

# Newsletter 33 - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

# **School Trips**

In order to enhance our curriculum, we are trying to offer our children as many enrichment experiences as possible. As well as trips, we enhance our curriculum with visitors to school, links with companies, specialist music and PE tuition, swimming lessons and events in school. We understand that some year groups have been offered more trips than others but we have a new curriculum and we are getting to grips with visits and visitors that can enhance our learning in each year group.



We aim for this year, that each year group will go on at least ONE school trip. This will increase next year as we become more familiar with trips that link to our learning.

The following year groups have had a variety of experiences this year (including trips to local church or park) but have not had a full school trip so they are organised as follows this term:

Nursery - Hall Hill Farm – Tuesday 27th June

Reception-Lilidorei and Alnwick Garden – Wednesday 19th July (details to follow)

Year 1 - Venue/Date TBC

Year 3 - Great North Museum (details to follow)

## Sports Day 17th July

We are delighted to announce that our annual sports day will take place on the Monday 17th July. Years 1,2&3 in the morning and Years 4,5 & 6 in the afternoon. The event will be a 6-station carousel followed by parent, staff and toddler race.

Year 1,2 and 3 – 9:15am – 11:30am Years 4,5 and 6 – 1pm – 3pm



# **School Diversity Week**

This week (week beginning 26th June) is School Diversity Week to mark the end of Pride month.

As we always do at Lingey House, we will be celebrating diversity and difference within our community. The children will be taking part in activities in class exploring how all families are different. We will end the week with Rainbow Day (30th June), where children will be invited to wear brightly coloured clothes to celebrate how we are all different and unique!



#### Opal

#### What has been happening this week?

We want to start this week's newsletter with a massive thank you to all of you that have donated so far to our loose parts competition. The number of amazing items that have been donated is incredible.

In Tuesday's Opal assembly, we revealed which class was leading the way - are you ready to find out who it is? Drum roll please... **YEAR 2A!** Well done to everyone in Mr Bloomfield's class, fantastic effort.

The competition ends Friday (30/06/23), so there is still plenty time to catch up. Since this week's assembly more and more items have been brought into school, will your class have done enough to take the lead? We will be revealing the overall winner in next week's assembly.

As always there has been plenty of time for our children to get outside and have fun in the sun! The year 6s have been building cars in our loose parts zone; year 2 have been renovating their cardboard houses in the craft area and a few of our year 1 children have been getting busy in the kitchen. Take a look for yourself!



We know you love seeing the children out there having fun and we also know you all secretly want to join in. Don't deny it. Well guess what? Now you can! On the 6th and 13th of July we are looking to host our grown-up play days, which will give you the opportunity to come in on the afternoon and experience Opal play times for yourself with the children! So, if you fancy a full afternoon of dressing up and building dens be sure to check your emails. There you will find a short survey which we would like you to complete by Monday 26th June at 5pm. We hope to see you all very soon.

#### Reminder:

As you all know the Great British weather sometimes decides it isn't going to play nice. So, we would like to ask that (if possible) could everyone make sure to send a coat in with your child. It would be brilliant if you had one they could keep in school for those rainy days. We understand that some days it may be a little too cold and wet to play out, forcing us to call an indoor break but a little rain can also change and enrich our play. Areas like our forest and mud kitchens benefit greatly from a bit of rain. All of a sudden, it's easier to dig for those vital ingredients we need to make our mud pies; there is also a greater need for shelter too, giving our children a reason to become more creative in their efforts to build dens with water tight roofing. We hope to give our children as many outdoor learning opportunities as possible and experiencing how weather effects our play is just one of them.









# **OPAL** – It's competition time!

#### **Loose Parts Bingo**

We are always looking to enrich our playtimes and we need your help in providing more loose parts for our children!

Below is our Loose Parts bingo board, crammed full of all the weird and wonderful loose parts we are looking for! Each object has a different value- with the highest values being the most sought-after items!



#### How does the competition work?

Each class from years 1-6 have been given their very own bingo board. Their task is to attempt to fill the board. The first class to do so will win a very special prize. BUT WAIT! The prizes don't stop there. Now we know that children may occasionally bring in the same objects (and that's amazing - the more loose parts the better) so we have **another prize** for the class which collects the most points. As you can see below, each object has its own value with the most sought-after items earning their class the most points.

Now we know that children will not just have traffic cones and wheelbarrows lying around their bedrooms, so this is where we need **your help** too. If you work for any companies which could spare any of the following or have anything which you could donate that would be amazing! So why not send them in with your children, or get in touch to let us know what you have. Once you bring the items in, we can add the points to your child's class total! There may even be another special prize for the child who accumulates the most points...

#### Please note!

Of course, as with all donated or recycled items, they will be checked for safety by our staff and will then be subject to daily, weekly and dynamic risk benefit assessments (depending on the item).

Take your Loose parts to your classroom so they can be recorded by your class teacher. There are also 3 large pallet crates outside of Year 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 entrances to donate larger loose parts (make sure your child informs their class teacher to get their points).

#### **THANK YOU**

All donations are massively appreciated. From all of us at Lingey House thank you for what you have donated so far, every little thing you manage to bring in improves our play times and in turn the quality of our school life.





Thursday Mind June

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This half term in science, Year 5 are learning about living things and their habitat. This week specifically, they have been looking at life cycles. They compared the life cycle of a frog to a salamander and were able to identify differences and similarities between the two.

