



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

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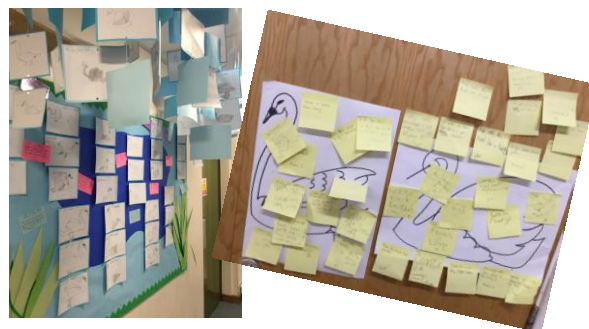
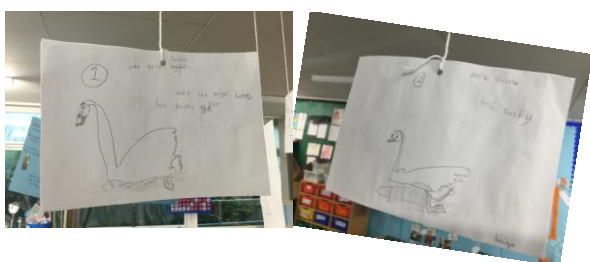
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Dear Parents

It was good to begin the new term and what I hope will be a happy and prosperous new year for all of us involved with Marlborough School with a short two day week. Everyone settled quickly back into class and this week's open learning activities, with work beginning on role-play bases from the Great Wall of China to a Cornish Engine House, a local Post Office to an Indian Spice store. We didn't total packet points for the shortened week, but will include them in Friday's score to get the new round of Packet Ship competitions under way.

Tomorrow our Whole School Learning Conferences continue with an afternoon session again led by Ann Webb from Nansloe Primary Academy. The focus on different aspects of the % R Learning Powers is supporting children's understanding of how they learn in all classes and whilst Ann will keep visiting us each fortnight, the conferences will take place each week as we follow up some of the activities and tasks she sets for children and teachers. Recently we've been considering the importance of building positive relationships in learning and children in all classes have been supporting each other by giving guidance and advice in improving drawings. We started with swans with children first helping teachers to improve initial sketches and then each other:



Having mentioned positive relationships I do also need to make a request for parents to assist in maintaining the good rapport we generally have with our neighbours. This is particularly the case for those of people who bring their dogs, at drop off or collection times. Whilst a number of people have been using the bars opposite the school to leave their pets safely tied up there have been a couple of occasions where 'poop-bags' have been left behind, sometimes tied to the railings! I have binned bags twice myself, so do know this has happened and whilst I am sure it is accidental it is also understandably very upsetting for the residents to find these 'gifts' left outside their homes. Inconsiderate parking, i.e. blocking entrances, both in Ferndale and Silverdale Road, has also been brought to our attention.



We were left with a fair amount of lost property at the end of last term. Then in the holiday I received a message from Marion of labelcreating@gmail.com who offers: 15 iron-on printed labels for £1, 25 for £2 and 50 for £4. Marion is "a retired grandmother of 4" who has set up a small hobby business to make things "easier for mums" ... and possibly dads... and certainly schools. If you want more information or to place an order, please email her or visit www.labelcreating.co.uk.

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