

Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 18 – 20th January 2023

NEU Industrial Action

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 strike.

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

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023

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

I can confirm that on **Wednesday 1st February**, 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 – Closed



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. Once I have further information about staff's intentions on the other three dates, I will inform you.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Head Lice

This week across school cases of head lice have been identified and we wanted to keep you informed. Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. As we have had quite a few cases, we would recommend that you check your child's head to avoid further spread. Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/treatment.aspx>



Thank you for your co-operation.

Fire Alarm in School



I am just writing to inform you that yesterday afternoon, we had an unexpected fire alarm in school.

Please do not worry- all children and staff are safe and well.

A small appliance had overheated and began to smoke. Staff acted swiftly and raised the fire alarm and all children were evacuated. We were unable to reset the fire alarm so the fire brigade needed to attend school in order to check it was safe for the children to return inside and reset the alarm. This meant that children were outside longer than expected in cold weather but their safety was our priority.

Once all checks were complete, children returned to their classrooms for the remainder of the afternoon. The appliance has been removed from school as even though it had passed all safety checks, we want to ensure this does not happen in future.

As is usual in our fire drill practices, our children evacuated the building quickly and calmly and were very sensible throughout. We wanted to make you aware so that you could reassure and explain to children if they mentioned this at home.

Our Play Ambassadors



Our wonderful play ambassadors have had great fun playing with the tyres this week as part of their loose parts training with Mrs Flowdy and Mr Burrell.

They have been exploring different ways to build, climb and roll with the tyres and as you can see by the photos thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

On Monday, children will be feeding back some of these ideas in a whole school assembly.

A huge part of all children's role in Opal is to make their own risk assessments about what is safe for them.

Ongoing training on this will be delivered through whole school assemblies where we will look at different situations and encourage children to think about 'Is it safe? Will it hurt?' to help them to make their own judgements.

Of course, this is a long process, and all activities will also undergo full risk benefit assessment by staff.

As part of this, staff are currently checking each of the loose parts so we can launch this new zone very soon!



Reading at Home

Reading at home has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story or listening to them read to you tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

Our children are at the very start of their reading journey, and you can help us to make your child a better reader! Did you know that reading improves language and communication skills, increases focus and attention span, reduces stress and anxiety and expands and improves cognitive development?

In school, we hear your child read as often as possible and we would love if you could do the same too. In Early Years and Year One, it helps our children to acquire the basic skills of reading and, moving into Year Two and Key Stage Two, to develop an understanding and comprehension of language.

SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

Family Learning Opportunity for children in Reception

Resilience and Wellbeing at Lingey House Primary School, with Family Learning, Gateshead Council. A fun and engaging course on activities and plans to build resilient children and to promote good wellbeing.



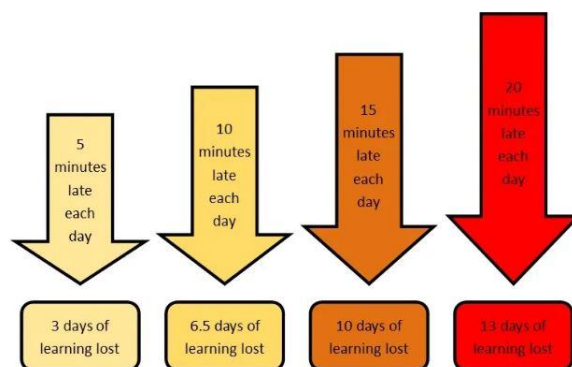
The session will start on Wednesday 18th January 2023, and then take place every Wednesday from 9.00 - 10.30 until Wednesday 15th February 2023. Your child will be able to join for the last 30 minutes of each session.

If you are interested in attending Resilience and Wellbeing please speak to Hannah, our family support worker.

Lateness

There are more and more children coming to school after the bell has gone and entering school via the main entrance. The yard doors open at 8.45am and children are expected to be in school by 8.55am at the latest. **Doors will be locked at 8.55am** and children arriving after this time will need to use the main entrance. Lateness can have a huge affect on children's education.

If you need any support with this, please contact our family support worker, Hannah.



Figures based on 1 school year

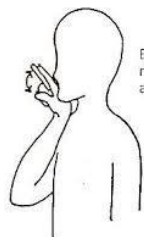


The children in Nursery and Reception have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week! They have:

- explored the similarities and differences between traditions in their own lives and the lives of others
- created dragon masks, Chinese lanterns, flags and folded foxes
- imagined themselves as successful business owners in our Chinese Restaurant role play areas
- tasted Chinese prawn crackers, spring rolls, rice and soy sauce
- found out why we have years named after animals
- extended their vocabulary to include words like prosperity and tradition
- found out how to sign 'rabbit' and 'Happy Chinese New Year' in Makaton
- travelled with skill, taking on the role of a celebratory dragon
- showed off our hard work to other classes in school
- sketched tigers and rabbits with increasing accuracy



We encourage the children to take their water bottles home to keep them clean. We usually have water bottles left over, so at the end of next week we will dispose of the bottles which have been here for a significant amount of time. Please collect all bottles by next Friday (27th January).



Extended index and middle fingers open and close onto thumb.

Next week we will learn how to sign bird & "Two Little Dicky Birds" (Mr Tumble song)

The EYFS Team x



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	90.32%	Y3B	95.67%
YRB	97.04%	Y4A	95%
Y1A	98.67%	Y4B	95%
Y1B	98.62%	Y5A	96.2%1
Y2A	96.55%	Y5B	93.87%
Y2B	96.33%	Y6A	98%
Y3A	94%	Y6B	96.25%
Whole school attendance:		95.7%	

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:



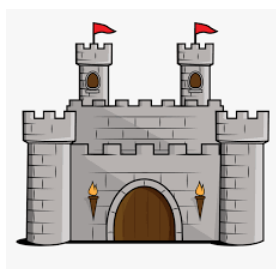
Year Group	Superstars
Reception	Luke A and Darcy C
Year 1	Hugo Y and Lilly-Mae W
Year 2	Olivia B and Charlie C
Year 3	Scarlett-Lily K and Ahmad S
Year 4	Hallie L and Archie McR
Year 5	Jayden C and Leo F
Year 6	Leiah D and Jenis A

Times Table Rockstars

	Most Minutes Played	Most improved speed
1st	Rohat E Y5B	Edward G Y3B
2nd	Caydence M Y4B	Lewy I Y4B
3rd	Kacper M Y4B	Joshua R Y4A
Golden Guitar Winner		Y4A
Well done everyone!		



This week's House Tokens



This week's winner is
Alnwick!

Bamburgh	45
Hylton	105
Warkworth	100
Lumley	65
Dunstanburgh	80
Alnwick	140