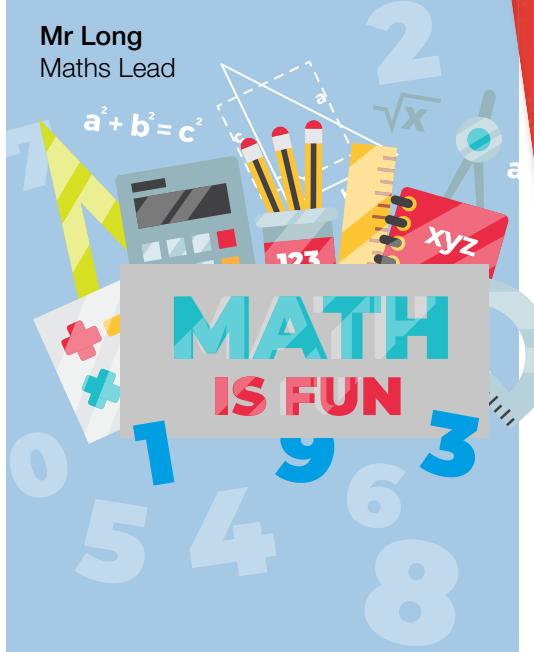
Loopy Maths aims to allow all children to make far greater progress in mathematics. Furthermore, it aims to improve confidence and enthusiasm. The children are really enjoying **Loopy Maths**. Here are just some of their comments:

"I like it when the teacher shows us how to solve a problem and then we have a go at similar problems."

"I enjoy marking my own work and moving to the next practice questions."

"I like completing the challenges on purple paper because I need to find all the possible answers and explain how I worked it out."

Mr Long
Maths Lead



Reading into WRiting

We have been very pleased with some of the English work that has been produced with our new '**Reading into Writing Journey**'. The children have embraced the new texts that have been used and are always eager to know which texts they will be looking at next. The use of mini films has also been very successful, and the children have loved learning literature through a visual medium.

As we continue our journey into the Spring term, we have mapped out further new and exciting texts to use. To see these texts for each year group, please find the list on the English webpage on our school website.

'My favourite text that we have looked at this term, is **Kensuke's Kingdom** by Michael Morpurgo. I enjoyed this book because it was very exciting with lots of eventful dramas and many cliff-hangers after each chapter. I rate this book 4 ½ stars out of 5.'

Gemma Year 5

'My favourite film that we looked at was the Clock Tower because it was really colourful. We wrote about how the girl was feeling and got to write the ending to the story'.

Bethan Year 2





SCHOOL news...

Our Victorian Exhibition Victoria Sponge all round!

On the 18th of November, Y6 transformed the hall into a Victorian Exhibition and families and friends were invited.

Stalls were set out to display our art, design technology and history lessons over the past term and to encourage visitors to take part! There was an **inventor area** where the best home learning projects were on display that explored Victorian inventions such as the **light bulb, the telegraph, the telephone, the flushing toilet** and of course – gummy bears.

In another area of the hall was our art gallery where we showed off our silhouettes and our **William Morris inspired prints**. Our guests were invited to try their hand at designing a print or

creating some floral wall paper. We had a **Victorian toy museum** where the optical illusion toy thaumotrope was explained and people were encouraged to make their own. In our DT area, we had models of our suspension bridges that we had built – modelled after Brunel's famous **Bristol Suspension Bridge**. Visitors could take part in a bridge building

competition to see who could build the sturdiest structure.

Finally, there was lots of great Victorian food to sample from lemonade to Victorian sponge cake. It was a great way to celebrate our learning over the Autumn term!



Y6's Christmas Production: Scrooged

What a fantastic end to the autumn term!

Y6 have combined their knowledge of the Victorian Era with a literary classic and produced an amazing show based on **A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens**.

Scrooged tells the timeless tale of the grumpy miser Scrooge who says, '**Bah Humbug**' to Christmas until one fateful night when he is visited by three ghosts. The **Spirit of Christmas Past** shows Scrooge that he used to be a generous, kind young man who had friends and fun. The **Spirit of Christmas Present** shows Scrooge how his poor

employee, Bob Cratchit, struggles to provide for his large family. Yet, despite their poverty, the family is full of life and love. The final Spirit is the **Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come**; this phantom shows Scrooge that if he doesn't change his ways then he will end up dead and all alone. The night's events are enough to transform Scrooge and he greets Christmas Day with joy and thankfulness. He makes amends to his relatives and to the Cratchits as he learned how it truly better to give than receive.

All of the children were involved: acting the parts, singing the traditional Christmas Carols, playing a flute solo, choreographing dances, and organising props, lighting and backdrops. We are so proud of our wonderful pupils - what a joyous way to finish the term.



SCHOOL news...

LMPS Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Fayre last Friday, we raised 1,245. We had an amazing turn out and it was great to see so many smiling faces. The choir sounded amazing around the Christmas tree and it certainly marked the start of the Christmas!

