



Welcome to our November newsletter!

In our monthly big editions we will celebrate some of the fantastic things that are happening in our school each month. If you have something you would like to celebrate with the community then please send an email with photos and description to [info@lutley.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@lutley.dudley.sch.uk) with NEWSLETTER in the subject.

The Beast by Charles

The Beast awoke,  
Oh this brute, all he did,  
Was play the flute

Oh how it howled,  
Oh how it screeched,  
It played some more and then he leaped,

They offered him lessons,  
They taught him a lullaby  
A choir sang  
To make people sleep  
And never tell lies.

Saturdays are Match Days – by Bethany

Waking up when it's dark,  
For an early morning in the park,  
Running up and down the pitch,  
Warming up so we don't get stitch.

Whistle blows at 9AM,  
"Come on girls, let's go again!"  
From the centre, the ball goes back,  
In the crowd, our parents clap.

Running up and down the wing,  
"Come on girls, let's do our thing!",  
From the corner, comes the pass,  
"What a goal! That was class!"

At half time, the score's 1-0,  
"Come on girls, no time to chill"  
Back on the pitch, the ball whizzes past,  
Look at our striker! WOW she is fast!

Into the net, rolls the ball,  
What a goal, I knew she'd score,  
At the end the whistle blows,  
Who'll win next time? No one knows!

An extract from - My cat likes to sniff feet by Sara

My cat likes to sniff feet  
And sometimes a little lick  
He shoves his nose right in there  
An he doesn't have ticks!

He licks his skin,  
Till its red raw  
His meows are weak  
And he has pretty paws!

He came from chaos  
And now lives in peace,  
His eyes twinkle in the night  
He is the favourite cat (well in my eyes at least!)

He is so pretty  
His beautiful paws that leave a trail of love

I love him so much,  
It's like he came from up above

He couldn't stop licking himself  
And now he wears a donut  
It's like a cone of shame but doesn't hurt so much  
But without it he would go nuts.

Charles, Sara and Bethany in Y5 have written poems on various topics / inspirations to share with you!



# News!

## Year 4 Maths Team Success!

Well done to Ava 4HG, Seth 4GO, Noah 4LH and William 4LH, who won silver medals at the King Edwards VI Maths Competition on Friday 24th November.

The team worked incredibly hard and were a credit to Lutley with their great teamwork and maths skills.

They competed against 12 other schools in their heat to win a fabulous silver medal each.

Congratulations and well done!!



Charlotte took part in a dance competition where she got gold for her lyrical duet and Cabaret Troupe, silver for her Junior Troupe, Bronze for her lyrical solo and the Jazz Troupe plus 4th for her ballet solo. Her parents said, "She did really well, we were really proud of her!"

Well done, Charlotte!!



## Change makers!

Well done to Bethany, Erin, Matilda and Teagan - Y6

They have been raising money in school for our Trust National / Global charities as well as The Blue Cross!

Thank you for being Change makers!!!

The raised £52.08 😊



If you would like to celebrate something in the monthly newsletter – please send details to [info@Lutley.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@Lutley.dudley.sch.uk)  
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## Science Selfie!

Tia S!

Apologies to Tia for the error in last month's newsletter!



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## Christmas menu

Adult Christmas Dinner (£4.50)

Roast Turkey and Seasoning (Stuffing)  
Pigs in Blankets  
Mashed and Roast Potatoes  
Roasted Parsnips  
Sprouts, Carrots and Peas  
Turkey Gravy

Quorn Steak and Seasoning (Stuffing)

Christmas Pudding and Vanilla Sauce  
Strawberry Ice Cream Roll  
Mince Pies

Wishing you a very merry Christmas  
from everyone at C&S Catering

Dudley

C&S Catering

Christmas  
dinner  
menu!  
Zoom in!

## Diary Dates

### December 2023

Monday 4th December Y2 carol service at St Margaret's church at 9:30am

Tuesday 5th December Year 6 visit to St Margaret's Church at 9:30am

Friday 8th December – Y3 Carol service at St Margaret's church.

Monday 11th December RHC Nativity 9.30am Forest School

Tuesday 12th December RKD Nativity 9.30am Forest school

Thursday 14th December REP Nativity 9.30am Forest School

Friday 15th December Year 1 Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 20th December Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner day, Mini Market and ABC afternoon.

Friday 22nd December Toy Day. Last day of term.

**PTFA Christmas Fair**  
LUTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, BROOKWILLOW ROAD, B63 1BU  
All are welcome!

Gutter  
Tatoos

Breakfast  
refreshments from  
Herons Gate Farm

Craft Stalls

Grand Christmas Draw

**Santa's Grotto**  
£3 per child\*  
\*Limited availability of Christmas gifts.  
Come early to avoid disappointment.

Entrance fee:  
Adults £1  
Children FREE

Pre-loved  
Uniform  
sale

And much much more!

## Worker of the Week 1st December 2023

We'll done to all of these children who have been noticed for their hard work throughout the week!

