



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 22 – 3rd March 2023

Reception Staffing Changes

Today, Mrs Baggott leaves to start her maternity leave and we wish her a happy rest until her special bundle joins us. Mrs Flowdy will be teaching YRA until Mrs Clydesdale return from her own maternity leave (on 27th March) and she will then take over as YRA class teacher. The children know Mrs Flowdy very well as she has spent a lot of time in the class throughout the year. The children have also spent time getting to know Mrs Clydesdale and staff have been given a very thorough handover. Good luck Mrs Baggott!



World Book Day-Week!

We have had a very exciting week this week at school celebrating everything to do with books! At Lingey House, we are passionate about ensuring that children understand that World Book Day is about the joy of reading as well as dressing up!



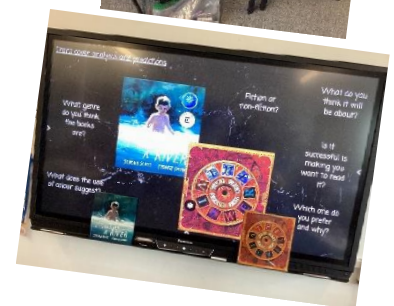
On Wednesday, we had a visit from author Liz Greene who worked with Years 3 and 4 on how to write a detective story just like hers (The Adventures of Detective Dopeyworth). The children learned lots from her visit and even purchased some of her signed books. We have also put some in our library for the children to enjoy.



Last week, our amazing Year 6s wrote a book to help welcome new Lingey Ducks to our school and explain what life is like here. Over the course of World Book Day, every class across the school produced some illustrations for a designated page in the style of a specific author. We used paint, pens, charcoal, sketch pencils, oil pastels...all sorts!



To finish our week, illustrator Helen Heath came back into school today to visit Years 2, 5 and 6 as well as doing some special work with our Reading Ambassadors. She discussed how to develop characters and designed some posters to advertise our new book! We can't wait to show you what we have worked so hard on!



Next week, we are going to have the grand reveal of our beautiful, whole-school book called "Once a Lingey Duck..."

School Football Team

On Thursday 2nd March we played our first match in the Felling Schools football league vs White Mere. We dominated the start and just after half time we went one nil up thanks to great work by Jenis to leave Olly with a tap in. White Mere started to get more and more confident and scored an amazing goal from distance. In the last 10 minutes both teams had chances to win it but neither did. Match finished Lingey House 1 – 1 White Mere. A big thank you to all the parents and pupils that cheered the team along.



Our next match is Thursday 9th March at home to Brandling and we encourage as many people as possible to come along and support the team.

SEND Coffee Afternoon

We're excited to share that, next month, we will be launching our first SEND coffee afternoon. Many of our parents of children with additional needs have shared that they would love to speak to other families in similar situations and we're always keen to improve the provision we offer in school. Our first coffee afternoon will be an opportunity to get to know each other and gauge interest but, in future, we would love to theme the meetings and possibly even have support sessions, guest speakers and updates on services available for our families. The coffee afternoons will happen on the last Friday of every month from 2-3pm, allowing parents to collect their children at the end of the school day. We would love to see you on Friday 24th March at 2pm!



WhatsApp Groups

It has come to our attention this week that a number of children in our Year 5 and 6 classes are part of a WhatsApp group. Whilst this is something that we don't want to discourage as it helps the children to socialize, there have been several reports of inappropriate content being shared in these groups, including sexual content, discussion of drugs, foul language and using names and images of Lingey House staff. While this is something that is happening outside of school, we have a duty of care to our children and staff and we urge parents/carers to check the content that your child has access to, particularly in these groups.



Lost Property

We have a MOUNTAIN of lost property which includes shoes, wellies, school uniform, spare clothes, and accessories. This will all be donated to charity by the end of next week with it having been there for a long period of time. Please can everyone check the boxes outside of the Nursery classroom and the Y5/6 door when dropping off /collecting your child for missing items. If you are in need of school jumpers/cardigans, please help yourself to the lost property, as there are LOADS!





Wellies

Please can you make sure your child has wellies in school as we are outside in all weathers and lots of our areas can only be accessed if wellies are worn. These are to be stored in their class welly shed. Can all wellies and school shoes please be NAMED!

Year 3 & 4 Cheerleading Breakfast Club



We are delighted to announce that we are running a 5-week cheerleading breakfast club on Thursday mornings 8:00-8:45am starting 2nd March until 30th March. The club will be working with coach Julie to design several routines using pom poms and ribbons. The children will perform these routines at the Newcastle Eagles game against Cheshire Phoenix on Friday 31st March. All children who attend the club will receive a free ticket for the game. Additional tickets for family members who would also like to go will be available to buy on ParentPay for £9 (normally £19). Any Year 3 or 4 child who would like to be part of this fabulous experience please book the club via Arbor.

