



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



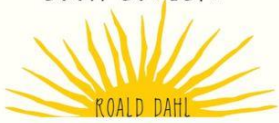
Newsletter 11 – 24th November 2023

Good afternoon,

Christmas has arrived at Lingey House... the children have started learning songs and lines for our nativities and carol services and it is lovely to hear singing around school.



"IF YOU HAVE GOOD
THOUGHTS, THEY WILL
SHINE OUT OF YOUR
FACE LIKE SUN BEAMS
AND YOU WILL ALWAYS
LOOK LOVELY."



Our Christmas tree is being delivered next week and we can't wait – not sure we'll be able to get a fairy on the top of it mind. Christmas trees can't be too big, can they?

Don't forget, we have our Toddler Group every Monday morning at 9am and Hannah and Carla (our family support workers) have a new drop-in session on a Thursday at 9am- everyone welcome!

Hope you have a fun-filled weekend!

Best wishes, Mrs Wilkinson

Safeguarding

At Lingey House Primary School, we regard the safeguarding of children as our main priority. We believe that we all have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn; we all have the responsibility to make this happen.

We are all responsible for ensuring that each child remains safe, however the Designated Leads for Safeguarding are Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Wrightson, Mrs Flowdy, Miss Bell & Hannah.

This poster is displayed throughout school.

KEEPING YOU SAFE 

You can speak to **any adult** in school about **anything** that is worrying you.
The 6 adults below are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and have had special training to keep you safe.

 MRS. WILKINSON HEADTEACHER	 MRS. JACKSON DEPUTY HEADTEACHER	 MISS BELL SENIOR MENTAL HEALTH LEAD
 MRS. WRIGHTSON ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER	 MRS. FLOWDY ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER	 HANNAH FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR - MRS CROZIER 

Re-arranged Parent Consultations YRB

We apologise that these appointments have had to be re-arranged. The new date for our YRB meetings is **Thursday, 30th November**. These telephone consultations give parents the opportunity to find out how their child has settled into reception class. Please book your appointment via Arbor. Booking remains open until 3pm on Tuesday, 29th November. Miss Smith has been spending time getting to know the pupils really well in YRB which is why their consultation date is later. I am sure you are all looking forward to hearing what your child has been up to since they joined our Reception class in September.

Bikes/Scooters in School

Just a reminder that all children and adults should dismount from bikes and scooters on arrival at the school gates. We have noticed particularly that on drop off and collection, children and siblings are riding their bikes in the EYFS garden. For health and safety reasons, we request that you stop all children from doing this.

Out of School Achievements

We love to celebrate achievements both inside and outside of school. If you would like to celebrate your child's achievements with us, then please email the details including photographs to office@lingeypouse.org. We will then publish this on the next newsletter.

School Lunch Change 12th December

As part of our Opal Winter Award celebration, there will be a special school lunch on Tuesday 12th December. Please see the picture below for changes to the menu on that day. Although reception children will not be involved in this event, the menu change will include them too. (EYFS will have other festive treats - watch this space.) This menu should not be confused with our Christmas lunch which we will be holding on Tuesday, 19th December.



School Uniform and Christmas Jumpers

For the next few weeks, there will be an opportunity to purchase second-hand Christmas jumpers, school uniform and winter coats at our Thursday coffee mornings. These are held in the Lodge on a Thursday morning from 9am -10am. Please come along to grab yourself a bargain! We would also welcome donations of any of the above items to add to our stock.

123 Magic

Is a Parenting programme which is delivered by the Early Help Service, within Gateshead Council. It offers support to parents and carers to positively manage your child's behaviours, feelings and emotions. They can also offer support with routines and boundaries, giving tools and strategies to effectively manage behaviour. They offer informal two-hour sessions, which can either be held over TEAMS or face-to-face. Please see our Family Support Worker Hannah, to be sign posted.



Christmas Support

We understand at this time of year everyone may be struggling and we would like to offer our support in any way possible. We are working closely with local organisations and charities, which may be able to support your family, during the winter months, including Christmas support.

Please see Hannah, our Family Support Worker, by Friday 24th November to have a confidential discussion if you require Christmas Support.



