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## Christmas comes to Lethbridge!



It's that jolly time of year and, as Term 2 slowly comes to a close, more and more yuletide events are dropping down like snowflakes! Lethbridge is really going all-out for Christmas this year.

To start off with, we have our delicious Christmas lunch on the 16th of December, and, to celebrate another wonderful tradition, we had a Christmas Jumper Day on the 10th of December (which included some festive games).

Then, of course, each year group or phase planned their own production for families to enjoy: EYFS acted out the story 'A little bird told me', and KS1 produced their own nativity play. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will all be going to Christchurch to narrate, dance, sing and act out the story of how Jesus Christ was born.

Some children who have main parts in the performances are really looking forward to them. Martha Jackson and Leo Nichols from 5TM are excited about playing Mary and Joseph in the Year 5/6 production at Christchurch, as they are playing the main parts and have never done anything like this before.

Maddisyn Danton-Metcalf from 6GB will be reading part of the Christmas story, and is "thrilled" as she loves reading out loud and performing!

All the children at Lethbridge are extremely grateful for the staff's contribution to these Christmas activities.

Thankyou!

Want more festive fun? Turn to page 8 for a wintery word search and some classic Christmas cracker jokes.

By Mary



Christmas Jumper Day



Festive Games

### This issue includes:

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- Talented Lethbridge
- Christmas jokes



## Meet the team behind the scenes...

Who is on the Lethbridge News Team?

Come and meet them here.

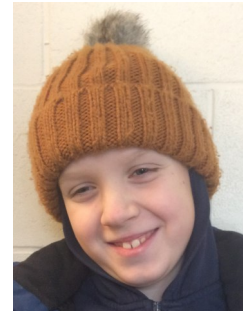


Nepathya

My name is Nepathya and I like to sing, draw and watch TikTok videos. My favourite subjects in school are art and English.

Henry

I am Henry and my hobbies are reading and playing video games. My favourite subjects in school are maths and computing. I like being on the school newspaper team because I like attention!



Scott



Hello! My name is Scott. I love playing football - I'm in the school football team - and I love hockey too. My favourite subjects in school are PE, science and art.

Mary

My name is Mary and my hobbies are drawing and football. My favourite subjects are art and PE. I am really pleased to help write the school newspaper as I love to write.



Iggy



My hobbies are playing guitar and playing tennis. My favourite subjects are art and computing. I like being part of the school newspaper because I get to have fun with my writing.

# Talented Lethbridge

School isn't just about what we learn in class. Away from the classrooms, there are so many different ways that Lethbridge children have been showing off their talents in Terms 1 and 2. Here are a few examples:

## Clubs and Music Lessons

Some children take part in after-school clubs or have extra music lessons during the day. We have lots of activities in school, including guitar, violin, piano, art, cooking, sewing and even doing multi-sports. Multi-sports is an after-school club where you do fun sporting activities and try a different sport every week. James Bryant (who goes to the club) said: "I really enjoy it!"



Levi and Lucas playing guitar.

## School Football Team

Year 5/6 have their very own football team. The team is made up of 13-15 people and every match they get swapped around as it's a 9-side team (with 3 extra substitutes). Almost every Thursday there's a match, and training happens on a Tuesday. In the last match, Lethbridge won 6-4 against Covingham. What an exciting game that was!

## Competitions

Among other competitions, Lethbridge children took part in a cross-country running race at Lydiard Park. We came 1st and 2nd in the girls' Year 3/4 race (well done Pippa Wall and Bethany Brien), and 1st in the boys' Year 5/6 race. Here's what Olly Forbes-Smith, the winner of the boys' race, had to say: "It was a bit muddy but I still had a good time running!"

Lethbridge children also took part in a writing competition, where they had to write a story on the theme of 'heroes'. The winner, Imogen Burch from Year 6, won £40 worth of book vouchers!



Imogen receiving her award

Well done, Lethbridge. Keep on displaying your talents!

By Scott



## Term 1 and 2 Values Respect and Friendship



In Term 1, our school value was respect.

Being respectful is a huge part of how we behave at Lethbridge.

