



Newsletter Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

One highlight since the last newsletter has been the visit from Little City which is role play to the power of 10! Everyone was extremely excited but those lucky enough to visit were our youngest children.



Shared lunch



It was lovely to welcome families in to share lunch with their children. We have planned more for after half term so have a look at the dates at the end of this newsletter .so that you can book in yours.



Our visitors then went outside with their children and enjoyed the playground, despite the cold. It was a lovely family event and we are looking forward to the next ones with, hopefully, some warmer weather.

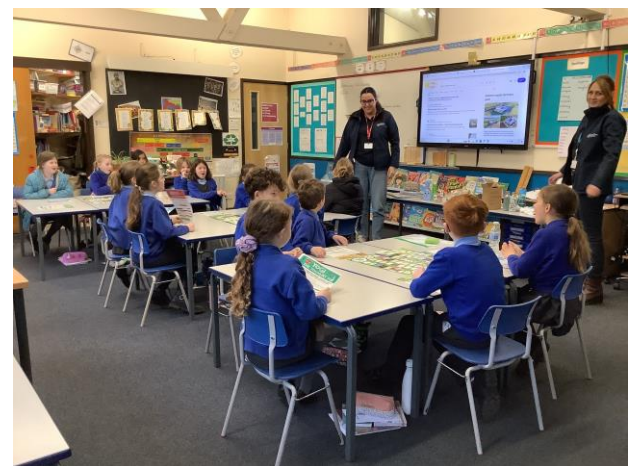
Reduce, reuse, recycle

'Rescue Me' is an interactive educational, recycling board game, which takes approximately 1 hour to play. The session can be played with up to 30 children,



aimed at 7-11 yrs. The aim is to make it to recycling heaven and avoid the pitfalls which result in your character, landing up in the rubbish bin. All children in KS2 took part, helped by Michelle and Arianne.

It was great fun and a good way to learn about recycling, taking turns and working together! We have noticed that the children would benefit from playing board games so have a look for your Monopoly sets and clear the table!



News in Year 5

Year 5 have been out and about, both on the school grounds and then further afield. A couple of weeks ago, they were very good community ambassadors and performed a highly successful litter pick on the school grounds.



Budding scientists

Then this week, they visited Richmond School as part of their science learning on forces, working in the science lab to make and test electromagnets. They really enjoyed getting a taste of life in a secondary school and extending their knowledge of magnetic force.



Year 6 are counting the days to their Edinburgh trip. Their much-awaited hoodies have arrived and they are already wearing them with pride around school as they perform their many roles and responsibilities.



Living history

The Year 6 children also had a wonderful visit to Kirkwood Hall, where we had the privilege of chatting with the residents about their experiences during World War II. The stories they shared were fascinating, offering us a glimpse into the past and a deeper appreciation of their resilience. The children were exceptionally kind and polite, listening attentively and showing great respect for the residents' memories.

