

LAND OF LEARNING NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Nurturing the seeds of knowledge

SPRING 2018

Message from the Head

What a fabulously busy term it has been! Firstly I would like to thank parents for your continued generosity in the education fundraiser and the homeless appeals we did this term. We raised over £880 during book week, the money will be given to the Penny Appeal education project. I am very proud to see how confidently the children of Land of Learning speak and the enthusiasm they show when we host exhibitions like the English Heritage Expo, Spelling Bee and the STEM assembly (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). To be able to speak with confidence, respect others and show resilience are all key skills we nurture through the enriched curriculum we deliver to prepare children for life beyond Land of Learning. We work closely with skilled practitioners from the state sector to share good practice and the impact is clearly evident in the progress children are making and their growing confidence in all areas.

Spelling Bee

In March we hosted our 4th annual Spelling Bee.

The aim of the spelling bee is to spell quickly and accurately— a key skill for quality reading and writing. The spelling bee also gives pupils the opportunity to compete against other schools, learn to work as a team and respect for one another.

Our children competed against Al - Islamia and Normanton House School to battle for the title of Spelling Bee champions 2018.

We were honoured to have PC Wandless as our judge and he was very impressed with the caliber of student's ability. Some of the spellings were extremely difficult, but we were proud that our children gave their best efforts. Contestants from Land of Learning this year were;



Saarah Ahmedjee - Year 5

Aasiya Salman - Year 3

Mariam Ibrahim - Year 6

Nabiha Shikdar - Year 4

We look forward to hosting an even bigger event next year. Our visitors were really pleased with the event; "Very Well Organised" and "Very impressive" and that "We need to have more of these!"

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Sarah Ahmedjee



Student Councillors:

6A Head Boy - Rayyan Malida
6A Head Girl - Bushra Makda
6B Head Boy - Muhammad Umar Patel
6B Head Girl - Aasiyah Waraich
Year 5A - Ayaan Parekh
Year 5B - AbdurRahman Waraich
Year 4A - Muhammad Waraich
Year 4B - Abdulla Yasin
Year 3A - Iqra Mall
Year 3B - Zayaan Janar

Book Week!

This term we enjoyed a Brilliant Book Week! The theme followed the story of "The Journey" by Aaron Becker

The week started with a word scavenger hunt. Children went around school with their teachers to find as many answers as they could using the clues provided.

On Tuesday children were encouraged to get caught reading by different members of staff in different areas in the school. We found children reading EVERYWHERE!

Wednesday began with teachers swapping classrooms to have the chance to read to different age groups. Children were exposed to books beyond their reading range and explored different genres. We also had many special visitors from the community come into school to read to the children and talk to them about the importance of reading and how it helps our work.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day! Children and staff dressed in pyjamas and spent the day reading a wide range of stories. After all that excellent reading children were rewarded with hot chocolate from Mrs Vania and Mrs Mall. Later in the afternoon children visited the other classrooms to see their wonderful work and their brilliant displays.

We had Sherlock Holmes' house, a word factory, a zoo in the Nursery and even a classroom Under the Sea!

Children dressed up as book characters on Friday, but with a twist. Costumes were to be only made from recycled materials, and the results were fantastic! Parents and children yet again surprised us with their creativity and amazing ideas.

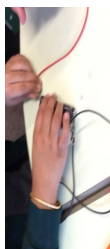


Science Day 2018

This term Land of Learning took part in British Science week 2018. Our aim was to encourage children to be more inquisitive and question about why and how things happen around them. Each class was set a challenge such as; building a masjid from recyclable cups, testing the laws of gravity with different objects, freezing and melting using different materials, as well as simple tests such as floating and sinking. F2 had fun making circuits with their teachers as they had to light up the sun and year four put their skills to the test by making wind powered cars using recycled materials. They used teamwork, mathematical skills and effort to make their designs successful.

The day finished with an assembly where all the children had an opportunity to share what they had learnt and show us some brilliant inventions.

It was great to see such enthusiasm and we pray that the children of Land of Learning will one day be engineers and scientists of the future



Eco Committee

This term the Eco Team have been busy in many activities to help the local environment, working towards earning the Silver Eco Schools award for Land of Learning.

The Eco Committee made a very special visit to Evington Park this term, with the intention of building a dead hedge in order for wildlife to have a shelter and be protected from predators and bad weather conditions as part of their Biodiversity topic.

Land of Learning met with park warden Andrew Dhillon and he showed them where the hedge would be built and what materials would be used to create the shelter. Unfortunately due to the area in the park being flooded because of the rain, we were unable to build the hedge. The Eco committee will return to Evington park next term in order to complete their task.