We were so lucky to book Father Christmas again this year. It was magical to see so many little faces lit up in the beautiful grotto and happy parents watching on.

Thank you to all the PTEC helpers who were amazing

as always. Please look out for news of future PTEC events, we welcome new ideas and new faces.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2020!

Jacqui Reid



Stars of LMPS

William Cottman (Year 5 Osprey) and Jasmine Scott (year 6 Kestrel) are performing in the Lytchett Matravers panto in the village hall 24th, 25th and 31st of January and 1st February 2020!

William is playing the part of 'Little Wreck' with his older brother Samuel (former pupil of LMPS) as 'Little Pants' (basically Little Ant and Dec) and will be interviewing the contestants 'backstage'!

Jasmine is performing as one of the entries to the 'Lytchett's Got The Strictly Voice Pop Star on Love Island Factor.' Both children are working incredibly hard and giving up their time at weekends to rehearse for the panto. They are working with some brilliant amateur actors with years of experience and learning lots of new skills, gaining confidence and having a ball.



Here are some details of the panto taken from their website:

Macbeth - The Pantomime!

Duncan Blue is the King of Karaoke. But when Dave Macbeth bumps into some mysterious creatures who foretell his future, he and his wife Laydee will stop at nothing to win the Crown. Can young Marty Macduff and his mother stop them? Who will win *Lytchett's Got The Strictly Voice Pop Star on Love Island Factor?* Why is Spot the Dog there? Will Will be spinning in his grave?

Shakespeare before, you still won't have done after this show!

We are doing fewer performances this year, so book your tickets in advance to ensure you get to see this fantastic show. Tickets are just **£10 for adults** and **£5 for under 12's**, why pay a fortune when you have so much fun on your doorstep?

[LINK TO TICKET SITE](#)

Rehearsals are well underway for *Castle Players'* upcoming pantomime.

For something completely different, we will be staging the absolutely bonkers Macbeth - The Pantomime; brand new, original show, inspired by the story of Macbeth and written and directed by Linsey O'Neill, where the Bard meets the X-Factor.

There are good guys to cheer, bad guys to boo, a Dame and a dog. And with terrible jokes, it contains all the normal panto madness and if you've never seen





SCHOOL news...

Children in Need



We dressed up as 'Sporty' to raise money for Children in Need this year. To go with the 'Sporty' theme, we went into the hall to take part in an Active Eight Workout with Joe Wicks. It was great fun and it got our bodies working!

Well done everyone for being so active and wearing such fantastic sport outfits. A special well done to our KS2 winner for the 'Best Dressed' with her original idea of coming dressed as a skier!

We hope this has inspired you to keep leading an active lifestyle. Thank you for all your support and the £366 that has been raised for such a fantastic charity.



Knowing what it is to be Homeless

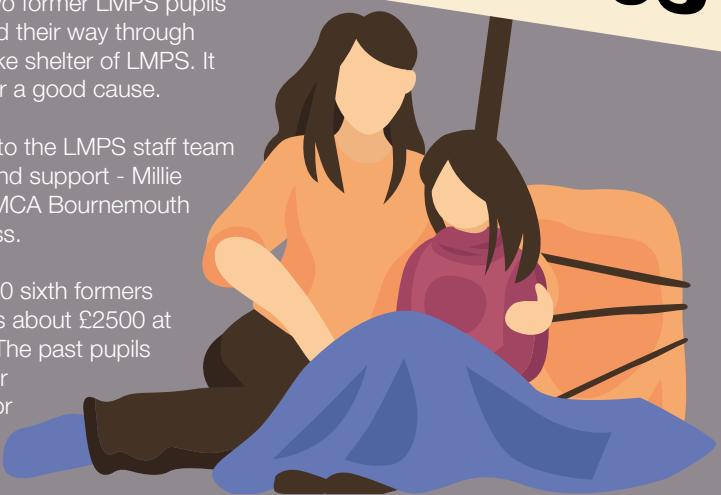


This is a photo of two former LMPS pupils who recently shivered their way through Friday night in the bike shelter of LMPS. It was good fun and for a good cause.

Thank you so much to the LMPS staff team for their generosity and support - Millie raised £50 for the YMCA Bournemouth work for the homeless.

There were around 50 sixth formers participating so that's about £2500 at least for the charity. The past pupils really appreciated our staff's sponsorship for this really worthy cause.

**HOMELESS
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HOPELESS**



DT Christmas challenge



We have all had a fantastic day completing our Design and technology Christmas craft challenge. The children have done a range of activities across the school including cooking, sewing mini stockings, creating santa pegs, hot chocolate cones and cookie jars. All of us at LMPS are now feeling



very festive. The children are very excited to take home all that they have made and share it with you, ask them what skills they have used to create their special christmas creations, they should be able to tell you all about it!



SCHOOL news...

Silk Painting with Mrs King

Mrs King, a silk painting artist, came into Year 5 to teach us how to paint on silk.

