

# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter 26 – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

### Opal - Marvellous Creations!

This week in Opal, we have witnessed some of our most impressive creations so far. The introduction of pallets, to our loose parts play, has boosted the children's creativity to another level! We have had some impressive builds in the past however this week we have witnessed the creation of "Mega dens", Formula 1 cars, limousines and cafés. Take a look below and prepare to be amazed...



Object and loose parts play have massively enriched our play times and the children are loving it! We would love to be able to continue to improve the quality of play for our children and **you** could help. If you have any of the following lying around and unused, or even if you know/work for any companies that would be willing to donate to the school, we would be very grateful:

- **Loose parts:** Wooden pallets/ plastic crates/ tarpaulins/ PVC piping/ guttering/ Ropes/ buckets/ garden pots
- **Toys:** Diggers/ cars/ dinosaurs/ animals
- **Crafting materials:** Recyclable waste/ fabric/ materials/ cardboard boxes

## **NEU Industrial Action – Further Strike Days**

As I am sure you are aware, teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to carry out industrial action and have announced their intention to further strike.

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

They have named the following dates as planned strike days for our region:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Many of our teachers are in the NEU and plan to follow their union's advice to strike.

I can confirm that on the above two dates, our school will be partially closed as follows:

Nursery (30 hours and 15 hours) – Closed

YRA and YRB - Closed

Y1A and Y1B – Closed

Y2A and Y2B – Open – Y2 children to attend as usual

Y3A and Y3B – Open – Y3 children to attend as usual

Y4A and Y4B – Closed

Y5A and Y5B – Closed

Y6A and Y6B – Open – Y6 children to attend as usual

Please note that unlike on previous strike days, Y6A and Y6B are to attend school as usual.

I understand that this will cause disruption to children and parents and that many of you will have to make alternative childcare arrangements. However, the decision to strike has not been taken lightly by our teachers. The NEU are planning more days of industrial action later in the term- they plan to confirm these on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Once I have further information about these dates and staff's intentions on these dates, I will inform you. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## **Baby and Toddler Group – spread the word!**

Our baby and toddler group ran by Hannah (our family support worker) and Early Years staff will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – in the Lodge.

Until we can identify the interest in our group, we will be limiting this to siblings of our pupils but will open this to the wider community if spaces are available.



## **Football Trials**

### **Year 4,5 & 6 Girls Trials - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April Lunchtime.**

After a fantastic girl's football trial last night, we are looking to select a couple more players ahead of a competition on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Children must bring their football kit to take part, the children will have their dinner before the trial starts at 12:45pm.



### **Year 3 & 4 Boys Trials – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup> May after school.**

We have entered a year 3 & 4 competition that will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May at a school in the local area. We are looking to select 9 people for the 7-side competition. Children do not need to book a place; they can turn up and try out for the team.

## SEND Coffee Afternoon

Our first SEND coffee afternoon was a wonderful success, so much so that we will be holding another on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April! The focus of the meeting will change slightly this time around. There will be both the opportunity for parents to meet and share experiences as well as a drop-in with our SENDCO for any parents who have queries or concerns about their child's SEND needs. The coffee afternoon will take place at 2pm again to enable parents to pick up their children at the end of the school day. We look forward to seeing you on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm!**



## Y6 SATs - Parents Update Meeting

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 2:30pm, we are hosting a meeting for Year 6 parents/carers to discuss the upcoming SATs tests and preparations. We would be delighted if you could attend as it gives an insight into how the week will look for the children, what the tests will look like and discuss ways to combat potential anxiety around the exams. The meeting will be in the main hall and will only last for 30 minutes. At 3pm, there will be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have regarding SATs week.



## Summer Fayre

We are very excited to announce that our school PTA will be organising a Summer Fayre this year following on from the success of last year's event. We are looking for both volunteers who are interested in helping to organise and run our fayre and small businesses who might be interested in running a stall.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact school and ask to speak to Miss Kayleigh Bell.



