



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 25 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Egg Decorating Competition



We will be holding an egg decorating competition in school next week with prizes being donated by our PTA. There will be a prize for each class as well as an additional prize for an overall winner. It is free to enter the competition and school will provide resources to decorate eggs. Please can we ask children to bring a hard boiled or polystyrene egg into school to decorate on Monday. If children would like to bring additional resources to decorate their egg into school they may but this is entirely optional.

### Year 6 Parents

Northumbria Police have asked school to circulate some information that has been targeted at **Year 6 students** across the region. Please **check your email if your child is in Year 6** for the specific information, if you have any concerns please contact school.

### Toddler Group & Coffee Morning

Our weekly toddler group is cancelled on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and our coffee morning on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



### Calling all Year 5 Parents/Carers!



To end our Geography topic of 'Why does water go round and round?', Year 5 would like to invite parents/carers into school from **1:30 – 2:45pm** on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**. We will be in the small hall, creating 3D model of a river using junk-modelling. We ask that, children from across school start bringing junk-modelling materials into school so we can offer a wide range of materials in our engagement afternoon. This includes: cereal boxes, egg cartons, yoghurt pots, newspaper, milk bottles etc – **anything** you would put into recycling boxes, minus glass.

### NSPCC

Children in Years 1-6 will be taking part in NSPCC assemblies in class where they will be learning how to keep themselves safe. Following these sessions children in Y2/5/6 will be attending a NSPCC Speak and Stay Safe Workshops next half term. These will commence on Thursday, **18<sup>th</sup> April** for Y2/Y5 and on Tuesday, **21<sup>st</sup> May** for Y6.

**NSPCC**

## Parking

Please can parents/carers ensure that at school pickup/drop off times that they behave respectfully towards residents and other parents. A number of incidents have been reported to school of confrontations and abusive language being used around children which as a school we do not condone.

## After School Clubs and Swimming - Next Wednesday

There will be no afterschool clubs taking place next week, on **Wednesday 27th March 2024** this is due to the Easter Disco being held on the same day. Swimming will still be going ahead for Year 3.

## Year 5 Residential – June 2024

Year 5 students have the opportunity to have a residential at Lingey House, camping overnight on **Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**.

There will be activities such as archery, fire lighting, a water fight, circus training, an assault course and many other camping past times.

Students were given letters and consent forms last week, sign up and payments are via Arbor if you wish to secure a place please do so by **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.



## Easter Disco



Our first PTA Easter Disco will be next **Wednesday 27th March 2024!** Tickets include a drink, crisps and Easter treat for each child. We expect there will be dancing, games and prizes on offer too!

We are a big school and, in the interest of safety, the disco will run in two time slots.

**KS1 – 3:15 to 4:15**

**KS2 – 4:30 to 5:30**

KS1 children are welcome to bring their party clothes to school to change into if they would like. The children will be dismissed from their usual classroom door at 4:15.

KS2 children should return to school through the hall doors at 4:30 and will be dismissed from their usual exit at 5:30. Students in Y5/Y6 will require an extra consent to walk home at 5.30pm – letters to parents will be sent home with students on Monday.

Tickets will be priced at £2 each (although a donation of more is always appreciated!) and are still on sale from your child's class teacher. Please send money into school in a named envelope. We are very excited about this event and all funds raised will go into our PTA fund.

## Easter Raffle



Once again, thanks to the generosity of parents and staff, we will be running an Easter Raffle. There are a number of prizes available with first prize being a large Easter hamper.

Tickets are priced at £1 per strip. Strips you would like to purchase should be returned to your child's class teacher, along with money, with your child's name and class clearly written on each individual ticket. Tickets should be returned to school by Tuesday 26th March. The raffle will be drawn and winners will be notified the next day. Purchase of tickets is optional and additional tickets can be purchased at the school office. All funds raised will go to the PTA who hope to raise enough money to send our children to the pantomime again this year.

## **EYFS Update**

### **Nursery**

This week Nursery have been lucky to have a visit from Reverend Klaus. He enjoyed talking to the children all about the Easter story and showing them all about new life.

*(see Facebook for photographs)*

Stay and Play – all family members and friends are welcome. We look forward to seeing you all next week for Easter crafts, playing, stories, songs and Easter snack!