PTA News

School Pantomime Visit!



Amazing news! After numerous fundraising events, the PTA have managed to raise enough money to secure tickets and travel for all of our children in Year 1 – 6 to go to see Peter Pan at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House! We are very excited to be able to offer our children this opportunity and it's thanks to the generosity of our parents at our fundraising events!

Details about when each class will be attending are as follows –

Year 1 and 2 – Wednesday 20th December 2023

Year 3 and 4 – Thursday 14th December 2023

Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 13th December 2023

Parental consent will be live on Arbor tonight from 6pm. Please note that the timings of the pantomime do not clash with any Christmas performances or our Carol Services.

Please contact the school office if you cannot access your Arbor account.

PTA Request



We're sure you're all very excited about our OPAL Winter Festival. The PTA will be running a number of stalls at the festival including the very popular 'Mystery Tombola!'

We're looking for donations of prizes and need your help!

We're looking for the following –

- Donations and prizes from local businesses
- Bottles of alcohol big and small
- Donations of chocolate (anything from a Freddo to a large box)
- Christmas gift sets
- Bath bombs and smellies

If you have any donations, please bring them into the school office by **Friday 8th December 2023.**

It's not too late to get involved in our PTA. If you're interested in helping out, please email kayleighwatson@lingeypouse.org or contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Watson.

Opal Update

OPAL Award Celebration



Do you remember that time in primary school when we had an ice-rink?

The Opal Winter Festival is due to take place on the **12th December 12.00-3.00PM**

The event will run in a similar way to the parent play days, with some additional winter treats, in recognition of our Platinum Award. We don't want to spoil all of the surprises but here are a few snippets. Attractions will include an ice rink, lots of play opportunities, games, photo opportunities and winter crafts.

This is an outdoor event, which will go ahead in all weathers (as long as the site remains safe) - dig out those hats and gloves :)

Opal Award Celebration Day

Permission and collection arrangement forms were sent out on Wednesday 22nd November via Arbor for all children in Years 1-6 for our Opal Winter Festival on 12th December; thank you to everyone who has completed the form so far. Parents are invited to collect children at 12pm and stay in school for the afternoon to play in our usual zones as well as take part in our extra festive treats. If you have not responded to the form yet, please can you do so by Thursday 30th November. Once we have this information, we will be able to share specific details including collection points for each class and times for ice skating slots.

Opal - How do we tackle issues like the mud in school?

This week in school we have been addressing the mud. It is quite literally everywhere. We know that at the time the children may be having lots of fun but the cleaning side of things... is not fun.

We began our Opal journey just over a year ago. We recall that at this time last year, we had a similar issue with the mud. However, this time around we have more in place than we previously did.



MESSY PLAY IS FUN!

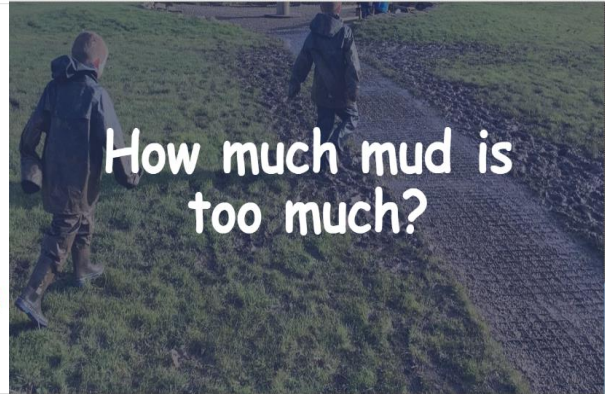
But what important questions should we ask ourselves first?

What should I wear?

What point do I stop?

Do I have spare clothes?

What part of our body did we agree mud should stop?



Firstly, we now have weekly assemblies! These play a huge part in assessing the way we manage Opal. Most importantly, our assemblies give the whole school time to discuss with the children and staff, any important topics and feedback we may have. Just like the MUD!

This week in assembly we reviewed our muddy rules; we looked at some videos and pictures of our very own muddy play and agreed as a whole school how much mud is too much mud. Below are a couple example slides from this week's assemblies!