After School Clubs

We are delighted again, to offer a wide range of after school clubs **next** half term. The clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm and are FREE OF CHARGE.

If you would like to book a place in a club, please do it via Arbor. You will be able to book your child in from 4:30pm this afternoon. Please only book into one club per child so that we can offer places to as many children as possible. If multiple clubs are booked, one place will be removed so only one club can be attended. If there are spaces after everyone has had the chance to book, we will let you know.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports Club	Years 5 and 6	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Multi-skills	Reception	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Lego	Year 5	Miss Adamson Mrs Brunnock	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Music (Recorder)	Year 4	Mrs McCallum	Places available – Please book via Arbor
	Wild Adventures (Forest Fun)	Year 1	Mrs Dellow	FULL
Wednesday	Dance	Year 2	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Reading Crafts	Year 3	Mrs Martin	Places available – please book via Arbor
Thursday	Stories in Action	Year 2	Miss Bell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Art	Year 4	Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Dance Festival	Year 4 5 & 6	Miss Mather	FULL
Friday	No Clubs			

OPAL - Rough and Tumble Play

As part of OPAL staff and children are exploring many different styles of play and participating in training. This week children have been looking at rough and tumble play in assembly where they have discussed different ideas about what this entails and shared suggestions about how to keep safe whilst engaging in rough and tumble play. This included discussing play cues and knowing when other children no longer wanted to take part. Play ambassadors have had further training to-day and agreed on the rules to keep everyone safe.

What does rough and tumble play look like?

- Tests of strength
- Physical contact games
- Wrestling
- Playful pushing and jostling



What are our rules for keeping safe?

- Rough and tumble only on soft areas with an open space (spare clothes needed or keep off the mud)
- Stop when the other person has had enough
- Be aware of your own and other people's strength (it should not hurt!)

OPAL - We need wheels!

As we continue our OPAL journey, we are looking to expand upon what we already have available for the children. Since we have had to intervene (a few times) in the children pushing each other around in our wheeled boxes we use for storage, we think that our next area will have to be dedicated to WHEELS!

For the children, that feeling of moving at speed with the wind in your face is exhilarating! This type of play benefits our children in more ways than you would think. It improves their fine and gross motor skills; helps improve co-ordination and balance and it is loads of fun.

Like all of the areas we have created so far, we will undertake an initial risk benefit assessment through the help of our amazing OPAL ambassadors. This will allow us to fully measure the risks and understand the best way to approach the creation of our wheeled zone.

This is the part where **we need your help!** Having already done a little research into wheel zones (in other OPAL schools) we have identified a list of items that would be fantastic to use in our wheel zone, to give the children the best possible experience.

If anybody has any of the following lying around unused, we would greatly appreciate any donations:

