

LAWFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Kids Judge BETT

Last Friday, six of our digital leaders went to BETT (the world's biggest Edtech event - if their blurb is to be believed) . We had taken all the digital leaders the year before for a self led day - but this time our school had been selected to be one of the 20 schools that are part of 'Kids Judge BETT'.

We had to be at the Edexcel in London by 0900, ready to be briefed for the day. We were sent to the South side of the venue to view a range of Edtech companies and trial their products. The children tested robotic arms, a free skills platform - 'Ideas Laboratory', a new to the UK financial literacy program that goes from 4- 19 gamifying all the lessons. They loved some of the stand with AI programs designed to support oracy and public speaking , they looked at the latest from Raspberry Pi , and found this incredible immersive set up which allowed children to physically explore geographical features and create historical settings in sand and project imagery onto the model - we saw a demonstration of changes in contour lines and also how rivers and lakes are formed. You will be unsurprised to learn that it was a bit beyond our budget! - the company has developed the technology behind the Kidspace virtual 'Ocenarium' in Romford.

Once the children had finished their evaluations they had to select a winner in a category of their choosing. They had to select their presenters and write the speech. Then it was time for the Lego workshop using the latest LEGO computer science sets. They had to build a method to project/ move a duck about 1m. All the schools created different methods and developed and tested their solutions. Then to the arena for the award ceremony hosted by Maddie Moate. The children were interviewed about their choices and then presented the companies with their awards. It was a fantastic opportunity and we were very proud of how they all behaved and worked together on the day.



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Achievers of the Week

RA	Edward Smith
RC	Kiera Keeble
1LS	Jack Field
1S	Bella Reynolds
2D	Hughie Keeble
2Q	Joe Keeble
3D	Dylan Ritchie
3T	Theo Clachan
4B	Grace Blackham-Everett
4H	Oliver Thornton
5	Arthur Leeks
6	Amelia Heath
MDA	Amelie Sebright-King
Headteacher	Victoria Thorpe- Fraser

Sport

We can now confirm that the year 3 boys cross-country team will join Victoria at the Essex finals by finishing as the first team in their category. All our teams finished in the the top three places. A fantastic result.



Tesco collection has launched

The PTA is happy to share that we have been selected for the Tesco stronger starts coin donation.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

- 2748 Ipswich Copdock Extra IP8 3TS
- 4371 Ipswich Norwich Express IP1 4BP
- 4381 Ipswich Foxhall Express IP3 8LH
- 5096 Manningtree Express CO11 1AJ
- 5603 Ipswich Duke Street Express IP3 0BF
- 5909 St Matthews Street Express IP1 3EW
- 6126 Ipswich Nacton Road Express IP3 9NA

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: [I](#)

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within store. You will receive one token per transaction. It is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token.

It runs until the end of March and we find out in May!

We really hope you can support us and tell your friends in these areas to vote for us as we will be awarded between £500-£1500 depending on the outcome.

Dates for your diary

2nd Feb - Year 4 - 'History off the Page' - Vikings
5th February - 5/6 Sports' hall athletics
6th February - NSPCC Number Day
9th - 13th February - Arts' Week
10th February - Internet Safety Day
11th February - 5/6 Girls' football final
13th February - Lawford families
16th -20th February - Half Term
24th February - Year 1 Holly Trees Museum Visit
27th February - PTA Quiz Night
6th March - Parental EdTech Study tour
10th March - Year 4 trip to Flatford
17th & 18th March - Parents' Consultations
23rd March - Netball tournament - Woodbridge
27th March - Last day of term
13th April - Back to school
15th April - Year 5 - Manningtree History trip
20th April - Y5/6 - CBSSP - netball tournament

Lunch Menu: Week 2

Don't forget to book in advance (before 23:59 on the day before), using the MCAS app.

If your child is absent, please cancel by 23:59 the day before. However, if illness occurs overnight, please add a comment to your report in 'Studybugs' so the office can cancel it for you.

NSPCC Number Day is next Friday - look out for news about the events for that day.

Uniform

Please remember to name all uniform including the PE jackets. We have quite a collection of unnamed items. If it is named, when it is found, it will be taken back to the child's classroom.

I would like to remind you all that our uniform policy can be found on the website.. Please can children wear black shoes (not trainers or boots) to school on non-PE days. Boots/trainers should only be worn with the permission of the headteacher.

Hair should be tied back if it flops in the face and worn up for PE, irrespective of sex. It is noticeable not all children are doing so, Ribbons/hairbands, if worn, should be blue/neutral hair colour and clips small and either blue or neutral in colour. Save all the sparkly clips and large coloured bows for when we have non-uniform days. Please make sure nail varnish is removed before coming to school.

Additionally, PE shorts, joggers and zipped jackets worn for PE should be navy not black—there are a few alternatives creeping in. PE top should be navy as per the uniform policy.

All jewellery including earrings (studs only - not hoops) must be removed for PE and necklaces/bangles are only permissible in school, where they have a religious significance. Earrings cannot be taped for PE. If your child cannot remove them and put them back in themselves they must be removed before the start of the school day. Staff are not allowed to help with earrings.

Golden Book

3D - Lois for her excellent 'twisted' fairy tale.

5 - Sam Harris for his addition and subtraction of fractions with different denominators.

6 - Luka for the improvement in his focus , determination, pace and accuracy in maths since returning from the Christmas break.

Look what we have been doing this week...