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
REP	Lexie K Noah M	RHC	Harriet R Ariella C	RKD	Atticus A Grayson D
1HH	Junior S	1LI	Arabella S	1SB	Ottava T
2AB	Jax H	2RT	Ella S	2RA	Harry S
3EG	Joseph C	3KR	Sebastion W	3LO	George G
4GO	Seth M	4HG	Niamh F	4LH	Brogan S
5LW	Grace T	5RF	Ruby W-R	5SM	Max D
6BR	Charlie S	6EG	Nyah W	6ES	Poppy B

## Attendance

27th November — 1st December 2023

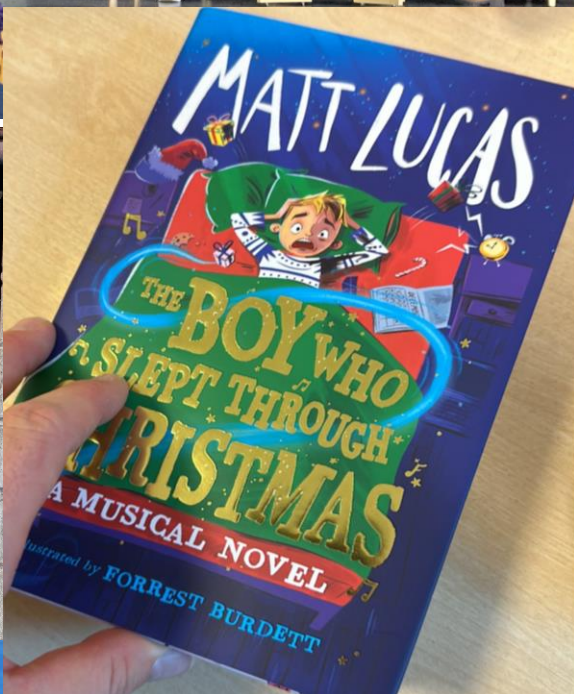
Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
REP	91.20	RHC	99.60	RKD	86.54
1HH	96.90	1LI	96.00	1SB	91.00
2AB	97.31	2RT	95.71	2RA	96.30
3EG	100	3KR	94.19	3LO	94.48
4GO	95.48	4HG	96.67	4LH	97.59
5LW	97.10	5RF	96.00	5SM	98.67
6BR	93.79	6EG	96.45	6ES	95.86

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This half term some of our Year 5 children were fortunate enough to meet actor, present and author Matt Lucas, for the launch of his first novel for children – *The boy who slept through Christmas!* He answered questions and read a passage from the book! He even played a few games inspired by the story with the group! We loved meeting him!



The children walked from Lutley to Earls High school and were able to sit and eat lunch at Earls before walking home in the sunshine! A fabulous morning was had by all children and staff!



Each week we will share a handy parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Check out our feed on X as we use this regularly too! Keep your children safe by staying up to date!



**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK**

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+** (certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dance trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

While TikTok's 'Following' feed only displays videos from users someone follows, 'For You' is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's 'For You' feed will therefore be age-restricted and appealing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of content makes it very difficult to monitor and vet.

**DANGEROUS CHALLENGES**

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by online challenges by them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example is the 'Ice Bucket Challenge', which encouraged users to hold their breath until they turn blue, leading to a lack of oxygen. It led to two teenage girls losing their lives over the tragic deaths of their children.

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially on accounts created by young people (or youngsters using a false date of birth) – and set to public by default. TikTok not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to download them.

**ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING**

Family Pairing allows parents to link their child's account with their own and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, restrict their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

**MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE**

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

**LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING**

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. It's recommended that you set this feature as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

**ADDICTIVE NATURE**

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people. Compulsive repeated use has interfered with sleep patterns and can be a distraction from other activities. The app's algorithm (which introduced default usage time limits for users under 18 in the UK, children under 16 in the US) means that children can spend hours on the app, but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

**TIKTOK NOW**

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a photo or video at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a personalised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them impulsively sharing private content such as their location.

**READ THE SIGNS**

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen or a challenge they've been asked to do, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a loss of concentration on schoolwork, or are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

**Meet Our Expert**

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#WakeUpWednesday

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## Does your child use TikTok?

**\*\*Please be aware of the age restriction\*\***

Also please be aware that people use TikTok and snap chat (see last week's newsletter) to take part in 'trend' videos – **some of these are highly dangerous!**

Always monitor what your child is doing especially if they are creating their own content!



### \*\*\*SAFEGUARDING ALERT FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE\*\*\*

West Midlands Police have been made aware of a live Snapchat account where children in Dudley are actively encouraging other children to post graphic images and videos of themselves or their peers. Please could we ask parents and carers to pay extra attention to all social media accounts to ensure that the content viewed or shared is appropriate for their age. We are investigating this matter and will be dealing with any criminal offences identified in a positive manner.

For further support or advice, please refer to the Dudley Safe and Sound Website.

[Online Safety | dudleysafeandsound](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.org)