### **Reception**

Thank you for such fantastic engagement to our Reception parents/carers who came to Stay & Play! We had a gorgeous afternoon with you all sharing our knowledge linked to understanding the world, growing and changing!

*(See Facebook for photographs)*

### **Reception visit to Fewster Square & Oliver Henderson Park**

Reception are very grateful to Carleyann, who invited us into One Body for Life and talked about links with the local community including Embells Community Support Project. Thank you so much to Carleyann and all the grownups who volunteered their support for our local area visit! As part of our visit, we observed lots of signs of spring and looking for seasonal changes, developed our own “messy map” of where we had been and what we saw and looking at the buildings and street names within our local area.

*(See Facebook for photographs)*

## Are you a health professional?



If so and you are happy to share with children in Reception & Nursery about your job role, we would love to hear from you! Please register your interest with class teachers or at the main office. Thank you for those who have been in touch already, we will be in contact with you to arrange time to come into our Early Years after the Easter break!

### Reminders

**Reception and Nursery Snack Money** - Thank you to those who are donating towards our voluntary snack donation each week, this allows us to enjoy a nice snack and cook food to taste with the children. Any donations are welcome (even as little as 50p), please give this to the class teacher on the door.

**Nursery Library Books** - Please can all Nursery parents return library books on a Thursday to be changed and returned on a Friday.

**Reception and Nursery Bags/Spare Clothes** - We have a very low/limited stock of socks and tights in school currently. Please could you ensure your child has spare socks/tights in their bags. If your child has used any school stock, please can this be returned (ticket is marked in the labels with an 's' if it belongs to school. Thank you!

### Collections

**Supermarket** - Nursery have set up a supermarket in our nursery roleplay area. To enhance the area, we need the following items: boxes/packaging of food (empty), tins that are empty or full, tins of fruit and vegetables, receipts, catalogues/leaflets/posters, carrier bags, cups, anything branded from a supermarket.

**Gardening/Growing** - If you have any spare seeds or plant pots you can donate, we would love to accept any donations to tie in with our topic of growing and change over time!

**Home Corner** - Nursery are looking for more realistic clothing and accessories for our home corner, we are wanting hats/scarves/jewellery/bags/fascinators etc, these can be adult or child size. The children love exploring the different clothing that aren't your usual dressing up outfits!

**Loose parts** – For our outdoor area we need sticks, stones, pebbles, leaves, logs, rope, flower petals etc.

Thanks

Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith, Mrs Clydesdale and Mrs Cook.

## Easter Menu

Please see below the menu change for **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**



**EASTER**

JUMBO FISH FINGER IN A SOFT FINGER ROLL

OR

VEGGIE FINGERS IN A SOFT FINGER ROLL

SERVED WITH

CHIPS  
PEAS OR SALAD

CHOCOLATE CORNFLAKE CRISPY NEST  
HOMEMADE EASTER BISCUITS

**GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING**

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

The graphic features a white rabbit on the left, a large yellow Easter egg in the center, and a basket of colorful fruits on the right. The background is light blue with white flowers.

## Holiday Workshops Easter 2024



**EASTER WORKSHOPS**

*Dance*  
FUUSE

The graphic includes a silhouette of a dancer and a pink banner with the text 'EASTER WORKSHOPS'.

TUESDAY 2ND & WEDNESDAY 3RD  
APRIL

10AM - 3PM

AGES 4 - 12

SCAN ME



**DANCE - GAMES - ART & DESIGN**

1 Day @ £20 or 2 Day's @ £35

CONTACT US ON | 07765466450 OR 07850227720

DANCEFUUSE studio, Cleveland Hall FC

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd April  
10.00am - 3.00pm

Dancefuse Studio, Cleveland Hall FC  
DANCE - GAMES - ART & DESIGN

Ages 4-12

1 day £20

2 days £35

Our workshops are designed to provide enjoyable, constructive and creative holiday activities for children.

Water & fruit included

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.  
Packed lunch required.  
SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Simply click the link below or copy and paste into your internet browser:

<https://forms.gle/Hm5174b3auW1WrzYZ>

Contact us on 07850227720 and 07765466450

## Reception – Opal Transition



We are absolutely thrilled to announce, that after Easter half term, **both reception classes will be introduced to our opal playtimes!**

This is a huge step for reception, so why are we taking it and what's so important about opal? More importantly, does this mean our children are going to come home scruffy?!