## King Charles III Coronation

As a school, we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**. The children will complete various activities to mark the occasion in school and, weather permitting, enjoy an afternoon tea-style picnic lunch outdoors as a whole school. The children may attend school wearing red, white or blue non-school uniform on this day. We look forward to coming together and celebrating as a whole-school community.



## After School Clubs

We are excited to offer new clubs next half term. As places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. We will let you know if there are any spare spaces.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports Club	Year 2	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Wild Adventures	Reception	Mrs McMenemy/Mrs Gray	<b>FULL</b>
	Choir	Key Stage 2	Mrs McCallum/Mrs Goulty-Brown	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Athletics	Year 4	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Dance	Year 1	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Arts and Crafts	Year 2	Mrs Iley/Mrs Wood	<b>FULL</b>
Thursday	French	Year 3	Mrs McCulloch	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Board Games	Year 4	Mrs Cook	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Dance	Year 5	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
Friday	No Clubs			

## **EYFS Updates**

### **Nursery's First Week Back**

In Nursery this week, we have been loving learning about the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' We read the story with props and tried lots of different foods from the story during a food tasting session, we even used knives to cut up our own foods. When eating and feeling the foods we used words such as 'spikey' 'smooth' 'sour' 'sweet' 'sticky' to describe the textures and tastes. The children also enjoyed talking about their favourite healthy and unhealthy foods and why. In our new role-play area, Nursery have enjoyed acting out a supermarket, it has been a great hit! Thank you for your donations towards this and snack money for the food tasting.

### **Seesaw**

Please can everyone ensure they are checking See-saw weekly for updates, notices, and homework tasks. We share photos on Seesaw each week, which the children love talking about what they have been doing at home. This could be a photo of them doing the homework task, or something else they have enjoyed doing.

### **Library**

From next week, Nursery will be given a library book each week to take home and share with a grown-up or sibling. This is going to be a fantastic way to encourage a love for reading! In school when they are returned, the children can talk about what they have read to their friends.

### **Reminders**

Please can everyone ensure that all children have a NAMED bag of spare clothes left on their peg each day, with multiple of each item e.g. socks, pants, trousers, tops, vests!

Also, with the weather becoming warmer, can all children please bring a water bottle into school to put in their coloured boxes.

There are several wellies missing from over the Easter holidays, can everyone ensure they have a pair of NAMED wellies left on their peg each day, and put in a NAMED plastic bag (separate to the bag of clothes).

Being independent is a big part of our EYFS curriculum, as we want children to be able to dress and undress themselves, as well as using toileting and hand washing facilities. Please can we keep practicing this at home, whether it is a c\_oat or a pair of socks.



# Let's Celebrate!

## Attendance

Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra 10 minutes of playtime.

If any class has 100% attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!

	<u>This week's attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>This week's attendance</u>
YRA	93.57%	Y3B	94%
YRB	88.89%	Y4A	96.79%
Y1A	98.67%	Y4B	99.23%
Y1B	98.62%	Y5A	97.24%
Y2A	91.79%	Y5B	95.48%
Y2B	92%	Y6A	96.8%
Y3A	95.3%	Y6B	98.4%
Whole school attendance:		<b>95.13%</b>	



## This week's Superstars

I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars – watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Superstars</u>
Reception	Lyla-Blue W and Jamie B
Year 1	Emilie P and Kingston R
Year 2	Freya R and Katie R
Year 3	William H and Ahmad S
Year 4	Sophia S and Jake T
Year 5	Alyssa L and Ethan H
Year 6	Stevie W and Charlotte H



## Times Table Rockstars

<u>Biggest Increase in Speed</u>	<u>Class</u>
Mylo M	Y2A
Leo H	Y3B
<u>Correct Answers</u>	
Maya C	Y4B
Mia M	Y4A
Brodie C	Y4A
<u>Golden Guitar Winner Y4B</u>	



## Golden Welly

Each week our children and staff are looking for people who are playing well or being creative to nominate for this award. The award remains in class all week and children will bring a certificate home.