There are lots of different ways to show respect:

- Being kind to others.
- Listening to other people.
- Being mindful of other people's feelings.
- Understanding and accepting different opinions.
- Being accepting towards differences.

In Term 2, our school value was friendship.

Friendships are very highly valued in our school.

There are many ways to show friendship. Here are some examples:

- Being honest with your friends.
- Asking if someone is ok.
- Sharing your time and kindness.
- Helping people if they are lonely.
- Standing up for someone if they are being treated in an unkind way.

By Iggy

# Terms 1 and 2

## Learning in and out of the classroom

The whole school has been busy with their learning over Terms 1 and 2 and not just in the classroom. Some fantastic extra learning has been taking place all around the school grounds.

Year 2 had a visit from the air ambulance crew and some paramedics too. This was to help them learn about the emergency services. The children were taught some vital life-saving skills.



The Air Ambulance visit to 2HF



The Roman soldier visiting 4KW

Year 3 and 4 children got a visit from a real Roman soldier! His name was Tonitus Fidus and he talked to them all about his life in Ancient Rome. Reuben, from 3EL, said: "I was a little bit scared at first but then thought the soldier was very nice!"

In Year 6, some children went to Bikeability classes where they learned to cycle safely. The children were out cycling all day on a Monday and then the following morning too. At first they cycled on the school playground but then they went out on the road. It was fun but tiring!

By Nepathya

## School Trips and Class Assemblies

Over the last 2 terms, there have been multiple school trips and assemblies.

In Term 1, both Year 5 and 6 went to Avebury to help them learn about the Stone Age. The Avebury Stone Circle is over 4200 years old! The children explored the ancient stones and also a massive 'Wish Tree' that was nearby.



**5TM visit to Avebury**

In Term 1, 2KH performed a fabulous assembly. They talked about their visit from the air ambulance crew and a paramedic. They demonstrated how to perform CPR and how to put injured people into the recovery position. They even sang a song!

4KW also performed an assembly. They shared lots of interesting facts about the Ancient Romans. They even mentioned that Roman adults (like adults now) liked an occasional glass of wine!



**6GB Class Assembly**

Over Terms 1 and 2, both 6GB and 6CC performed assemblies for their parents and guardians. They talked all about the different subjects they'd studied in Term 1, including online safety, evolution and the Stone Age.

By Henry



# Christmas around the World



Here in England, we are used to exchanging presents on the 25th of December (and decorating an evergreen tree) but not everywhere in the world is the same...

- In Ethiopia, people celebrate Christmas on the 7th January. They don't exchange gifts, either - it is a time for church, games, family and food.
- In Greece, boats are festively decorated as well as trees!
- In India, Christmas is quite a small festival. The few who do celebrate like to meet at midnight for their parties.
- In Australia, Christmas falls in summer, so many people love going to the beach and having big beach parties.

Do you have any unusual Christmas traditions in your family?

By Iggy



Lethbridge



Greece



Australia

# The Christmas Word Search!

By Henry

Can you find the festive words hidden below?

a	h	p	l	o	d	u	r	c	p
u	s	n	o	w	d	z	e	l	f
c	v	a	m	e	o	e	i	l	f
a	h	x	n	s	r	e	n	q	n
c	j	r	e	t	n	k	d	n	o
e	w	f	i	y	a	o	e	a	r
y	b	f	g	s	q	u	e	m	t
u	y	g	z	r	t	h	r	w	h
l	r	q	n	h	m	m	c	o	p
e	h	i	k	v	d	b	a	n	o
j	p	r	e	s	e	n	t	s	l
i	p	d	n	r	a	t	k	i	e
l	a	p	l	a	n	d	w	e	s
j	u	x	y	l	t	a	s	z	l
v	o	b	s	d	x	m	c	b	w

Santa	reindeer	elf	Christmas	snowman	presents
snow	Lapland	North Pole	tree	yule	Rudolph

## Classic Christmas Cracker Jokes

Q: What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?

A: Santa Clues!

Q: How does a snowman travel to work?

A: By icicle!

Q: What do snowmen eat for lunch?

A: Iceburgers!

Jokes found by Nepathya