



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 15 – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023



We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Lingey House. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year, school returns on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Hello, my name is Abbie Hewitt and I will be returning to Lingey House after Christmas. I'm disappointed my maternity leave has come to an end but I'm really looking forward to getting back into teaching with such a lovely and fun year group and great team. I have already spent some time with the children in the run up to Christmas, getting to know them and getting back into the swing of things! I have been at Lingey House since 2015 and may have taught some older siblings, cousins or friends. I am looking forward to seeing the children thrive and blossom over the course of the academic year.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, my door is always open!



Denise Smith, our Senior Clerk who works in the school office is retiring today. She has worked at Lingey House for 16 years and been a big part of the Lingey House family. She will be a massive miss to us all. We want to wish Denise all the best for the future and have a fabulous retirement! Please come back and visit us.

**Happy Retirement Mrs Smith and thank you!**

## 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](mailto:office@lingeypouse.org). We will then publish this on the next newsletter.

## After School Clubs

We are excited to offer new clubs for next half-term. Please book your child's place via Arbor. Places are limited **so please only sign up to one place per child**. We will let you know if there are any spare spaces available.

**Sign up on Arbor opens on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 16:30**

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports	Year 1	NUFC	Places available – please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Story & Art	Year 3	Miss Brown	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Sports	Year 4	NUFC	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Dance Festival	Year 5 & 6	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
Thursday	Games	Year 2	Mrs Jackson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Outdoor Activities	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Moyle & Miss Hill	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Crochet	Year 5 & 6	Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Basketball	Year 3 & 4	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor

## 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.



## The last Opal Update of 2023!



This week has been quite a slow week, nothing crazy has happened. Let's face it though, nothing is going to compare with the chaotic festivities of last week! This week our play ambassadors and child volunteers have been assisting the play team in operation winter lockdown. Our loose parts have been moved on to the hard surface besides the MUGA, since we chewed up the field (cheers winter festival). We tidied up our forest school area, taking down dens along with doing some other boring stuff that you don't really need to hear about...

BUT WAIT! It's not all doom and gloom with the Opal winter lockdown. This means that our grounds are ready for next year AND next year we have some **BIG** things planned! In the spirit of Christmas, why don't we give you a little bit of information, just to add to the excitement.

### **The Buses**



There are now plans to paint the double decker. With the help of our children and play ambassadors we have some general design ideas to add our own custom artwork to the externals. The single decker is all stripped out and ready to go. A little furnishing, cleaning and painting and the single decker should be up and running really soon!



### **The Pallet Village**

Have you seen the higgledy-piggledy houses that have been popping up on the yard over the past week? People keep asking "Mr Burrell why are you building a dog kennel?". Well, we are going to have a pallet village, with lots of little huts and spaces for the children to play in.





## Wheels



Our children are ready to roll. They love nothing more than sitting in suitcases and being rolled around the grounds, or nicking the digger and blasting about the yard... So, we think it must be time to create a dedicated wheel zone.

We hope that's added to the excitement around Christmas. We can't wait to get up and running with our new ideas!



**From everyone at Lingey, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**

## **EYFS Newsletter**

### **Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:**

- **Recycling** - We need boxes, tubs, kitchen roll tubes, bottle tops, cake trays, bottles for our junk modelling.
- **Sweet Wrappers** – Please keep any brightly coloured sweet wrappers you may have at Christmas for us to use in our craft area.
- **Winter Walks** – Please look out for stones, pebbles, pine cones, leaves, sticks, fir tree branches etc whilst out on your travels. We would like these items to enhance our mud kitchen and playdough areas.
- **Baby Items** - We are collecting the following baby accessories e.g. nappies, bottles, rattles, baby dishes/spoons, empty wipe packets, talc bottles, sudocrem bottles etc.
- **Mud Kitchen** – We would like old spoons, whisks, ladles, baking trays, tins, pots and pans, jugs, and measuring cups to use in our cooking area.
- **Small World Play** – Donations of plastic animals, figures, cars and diggers for our outdoor area would be most welcome.
- **Vets Role Play** – We are setting up a Vets role play area and would like donations of animal cuddly toys, animal magazines and medical items. Please also send in photos of your family pets via Seesaw.
- **Snack money** - Thank you to all parents who are giving towards our voluntary snack money each week. The money collected allows us to cook with the children and buy additional snacks for them. Donations from as little as 50p per week would be most welcome and can be handed to staff at the nursery door.
- **Clothes** – Any donations of spare children's clothes would be extremely welcome for us to add to our school stock. The current weather means that children are needing to be changed more often than usual.
- **Returning Clothes** – A reminder to please return any spare clothes which your child has borrowed from school's stock, especially socks and underwear.
- **Lost Property** – Some children are missing bobble hats, cardigans and other items from nursery. These items have named labels. We know that children often have the same or similar items of clothing so can we ask all parents to check that they have the correct clothing at home

***Thank you for your ongoing support and patience in relation to spare clothing/missing items!***

### **Reading**

**Library Books:** Nursery library books should be returned every Thursday, ready to be changed and handed out again on a Friday. Please see Seesaw for details of arrangements for changing library books in our reception classes.

**Reading Books:** The children in our reception classes are provided with a reading book and reading record to support their Phonics development. These should be brought into school every day. Please see Reception staff with any questions you may have regarding Phonics.

### **Other Updates**

**Seesaw:** 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 that they enjoy doing at home. This allows us to share these activities with your child and their friends.

**Bikes:** We would like to remind parents NOT to allow children/siblings to ride around on bikes or scooters in the EYFS outdoor areas. For health and safety reasons, all bikes and scooters should be dismantled on arrival at the school gates.

**Many Thanks,**

**Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith and Mrs Clydesdale**

# Let's Celebrate!

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>This week's attendance</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>This week's attendance</b>
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!	YRA	94.2%	Y3B	84.1%
	YRB	93.8%	Y4A	94.1%
	Y1A	90%	Y4B	97.9%
	Y1B	90.3%	Y5A	93.2%
	Y2A	91.4%	Y5B	93.1%
	Y2B	95.3%	Y6A	95.6%
	Y3A	82.4%	Y6B	94.5%
	Whole School Attendance:			<b>91.47%</b>

## This week's House Tokens

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



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Hylton</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Lumley</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>150</b>

# Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to ...

**Mylo!**

Mylo was awarded fighter of the year at his martial arts club. He has worked really hard on his technique and confidence. Mylo is super proud and wanted to show his classmates.

**Well done, Mylo!**

