



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 14 – 15th December 2023

Dear Families,

Wow- what a brilliant jam-packed week in school! We have been delighted to give our children so many wonderful festive memories and it is important to us that they have all been fully funded by school (and PTA) as we know things are already tight at this time of year and we don't want to add any extra pressure.

It was amazing to see so many of you at our Winter Wonderland festival on Tuesday to celebrate us achieving the OPAL Platinum Award. The look on the children's (and grown-ups') faces was priceless and we have received some wonderful feedback and comments from you all. Also this week, we have had two trips to the pantomime (Years 3-6), a Reception class nativity, two KS1 nativities, two carol services at the church and a partridge in a pear tree! Our events have been very popular and the support you have shown our children and staff has been fantastic.

Next week we have four parties, our whole school Christmas lunch and the final trip to the pantomime ... and breathe! We break up for our Christmas break on Friday 22nd December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes, Chloe Wilkinson

Christmas Jumpers

All children in school (Nursery to Year 6) are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on **Tuesday 19th December**.



Christmas Lunch

Children from YR to Y6 will also be having Christmas Lunch on this day.

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@lingeyhouse.org. We will then publish this on the next newsletter.

Opal Scavenger Hunt Winner!



**Opal scavenger hunt
winner:**

Carter F Year 3A

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.



Swimming

Swimming lessons for Y3 and Y5 have now finished for the term. Lessons will start again on Monday 8th January 2024 for Y5 and Wednesday 10th January for Y3.



After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs next week.

Parent Survey

You will all be emailed a link to complete a parental survey tonight. Please complete via the link in the email by Wednesday 20th December 2023.

School Pantomime Visits

The children in Years 3 – 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Panto this week – a good time was had by all!

We have one more visit next week for our Y1 and Y2 children (see below). If you have not yet given consent, please do so using the Arbor app by 10am on **Monday, 18th December**.

Y1 and Y2 – Wednesday 20th December 2023



Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
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

Opal Update



Wow! Where do we even begin? This week was a very special week for Opal. We hosted our very first Opal Winter Festival in celebration of achieving Platinum Opal status! Of course, we could have just had a boring old awards presentation but where is the fun in that? We wanted to really try to encapsulate the spirit of Opal into our awards ceremony and get you (the parents/guardians) involved.

First of all, thank you to everybody who attended. We have mentioned it before in previous newsletters, but we couldn't have done this without any of you. The support you have all shown towards Opal has been brilliant, as we know it has been a big change in the children's school life. Hopefully, through attending and experiencing these events yourselves, like the summer play days and winter festival, you will understand how much of a positive impact Opal has upon your children.

For those of you who were unable to attend, or if you just want to relive the experience, we want to use the Opal newsletter slot this week to share with you all the magical things we got up to on Tuesday.



We got a "little" wet in our slip and slide sledge zone!



SANTAAAA!



We partied hard on the stage.



Not only did Santa come to town, he brought his reindeer too!



Good old-fashioned carnival fun.



Ice skating. An ice rink in school!!



The boys made a tank with the loose parts. Very festive.



We got toasty by the fire and roasted some marshmallows.



And there were Christmas crafts to be crafted!

Finally, I personally want to publicly thank all the teaching staff who have been absolutely instrumental in achieving the Platinum award on top of all the other hard work they do in school. I would also like to give a big shout out to the teaching assistants, lunch staff and play team who put in extra work to make sure our children have "amazing playtimes every day".

Mr Burrell

Opal Play Lead



EYFS Newsletter

Christmas

- A massive congratulations to Reception for their Nativity 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'! We are so proud of them all and we hope you all enjoyed it! We will post photographs on Seesaw/Facebook!
- **EYFS Christmas Party** – Monday 18th January; children should come into school dressed in their party clothes.

Phonics Stay & Play

Reception will be hosting a Phonics Stay & Play session to support with phonics at home. We hope to see you all on **Monday 15th January from 2pm-3pm!**

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.
- **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.
- **Catalogues and Magazine** – We are still collecting Christmas food and toy catalogues/magazines from the supermarkets.
- **Small World Play** – Donations of plastic animals, figures, cars and diggers for our outdoor area would be most welcome.
- **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**

Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to ...
Oliver!

It was Oliver's cricket presentation last weekend celebrating his team's success this season. The whole team did so well as it was the first year in competition for their year group. Normally they don't start competing until they are a few years older but they have done so well and improved so much since the beginning of the season. Oliver was buzzing with his medal and had a great night! We are so proud of him.

Well done, Oliver!



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	94.5%	Y3B	95.9%
YRB	91.9%	Y4A	97.9%
Y1A	85.7%	Y4B	97.1%
Y1B	89%	Y5A	97.9%
Y2A	91%	Y5B	95.9%
Y2B	98%	Y6A	96.7%
Y3A	94.5%	Y6B	89%
Whole School Attendance:		93.8%	



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	Danny Q and Isla D
Y1	Willow J and Valeria T
Y2	Esme Mc and Alice M
Y3	Scarlett H and Robyn B
Y4	Ivy H and Danny W
Y5	Mila H and Lexi-Mae D
Y6	Riley W and Alexa J

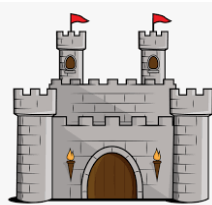
Times Table Rockstars



Biggest Earner	Class
Jack S	Y5B
Georgie G	Y6B
Emilie B	Y6B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Ethyn N	Y4B
Aria C	Y4A
Maisie W	Y6A
Golden Guitar Winner – Y2A	

This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is **Warkworth**



Bamburgh	250
Hylton	220
Warkworth	270
Lumley	215
Dunstanburgh	250
Alnwick	235