- Wheelbarrows
- Pushchairs
- Wheeled boxes/suitcases
- Wheelie boards

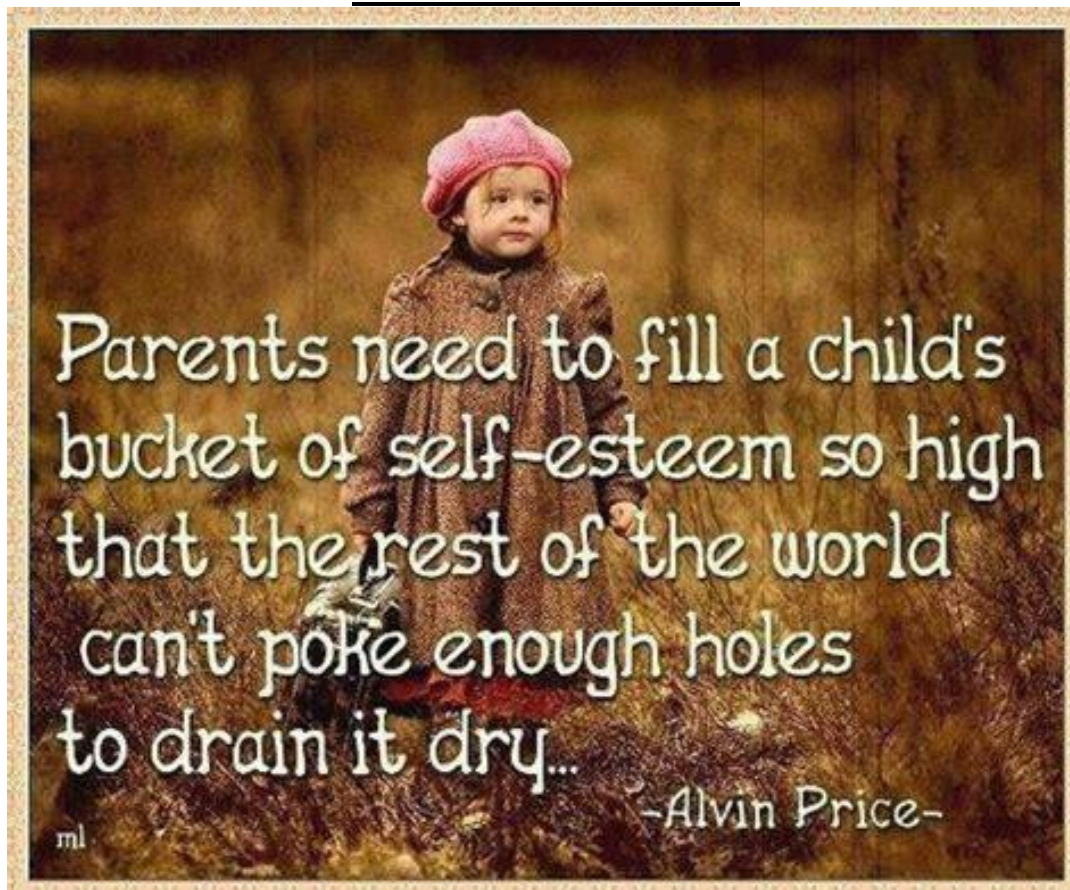


Dogs on the yard

We have had some complaints from parents that there have been an increasing number of dogs seen on the school yard. Dogs are not permitted on school grounds as quite a few of our children are scared of them and obviously if dogs foul on school grounds it could be dangerous for our pupils if not cleared up properly. Please ensure no dogs are brought on to school grounds (this includes carrying them).



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:

lingeprimaryschool@gatehead.gov.uk

Best wishes,
Chloe Wilkinson
(Headteacher)

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!

	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	94.64%	Y3B	95.33%
YRB	97.2%	Y4A	93.3%
Y1A	98.33%	Y4B	95.19%
Y1B	90.52%	Y5A	97.41%
Y2A	93.1%	Y5B	92.74%
Y2B	92%	Y6A	94%
Y3A	89.31%	Y6B	95.31%
Whole school attendance:		93.84%	



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:

Year Group	Superstars
Reception	Riya V and Rosie M
Year 1	Lily O and Ross S
Year 2	Carlton W and Emily G
Year 3	Gracie R and Poppy T
Year 4	Joshua R and Lexi- Mae D
Year 5	Jude B and Zachary W
Year 6	Charlie A and Ryan M

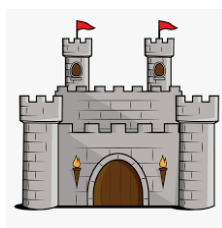
Times Table Rockstars

Biggest Increase in Speed	Class
Mylo M	Y2A
Ayla C	Y4B
Justin S	Y5B
Most Minutes Played	
Maya C	Y4B
Logan W	Y4B
Kacper M	Y4B
Golden Guitar Winner	Y4B
Well done everyone!	



This week's House Tokens

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



Bamburgh	100
Hylton	135
Warkworth	125
Lumley	100
Dunstanburgh	85
Alnwick	120

Golden Welly Award

This week's golden welly award went to **Stevie W Y6A!**

Stevie was the first person to be chosen for the golden welly award through our new school nomination system, where children can vote for other pupils.

Stevie was nominated for "showing outstanding and imaginative play, using skills he could use in later life." Thank you to everyone for your nominations!



Out of School Achievements

We need your help ... we want to add a regular section to our celebrations section which acknowledges the amazing achievements our pupils have experienced out of school. We would love our pupils to bring in any certificates, medals, trophies etc to share with the whole-school in our Friday celebration assembly. We ask parents to also send in a little description and/or some photos via email so that we can include it in this section of our newsletter.

Starting off our new out of school achievements section are ...

Hallie, Freya and Emilie in Y5!

A few weeks ago, Hallie, Freya and Emilie attended a gymnastics competition in Bristol as part of their club, Monkton Gymnastics Club and we are so proud of their achievements! The girls train so hard for hours each week and continuously push their bodies to the limit to be the best they can be and even have to miss out on social events to conquer new moves and learn new routines. Well done girls!

A special mention to Hallie - she and her partner Hollie placed 1st and came home with another gold medal. It is wonderful to see that their hard work and dedication has really paid off. We are so proud of Hallie and are delighted to share this amazing achievement with you! Watch this space for details of future achievements!