It may seem like a while ago that wellies were the first major introduction to the school uniform, however it's just become part of outdoor life now at playtimes. Children know that to access certain areas, they must have their wellies!



We also now have waterproofs! The wet weather cloakroom is always open at lunch time and our children can access it freely, with an array of waterproof suits and pants as well as spare wellies for them to wear.

We aren't finished there though. We understand that, although we may be a platinum Opal school, it doesn't mean we are perfect. We believe we are still only in the early stages and we still have lots of learning to do. However, through learning what works and what doesn't, we will become even better!

Lingey Sport

Big week for sport! We visited Heworth Grange School last Friday for a Y5/6 basketball tournament and then on Wednesday, our Y5/6 boys played at Cochrane Park in the Northumbria Foundation Premier Stars tournament!

We have lots of photos of both days so make sure to stay tuned! 📷

Basketball Update 🏀

Our Lingey Duck hoop stars managed to see off stiff opposition in the group stages and made their way to the final!! They just missed out on this occasion. However, for a team which never had much time to play together at all, they were tremendous. We are very proud of them and their achievement! There is a bright future ahead for the Lingey House basketball team.



Football ⚽

The standard of the competition was high, as it was last week. However, our boys showed fantastic determination and attitude to compete with some of the toughest school teams around!



The tiki-taka style of football our team played was up there with the very best. Echoes of an old Barcelona style of play. A massive well done boys on a great tournament performance - you can be very proud of how you played!

EYFS Newsletter



Nursery

Thank you to all parents/carers for their continuous support on SeeSaw!

This week, Nursery have enjoyed writing letters to Santa, putting their letters in an envelope and adding a stamp. We then took a trip to the post box along the road. We talked about road safety and how to cross the road safely. On our travels we bumped into the postman! Nursery asked him lots of questions and even watched him take our letters from the post box and put them into a box in his little red van!



EYFS Updates

- **Doctors** - We have a doctors role play in Nursery. If anyone has any leaflets, bandages, boxes, prescription boxes and bags not being used, we would love to add them to our doctor's surgery.
- **Catalogues and Magazine** – If you see any food or toy catalogues whilst shopping in supermarkets, we would be grateful if you could pick up some for EYFS please.
- **XMAS Decorations** - If anyone has any spare decorations, especially baubles, EYFS would love to have them.
- **Christmas Stay and Play** - Nursery Stay and Play will take place on **Tuesday 5th December from 9-11am** for all 15-hour AM/PM and 30-hour children. Children are welcome to stay until the end of the session or can be taken home with their adults.

- **Labels** - Thank you for naming and labelling all items of clothing. Please continue to do this so that we can return any lost items.
- **Library** – Nursery library books are to be returned every Thursday ready to be changed and handed out again on a Friday.
- **Returning Clothes** - A reminder to please return any spare clothes which your child has borrowed from school's stock, especially socks and underwear.
- **Updates** - Please remember to check Seesaw every week for homework tasks and photos of your children. We would be grateful if you could upload photos of your child completing activities they enjoy doing at home. This allows us to share them together with their friends.
- **Bags** - Please could you ensure your child has a bag which is left in school (can be a carrier bag) with multiple spare clothes (tops, bottoms, underwear and socks). This is beneficial if children are engaging in messy play and need a change of clothes. Thank you!
- **Clothes** – Any donations of spare children's clothes would be extremely welcome for us to use in school.
- **Bikes/Scooters** – We would like to remind parents not to let children/siblings ride around on bikes or scooters in the EYFS outdoor areas. For health and safety reasons, bikes and scooters should be dismounted on arrival at the school gates.
- **Snack Money** – Thank you to those parents who are donating towards our voluntary snack money each week. This enables nursery staff to cook with the children and provide additional snacks. Donations from as little as 50p per week can be given to staff on the nursery door.
- **Recycling** – We need the following items for our junk modelling: boxes, tubs, kitchen roll tubes, bottle tops, cake trays and bottles. We would be grateful for any donations you can provide. Thank you.
- **Lost Property** – Some children are missing bobble hats and cardigans in nursery and some of these items have named labels. We know that children often have the same or similar items of clothing so can we ask parents to check that they have the correct ones at home.