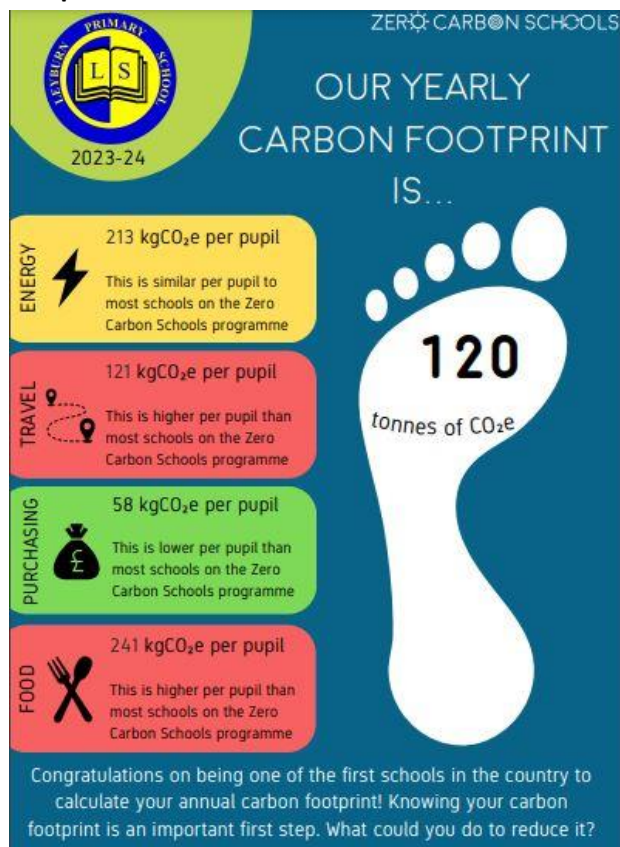
Darwin Day



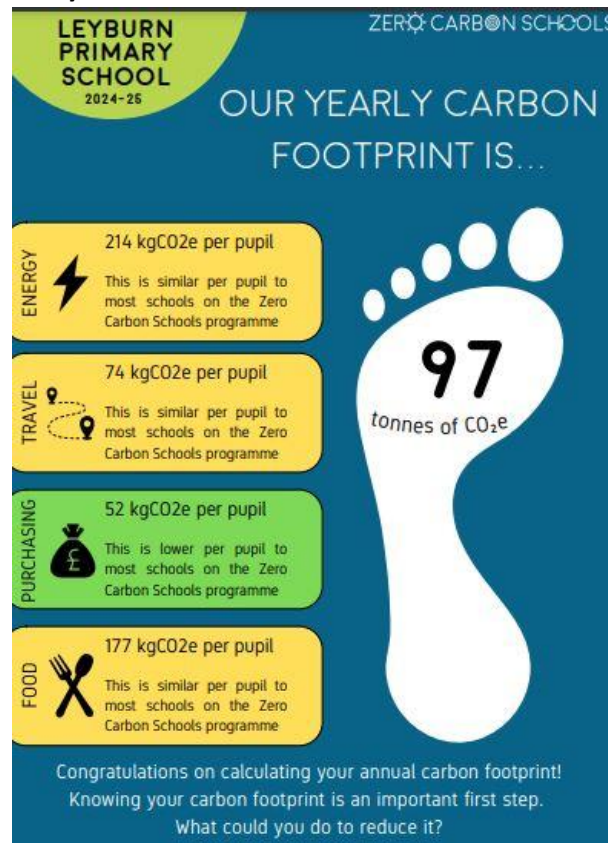
On Darwin Day, Brian Quinn, from Humanists UK, came to talk to the whole school about why today is so important to Humanists.

He then answered our questions which were very thoughtful and probing, especially from our youngest children!

Great news – we have reduced our carbon footprint!



We're keeping on going with it but well done to everyone in school!



World Book Day

We all love World Book Day where we share books and celebrate authors and illustrators.

The School Council are keen to reduce the pressure on both families and landfill (see above!) and so if you have any costumes you would like to donate, please bring them in to school.

As the day is focused on reading, there will also be our annual book swap.

Rainforest Afternoon Tea



The School Council are arranging a rainforest inspired afternoon tea on the 5th March. There will

be vegetarian, vegan and gluten free cakes and the tea and coffee will be Fairtrade.

The money we make will go to the Rainforest Alliance. If you would like to donate any cakes, please bring in packaged items. Thank you

Dates for your diary

24th February – STAFF TRAINING DAY

25th February – Spring term 2 begins

26th February – 4th March – Scholastic Book fair

26th-28th February Year 6 trip to Edinburgh

4th March – Year 1 family lunch

1.30 – 2 pm R and KS1 Ramadan assembly – families welcome

5th March – School Council Rainforest Afternoon tea

6th March – World Book day

10th March – OPAL audit

14th March - 10.00 – 10.30 KS2 Ramadan assembly – families welcome

18th March – Year 2 family lunch

1st April – Year 3 family lunch

4th April – Break up for Easter