### **So, why do we practice Opal?**

Opal has been a life changing programme for this school and the children who attend. It's given our children the opportunity to build upon skills that classroom learning can't always provide. It is designed to improve essential life skills like: resilience, conflict resolution, decision making, problem solving, social and our ability to regulate emotions. The list could go on.



### **“But how?” you ask.**

That all seems too good to be true. If you look at the picture below, of our children digging, you may think: “well they're just digging a hole and getting dirty.” Yeah, you're right they are, but what else are they doing?

Well, they're releasing all that pent up energy that has been building all morning during lessons. It's excellent physical activity, using different muscles and parts of your body to dig.

The boys are respecting each other's boundaries giving each other space and working together towards achieving a goal, trying to find as many house tokens as possible. They're even improving their resilience by digging and digging and not giving up! Do you know, that is just one single area of the school grounds? Our whole school grounds are open with plenty of space to explore and different challenges to overcome. There is something for everyone and there are plans to introduce even more.



## So, will they come home muddy?

Occasionally, yes. There is no getting around it, however Opal is designed to prompt our children into making the right choices. We do supply waterproofs. We can also supply a change of clothes, spare wellies and coats if needed.

The boys on the right decided that one day they wanted to slide in the mud (yeah you heard that right). Did they just do it in their school uniforms? No, they didn't. They went to the cloakroom to use some of our waterproof clothing and put on their wellies to protect their clothes. Through making the right choices they fully enjoyed their lunch time; burnt off some steam; highlighted some great decision making and along with it some even better memories.



## What about the risks?



With any type of play there are risks. If you play a game of football, there is always the potential that you could get injured. However, it never stops people from playing.

It is our job as a school to understand the risks but also to look at the benefits. We work with the children to identify risks and have a dedicated play team on hand in each zone to assist, guide and play with the children.

We can't wait to introduce all the children to the world of opal! If you want to know more, on Tuesday 16th April (first Tuesday after the holidays) we invite all reception parents to join us after drop off in the main hall to further go into detail and answer any questions you may have about Opal play.

## Opal Update

### Water Play



You would think with all the rain, our children would be sick of water. Nope! This week in opal, our children have been experimenting with the way water travels. Creating extravagant water slides, using pieces of guttering/piping and really anything they could get their hands on!

### So, what are the benefits of water play?

Well, it's a fantastic way of improving those fine/gross motor skills (that us teachers always bang on about). Actions like pouring, scrubbing, squirting and stirring are all beneficial movements that lead to increased fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination. Its also an absolute blast watching those little rubber ducks getting shot down the pipes!



### If you can help, we would love to hear from you!

We are always looking out for more guttering/piping that could be used. So, if anybody has any contacts out there, who would kindly be able to donate any, we would love to hear from you!

The warm weather is coming and the water area is only going to become even more popular.



# THINK BEFORE YOU THROW!

We are always looking for ways to better our playtimes and would be ever so grateful of any donations you could give to help us improve our loose parts provision.

## Loose Parts donations:

- **Recycled tyres**
- **Pallets**
- **Wooden or plastic crates**
- **Guttering and PVC piping**
- **Wood and timber**
- **Logs/branches and driftwood**
- **Ropes**
- **Large traffic cones**
- **Old traffic/street signs**
- **Tarps**
- **Troughs/tough trays**
- **Large plastic compost bins/container**
- **Cable reels**
- **Wheelbarrows**
- **Seeds/Plants and trees**
- **Musical Instruments**



If you have any weird and wonderful objects that you aren't sure we will take don't hesitate to ask us. We would love a jet plane but will happily settle for an old boat...  
Thank you!

# Easter Camp

**FREE!** Free for children in receipt of free school meals

## LJB EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA CAMP

Come and join us in the second week of the Easter holidays, we have some jam-packed fun filled days planned, we will be running such activities as football, create your own obstacle course, tutti fruity and very veggie skewer making, rock painting and much more.