The Eco committee have also taken part in the Great British Spring Clean. Last year more than 300,000 people took to their local streets, parks and beaches to take a stand against litter and have some fun. Over 1000 Eco-Schools supported the campaign and their hard work made a real impact to raise awareness of all the litter we throw away with little thought of where it all ends up.

We partnered up with Lee Jowett from the local council, and city Warden Nicole Powell to take the children around the school to collect litter. Children learnt about litter and its impact. We collected 6 bags of rubbish from just around the Masjid and the school block. Amongst this we were disappointed to find; 35 cans and bottles, a car bumper, many sweet wrappers, some abandoned jewellery, and lots and lots of cigarette ends.

As Muslims we know that we have been made us guardians of the surroundings around us, and it is our duty to ensure we pick up rubbish and do not drop litter.



Heritage Week

This term Land of Learning has been working closely with Historic England in ensuring the history curriculum is broad, balanced and engaging. Teachers have received expert training on delivering a curriculum that not only meets the National Curriculum requirements but also teaches key skills such as how to use historical sources to piece together our heritage, historical understanding and reliable and unreliable sources of evidence.



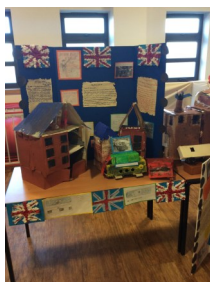
To further develop children's understanding we organised a heritage week at school. Each class studied a particular aspect of local history such as the development of the factories on Evington Valley road, local memorials and the changing population in Evington. Classes studied maps from the 1800s onwards, census data and went for guided walks with a local historian.

The climax of the week was our Heritage Exhibition. Children showcased what they had



Award

We are pleased to announce Land of Learning has been awarded the Historic England Heritage Schools Award by the Department for Education. This would not have been possible without the hard work of our staff, children and parents. With the help of Leicester's Local Heritage Education Manager, the children carried out some skilful research, and did some amazing work, showing their in depth knowledge of our local Heritage.



Year 6 children visited the Masjid and the church as part of their Heritage week endeavours. The children learnt about the history of places of worship and made comparisons between the church and the Masjid.

Year 5 took part in a workshop led by a local historian and learnt about how the World Wars impacted Evington. They visited the war memorial in Evington Village to learn about how and why memorials were built and how they are preserved. The children thoroughly enjoyed these activities, and completed some brilliant work using what they had learnt which was then displayed in our exhibition.

Year 4 took a walk down Evington Valley Road to gather information on how the factories and industries had developed in the area.



Year 3 went for a walk on Evington Parks Road to gather information on when the houses were built and to identify key factors of the area.

Year 2 visited the Masjid and learnt about the way in which the Masjid has changed since it was first built. They also looked at pictures from the past and learnt about the contribution the masjid has made to the community.

Year 1 visited Stoughton Airport in Stoughton Village as part of their heritage research. Children learnt about the history of the airport and the invention of planes.

F1 & F2 took a walk along Evington Road to explore the way industry has developed since the World War. They looked at different signs, shop names and the way buildings have changed by taking photos and comparing them to some old pictures.



Reminders

- Please park considerately. The school gates should never be obstructed in order to allow emergency vehicles access to the building.
- We are a healthy eating school, so no crisps (except baked crisps), chocolates, jam or chocolate spread sandwiches please. We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL
- Punctuality is an essential part of life please instil this in children by always being on time.
- All children must have correct size plimsolls.
- Label all uniform.

Fun in the Early Years

Book Week



During book week F1 displayed their love for books by turning the Nursery into a zoo!

The teachers and students in all their efforts put together a fabulous display.

The children read lots of different stories with their teachers, and with a very special guest too. We were delighted to have a local Police officer - Michelle Wilson in school with us to read her favourite stories to the Early Years



Science Week



During Science week F1 were busy experimenting with different items from the Nursery to see what would float and sink. They found that an empty milk bottle floated and a rubber dinosaur sank, but when they filled the milk bottle with water it sank!

Children immensely enjoyed the activity and were extremely inquisitive in their investigations.



Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles



This term Land of Learning has partnered up with 'Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles' - an organisation within the Local Council - to give children supervised tooth brushing sessions, in order to improve oral hygiene and ensure children are brushing in the correct manner.

The children are also being taught about hygiene in Islam and how important it is for us as Muslims to remain clean always. We hope to continue these sessions in the coming term and pay our children will benefit from this.



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We are an eco-friendly school and are therefore reducing our use of paper. All communication will be by text message, email and/or our website, which is:

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