The award goes to Jessica M Y5B

## This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is **Hylton!**



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Hylton</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Lumley</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>115</b>

## Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Jace (Y1), Benjamin (Y2) and Annabelle (Y4) for their achievements at the Adventurer Bible Experience where they were chosen to represent the Newcastle team as part of a group of 6 children called the **Pacesetters** from Newcastle! They have been preparing for the last six months for these Christian studies tests and their hard work has most definitely paid off.

- In January, they competed at District level and came first place out of 12 teams.
- In February, they competed against 30 teams at Area level and came 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- In March, they competed against 60 teams at National level and gained first position, sharing it with 4 other strong teams.
- 15<sup>th</sup> April - they were chosen to represent the United Kingdom at the TransEuropean Divisional (TED) level that was held in Athens, Greece.

At this TED level, they got to meet with other Adventurer teams from 22 European countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Channel Islands, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Faeroe Islands, Finland, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Mann, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK). They were up against 45 teams and were one of the four winning teams! They made a perfect score of 100% and earned the most "well behaved" team in the entire competition.

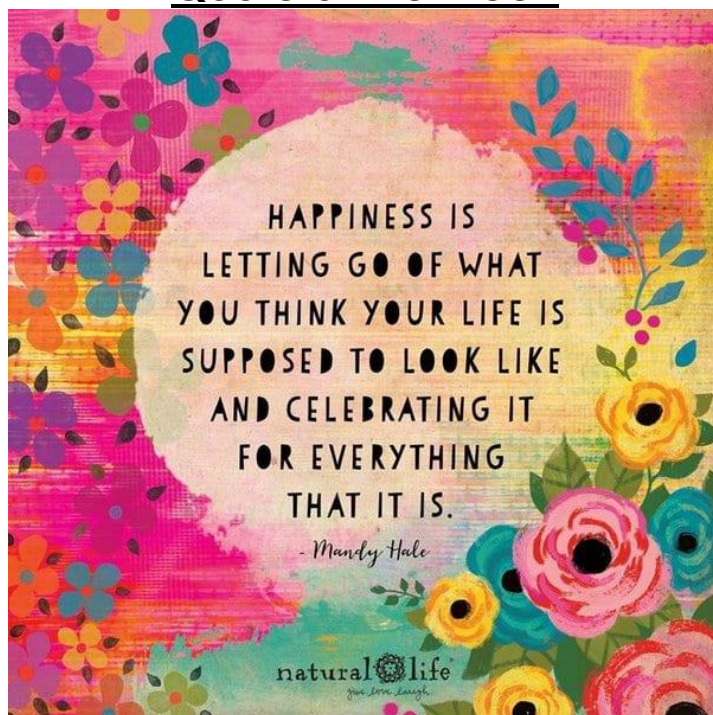
Well done Jace, Benjamin and Annabelle- we are so proud of you!



## Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	NEU Industrial Action	Only Y2, Y3, Y6 to attend
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April - 2pm	SEND Coffee afternoon and drop-in	All parents/carers
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Early May bank holiday - school closed	Whole school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	NEU Industrial Action	Only Y2, Y3, Y6 to attend school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole School Coronation Celebration (see newsletter)	Whole school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation – school closed	Whole school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week	Y6 children
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Baby and Toddler Group starts	Siblings of Lingey children (until numbers are determined)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs	Y2 children
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 visit to the Mosque	Y2 children and staff
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Geography Showcase Day	Years 1-6
	Saltwell Fun Run (TBC)	TBC
	Break up for half-term holiday	Whole school
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Occasional Day – school closed	Whole school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed	Whole school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school	Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 4 visits to the church	Y4 children
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 visits to the church	Y5 children
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for the summer holiday	Whole school

### Quote of the Week



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0191 4381287 or via email at: [office@lingeyhouse.org](mailto:office@lingeyhouse.org)

Best wishes,  
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