Sessions take place from 10am to 2pm at White Mere Community Primary School on:

- Monday 8 April
- Tuesday 9 April
- Wednesday 10 April
- Thursday 11 April
- Friday 12 April

 Ages- 5 to 16 years.  
To book email [LJBcoaching@outlook.com](mailto:LJBcoaching@outlook.com) or contact us on 07580 420 361, book early to avoid disappointment as we have very limited spaces for this club.



## LJB EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA CAMP WHITE MERE PRIMARY SCHOOL






<p><b>MONDAY 8TH APRIL</b></p> <p>10-11.30am Football ⚽ Science Experiments 🧪</p> <p>12.30-2pm multisports 🏃🏆🎮</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY 9TH APRIL</b></p> <p>10-11.30am football ⚽ / Hard boiled egg painting 🥚🍷</p> <p>12.30-2pm outdoor sports 🏃 / plant your own sunflower 🌻</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL</b></p> <p>10-11.30am Easter Exercise Eggstravaganza! 12.30-2pm Tutti Fruity 🍌🍌 &amp; Very Veggie 🥕🥕 skewer making.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY 11TH APRIL</b></p> <p>10-11.30am ⚽ Football/ giant outdoor games/ obstacle course making 🏃</p> <p>12.30-2pm Rock painting/ arts &amp; crafts 🎨🖌️</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY 12TH APRIL</b></p> <p>10-11.30am Big Ball Tennis/ Football ⚽🎾</p> <p>12.30-2pm Arts &amp; crafts/ Cress heads/out door group games 🏃🏆</p>	<p><b>DINNER &amp; FREE PLAY</b></p> <p>11.30-12.30pm Daily. A free hot lunch will be provided for children in receipt of FSM each day, please bring a labled water bottle for throughout the day 🚰</p> <p>Free play choice activities will also be available daily such as reading, colouring, jigsaw's, Lego etc. 📖</p>

**VERY LIMITED SPACES DAILY PLEASE BOOK IN ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AT  
[LJBcoaching@outlook.com](mailto:LJBcoaching@outlook.com) / 07580420361.**

# 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	96.85%	Y3B	98.62%
	YRB	88.97%	Y4A	96.07%
	Y1A	91.11%	Y4B	91.03%
	Y1B	98.28%	Y5A	97.14%
	Y2A	95%	Y5B	96.21%
	Y2B	95%	Y6A	95.56%
	Y3A	94.83%	Y6B	92.9%
	Whole School Attendance:			<b>94.73%</b>

 <b>This week's Superstars</b> 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	Iris H & Freya N
	Y1	Kendall R & Lia E U
	Y2	Rose M & Lilly-Mae W
	Y3	Jacob T & Jaxon G
	Y4	Max O'H & Edward G
	Y5	RJ S & Lewy I
	Y6	Hollie D & Rohat E

<b>Times Table Rockstars</b>	<b>Biggest Earner</b>	<b>Class</b>
 	Jack S	Y5B
	Emilie B	Y6A
	Edward G	Y4B
	<b>Biggest Increase in Speed</b>	
	Scarlett H	Y3A
	Aminah S	Y3B
	Glenn-Logan M	Y2A
	<b>Minutes Played</b>	
	Jack S	Y5B
	Tilly D	Y4A
Luke T	Y4B	
<b>Golden Guitar Winner – Y4B</b>		

<b>This week's House Tokens</b>		
This week's winner is <b>Alnwick</b> 	<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>230</b>
	<b>Hylton</b>	<b>240</b>
	<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>305</b>
	<b>Lumley</b>	<b>295</b>
	<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>260</b>
	<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>330</b>

# Out of School Achievements



A huge well done to...  
**Oscar!**

Oscar and he has spent the last few weekends competing at various swimming galas around the region. We are delighted to say that his determination and dedication has paid off and he has brought home a total of 9 medals and has managed to completely smash all of his previous personal bests!

Furthermore, it was the regional scouts awards evening and Oscar was not only awarded with numerous badges, but also was awarded the very prestigious Stephen Moore Trophy!

**Well done, Oscar**



## Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Stay & Play 15 Hour – 9:00 -11:00am 30 Hour – 12:45 – 2:45pm	Nursery Parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Disco	KS1 & KS2
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Geography 1:30 – 2:45pm	Year 5 Parents
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Easter Lunch	Whole School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School	Whole School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term	Whole School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Occasional Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to School	Whole School