Thanks

Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith and Mrs Clydesdale

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!

Class	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	94.6%	Y3B	97.6%
YRB	90.9%	Y4A	97.6%
Y1A	93.6%	Y4B	90.3%
Y1B	94.5%	Y5A	94.3%
Y2A	97.9%	Y5B	97.9%
Y2B	95.0%	Y6A	95.6%
Y3A	95.2%	Y6B	90.6%
Whole School Attendance:		94.6%	



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	Maisey W and Thea L
Year 1	Radan L and Noah C
Year 2	Alfie L and Reggie D
Year 3	Freya R and Penelope W
Year 4	Matthew B and Olivia N
Year 5	Mia F and Tommy W
Year 6	Freya G and Leo F

Times Table Rockstars



Minutes Played	Class
Jack S	Y5B
Aminah S	Y3B
Tommy W	Y5B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Yahya I	Y6A
Danny W	Y4B
Lily D	Y4B
Golden Guitar Winner – Y2A	

This week's House Tokens

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



Bamburgh	320
Hylton	295
Warkworth	380
Lumley	345
Dunstanburgh	320
Alnwick	420

Out of School Achievements



A huge well done to...
Lexi!

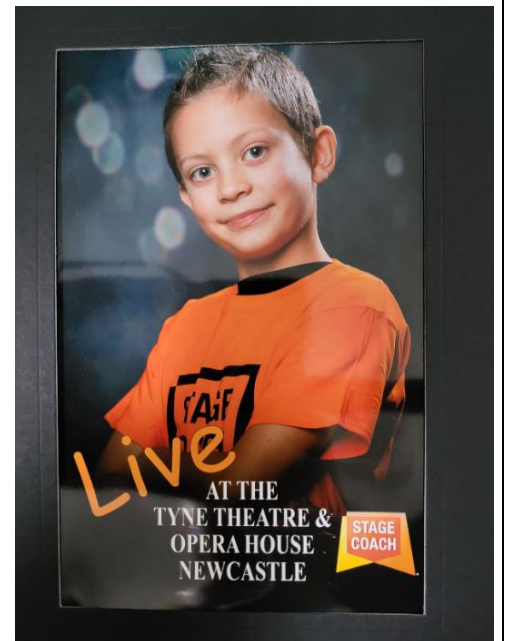
Lexi was invited to London to meet Princess Anne. She was nominated for an award by her St John's Ambulance leaders after she saved her grandma's life a couple of months ago. Here is a photo of Lexi meeting Princess Anne at St John's Church in London on Wednesday. We are all so proud of her.

Well done, Lexi!

A huge well done to...
Edward!

Edward has recently performed with his drama school at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House in Newcastle. His group performed 'School of Rock' and were absolutely fantastic! They were so good that they were invited by management to perform again, this time at the Indigo O2 Academy in London. Edward and his group worked really hard on this performance and it really paid off!

Well done, Edward!



Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Thursday 30 th November	YRB Parents Consultations (Telephone)	YRB Parents
Tuesday 5 th December	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play 9AM – 11AM	Nursery Parents
Monday 11 th December	Flu Immunisations	Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 12 th December	Opal Award Special Lunch	Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 12 th December	Opal Award Winter Festival 12PM	Year 1 – Year 6
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Christmas Performance 9:30AM – 10:30AM	Reception Parents
Wednesday 13 th December	Panto – Peter Pan	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 14 th December	Carol Service – St Andrews	Y4 & Y6 & Choir 9.30AM – 10.15AM Y3 & Y5 & Choir 10.30AM – 11.15AM
AND	Panto – Peter Pan	Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 15 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30AM – 10:30AM 1:45PM – 2:45PM	Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 18 th December	Early Years Christmas Party	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 19 th December	KS1 Christmas Party	Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch	Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 20 th December	Lower KS2 Christmas Party	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 20 th December	Panto – Peter Pan	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 21 st December	Upper KS2 Christmas Party	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 22 nd December	Break Up for Christmas	Whole School
Monday 8 th January 2024	Return to School	Whole School