

Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 7 – 20th October 2023

Halloween Fun Day

On Friday 27th October we are having a Halloween Fun Day. Children can come to school dressed in Halloween fancy dress, Halloween themed clothes or non-uniform and will take part in a range of spooky games and activities throughout the day. Children will still be going outside at playtime and lunchtime so please ensure children wear a coat and suitable footwear. There is no charge for this day





There will be a Halloween themed lunch on this day, please see the menu above

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place next week via telephone. This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled into their new class and find out how they are doing. Please book your appointment via Arbor. Booking will close at 3pm on the day before each class' consultation day.

YRA – Thursday 26th October YRB – Wednesday 25th October Y1A&B - Wednesday 25th October Y2A&B – Tuesday 24th October Y3A&B - Thursday 26th October Y4A - Wednesday 25th October Y4B – Monday 23rd October Y5A - Thursday 26th October Y5B - Monday 23rd October Y6A&B - Thursday 26th October

Nursery Consultations will take place after half term on **Wednesday**, 8th **November** – details to follow.

SEND Reviews

During parent consultations, your child's suggested new SEND Support Plan will be shared with you. This is a draft plan and is open to discussion and consultation. If you agree with the targets given and are happy for the plan to be put in place, please share this with your child's class teacher. Two printed copies will be sent home, one for you to keep and one to be signed and returned to school.

If you would like to edit or discuss the targets suggested for your child, please request an additional appointment with your child's class teacher or the SENDCo by contacting school or emailing send@lingeyhouse.org

<u>Opal Update</u>

Happy Friday! We hope you can read this safely, what is happening with the weather? We have had to call indoor break for the last 2 days! In Opal terms that's abso-

lutely blasphemous. However with Opal, safety always come first. We don't want to report back to parents that their child has been blown over the fence and has bumped their head. For some reason we just don't think that an accident slip and a wet paper towel would be sufficient.

Welcome back, Creative Area!

However, when the weather is not acting itself and we can get out to play (hopefully next week), we will have a new sheltered space open! **Next week we are planning to bring the Arts and Crafts area back**. The children have already been informed in this week's assembly, that our creative area will be set up in the Lodge. This gives our children shelter from the outside elements, giving them the opportunity to come inside freely if they are sick of the wet weather.

By introducing more sheltered spaces we are taking steps towards never calling indoor break again (within reason). The idea of being outdoors and having the opportunity to play whatever the weather is amazing. However, we are fully aware everyone is different and every child has their own needs. Some children don't mind being out there (wellies on) getting stuck into the mud but some of us would love to find a nice sheltered space out of the way of the weather!

We need wellies...

This segment of the newsletter ties in nicely with the topic of weather and was requested by Hannah (our Family Support Worker). Hannah is part of our Opal play team and alongside Carla they run our wet weather cloakroom. However, she has a major problem - **the welly supply is running low!**





At the end of the last academic year, our children kindly donated their old wellies and coats which no longer fit to the school to be used in our cloakroom. However, this year a lot of our supplies have already been depleted! What have you been feeding them? Their feet have all tripled in size! We are asking if anyone has any old/spare wellies you would consider donating. We are looking for junior sizes as well as adult sizes (we weren't joking about the children's feet growing). Anything you could spare would be fantastic!



Fitness Fever

Before we sign off our Opal newsletter, we had to show off this week's wonderful **creation of the week!!** Our Year 4 children have caught some sort of fitness bug, coupling that with their burning desire to unleash their creativity and **BOOM!!** we now have a gym.



We have: squat racks, bench press, deadlifting, treadmills, dumbbells and even tyre flipping. WE EVEN HAVE A CAFÉ specialising in healthy food.

This week we even hosted our very own strong-man/woman event! Who is the strongest child?



We are happy to share some pictures, however I'm sorry this is an exclusive club and you can't join in.







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to being a fitness instructor and gym owner. She talked about her daily routine and how she works with both children and adults. She showed us around the studio and showed us how the different machines worked and which muscles in our body they targeted. We were then given a fun workout session with games and exercises that left us out of breath! It was a great afternoon and we learnt lots of new things.

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 27th October to have a confidential discussion if you require Christmas Support.

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.

Writing Displays

If you haven't already seen our amazing writing displays – then please check them out on our Facebook page. Staff and children are busy voting for their favourite so we will announce the winners next week.

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 <u>office@lingeyhouse.org</u>. We will then publish this on the next newsletter.



Community Fun





<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	This week's attendance	<u>Class</u>	This week's attendance		
Each week, the	YRA	90.3%	Y3B	97.9%		
class with the best attendance will	YRB	91.6%	Y4A	89.7%		
have an extra 10	Y1A	95.4%	Y4B	93.4%		
minutes of playtime.	Y1B	94.1%	Y5A	93%		
If any class has 100%	Y2A	94.1%	Y5B	93.6%		
attendance, they	Y2B	95%	Y6A	93.3%		
will have an ice	Y3A	95.9%	Y6B	93.5%		
cream/hot chocolate playtime!	Whole school attendance:		93.4%			



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:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Superstars</u>
Reception	Dylan T and Caleb D
Year 1	Archie R and Dougie L
Year 2	George K and Brendan L
Year 3	Lexi-May A and Jack O
Year 4	Freddie N and Evie C
Year 5	Carmen F and Maya C
Year 6	Amelia Y and Rohat E



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Biggest Incred	ase in Speed	Class	
Olivia T		Y4B	
Ethyn N		Y4B	
Dylan A		Y4B	
Biggest Earne	r		
Oscar F		Y6A	
Georgie G		Y6B	
Emilie B		Y6B	
Golden Guita	r Winner – Y6B		

This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is Alnwick!	<u>Bamburgh</u>	265
	<u>Hylton</u>	280
	Warkworth	285
	Lumley	220
	<u>Dunstanburgh</u>	260
	<u>Alnwick</u>	340