Our theme for our master piece was the solar system because we are learning about the planets and the moon. We first had to do a simple pencil drawing of our solar system design on A5 piece of paper. Some of us did an abstract design, some of us tried to do a more realistic design. It was important that we drew the outlines clearly so that we can see the design through the silk.

Firstly, we had to lay the piece of silk, which was on a frame over the top of our A5 design. Then with Gutta, we drew the outlines of our design on the silk. Gutta is a thick substance that is made from latex (supposedly derived from Indonesian rubber trees or Gutta Percha). The reason why we use Gutta is so it resists the paints, so that you can see the shape and image outlines.

The silk paints are like inks. When you put them on the silk they spread and the colours fuse together. We loved looking at how the paints spread and created different colours

when fused. When we finished our paintings, Mrs King took them home so they could dry properly before taking them out of the frame.

We really enjoyed Mrs King teaching us a new technique in art and we hope to do another silk painting in the summer of our trip to Lulworth Cove.

Thank you Mrs King



STAR GAZING

On Thursday 21st November, Year 5 children, parents, grandparents and staff all gathered to gaze at our fascinating solar system. We arrived in our onesies (Mr France even managed to find one!) and began the evening. We shared some of the great work that we have been completing about Space during our Science lessons – sharing the order and information about each planet.

- We looked at each other's Phases of the Moon projects, which created an exciting buzz! Everyone was blown away by the amazing work done by parents and children. Even though there was a little bit of rain, we were able to use our iPads to explore the solar system. We were able to search for planets and constellations, and the app would find them for us!

The evening came to a warming end whilst a cup of hot chocolate and a biscuit was enjoyed by all! Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event.





SPORTS news...

Project Platinum

Bronze Ambassadors wanted to enable all children to engage in beneficial activities to develop their engagement in physical activity on a regular basis, as the new guidelines state that **every child should be active for an average of 60 minutes per day**. Their idea was to run 2 different half termly activities for each year group, with 3 different levels to each of them. Each year group has their colour that they are aiming for; **Year 3 is Bronze, Year 4 is Silver, Year 5 is Gold and Year 6 is Platinum**. They have the opportunity to practise and develop their skill at least 5 times a week during the days that they do

not have PE. This allows learning without limits and offers the chance for all children to be successful.

They also wanted to provide opportunities during break times for children to be more active.

Children will be recognised for their achievements during half termly assemblies, where the new skills will also be demonstrated. This half term the children will be developing their tennis rallies and shuttle runs. It has started very successfully, with KS2 developing a range of skills to achieve their colour.



CROSS COUNTRY!!!

By Olivia, Ella, Juno and Jasper



We are all part of the cross country team. This term in total there were four runs and there were lots of other schools too. Everyone was very (and I mean very) competitive! Most schools wore smart kits but we stayed in are normal PE kits.

These are the places where we ran: Canford School, Sandbanks Beach, Baiter Park and Ferndown Upper School. Juno, Ella and Olivia's favourite run was Canford School and Jasper's favourite run was Baiter Park because he got his best position. At the start of the race we were all really nervous but we were determined and persistent. We loved the Cross Country this term and we can't wait for the next race!



Tuesday 7th January 2020
Time: 09.00 - 15.30
Event: **1st Half Spring Term 2020**
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 8th January 2020
Time: 13.30 - 15.30
Event: **Forest Schools**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 9th January 2020
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
Event: **KS2 Choir**
Venue: LMPS Studio

Wednesday 15th January 2020
Time: 13.30 - 15.30
Event: **Forest Schools**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 16th January 2020
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
Event: **KS2 Choir**
Venue: LMPS Studio

Friday 17th January 2020
Time: 08.30 - 12.00
Event: **School Nurse Parental Drop In**
Venue: Rainbow Room, LMPS

Wednesday 22nd January 2020
Time: 13.30 - 15.30
Event: **Forest Schools**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 23rd January 2020
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
Event: **KS2 Choir**
Venue: LMPS Studio

JANUARY 2020 DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29th January 2020
Time: 13.30 - 15.30
Event: **Forest Schools**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 30th January 2020
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
Event: **KS2 Choir**
Venue: LMPS Studio

Wednesday 5th February 2020
Time: 13.30 - 15.30
Event: **Forest Schools**
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 5th February 2020
Time: 16.00 - 19.00
Event: **Parents Evening 1**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 6th February 2020
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
Event: **KS2 Choir**
Venue: LMPS Studio

Thursday 6th February 2020
Time: 15.40 - 17.30
Event: **Parents Evening 2**
Venue: LMPS

Wednesday 12th February 2020
Time: 13.30 - 15.30
Event: **Forest Schools**
Venue: LMPS

Thursday 13th February 2020
Time: 15.30 - 16.30
Event: **KS2 Choir**
Venue: LMPS Studio

Friday 14th February 2020
Time: 15.30
Event: **Spring Term 1st Half Ends**
Venue: LMPS

**DON'T
FORGET**

2020 INSED Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2019 **Teacher Training days**. School will be closed to children on these days.

Mon 6th Jan 2020
Mon 1st June 2020
Mon 20th July 2020