They reminisced about their previous learning in this topic and could even recall looking after chicks in year one!

# **SEND Leadership in school**

Hi everyone. My name is Lynsay Brown and I have recently come back to school after being on maternity leave with my little boy Max. For the rest of this term, I will be working with Kayleigh Bell in Year 1 and am very excited to be back. I will also be sharing the SENDCo role with Kayleigh. I have always had an interest in SEND and this passion has grown from working with many SEND children throughout my years of teaching. I feel very fortunate to be in this role supporting our SEND children to be their amazing selves and being a part of our inclusive school culture. I am looking forward to meeting the families that I am not familiar with and to continue the fantastic work Kayleigh has done this year.





Hi I am Kayleigh Bell and I have been teaching in Year 1 this year. I have been SENDCo for the last school year. I have really enjoyed working with our SEND children and am looking forward to working alongside Lynsay. I have always had an interest in SEND growing up with a family member with special educational needs and working in an additionally resourced mainstream school early in my career. I am passionate about what we do here in our incredibly inclusive school and am excited about how we can further improve our SEND provision in the future.

As a team, we look forward to building on the SEND provision we offer here at Lingey House and are excited about working together to improve what we offer our children. If you have any queries relating to SEND, please send them to our new joint email - SEND@lingeyhouse.org

## **Summer Fayre**

The date for our Summer Fayre has now been confirmed as **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July!** Following the success of last year's event, we are very excited but we also need your help. In addition to looking for volunteers to help with our fayre, we are now also looking for the following donations:

- Raffle prizes from parents, local companies and small businesses. Our local community was very generous last year and we're hoping we may be just as lucky this year!
- Bottles of alcohol, soft drinks and bath products etc for our mystery bottle tombola which was a huge hit last year.
- Large and small donations of chocolate for our chocolate tombola this could be anything from a box of chocolates to a Freddo.

If you would like to volunteer to help with our Fayre, are a local business who would like to hire a stall or have a donation, please contact our school office and ask to speak to Miss Kayleigh Bell.



# SEND Coffee Afternoon

Our SEND Coffee Afternoon will continue to run on the last Friday of each month. The purpose of the Coffee Afternoon is to give parents the opportunity to chat to each other and to access a drop-in service to ask our SENDCO Miss Bell any questions you may have relating to your child's progress and the provision we offer here at Lingey House. Our next Coffee afternoon **Friday 30th June**.



Our meeting on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** will be particularly exciting as we will have the first of hopefully many SEND specialists coming into school to work with our parents. Shona Chambers, who is a sleep practitioner for children and adults with additional needs, will be coming in to run a session supporting parents of children with additional needs with strategies which promote a good night's sleep. Shona works for Contact, an organisation which specialises in working with the families of young people with additional needs.

If you are interested in taking part in the coffee afternoon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, please contact school and ask to be added to the list. We think this will be a particularly popular event and would like to ensure we host everyone in a large enough space!

### After School Clubs- Summer 2

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports Club (Fundamentals)	Reception	Mr Burrell	Places available –book via Arbor
Tuesday	Lego	Year 3	Mrs Moyle Miss Hill	Places available –book via Arbor
	Netball	Year 5/6	Miss Hamilton Miss Fawcus	Places available –book via Arbor
	Futsal	Year 3	Mr Burrell	Places available –book via Arbor
	Puzzles & Games	Year 2	Mrs Jackson	FULL
	Gym & Movement	Year 4	Miss Langman	Places available –book via Arbor
Wednesday	Gardening	Year 1	Miss Mather	Places available –book via Arbor
	Bringing Books to Life	Reception	Mrs Locke	Places available –book via Arbor
Thursday	Dance	Year 6	Miss Mather	Places available –book via Arbor
	Football	Year 4/5	Mr Rippon	Places available –book via Arbor
			Mr Bloomfield	
Friday	No Clubs			

# **Nursery Updates**

In Nursery this week we went to the forest to collect sticks for the three little pigs. We talked about the different materials they used to make their houses. We also had lots of sensory fun using cornflour and coco powder to make our own gunk. The children loved making marks in the sticky mud! We also talked about Road Safety and we pracitised how to cross a road in the playground. We discussed that when you see a red light you must



Stop and only cross the road with an adult! They showed fantastic listening skills!

#### **Transition Meeting for Parents**

Next Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June (9.15am or 5.15pm) there will be an opportunity to meet our new Early Years Lead with any questions you may have for next year's transition to reception. Please meet at the School Office.

#### **Farm Reminders**

Farm consent forms must be returned by Monday on drop off! Children should dress appropriately for the weather on the day, including sun cream and wellies or trainers. Please bring a Packed lunch for kids and parents. You may want to bring additional money for extra rides at the farm. On the day of the trip, all children and parents should come to the main hall for 8:45am-8:55am. Please encourage your child to go to the toilet prior to arrival.

#### **Animal Adventure Day**

On Tuesday 4th July, we are going to have an 'animal adventure day' in Nursery, we will be dressing up, going for a safari walk, games and having some special snacks! Children are invited to come into school in safari/jungle themed clothes; you do not need to buy anything new, just wear whatever you have at home. We love homemade things! We will make masks next week and have costumes if needed.



#### **Reminders**

The Lingey House Nursery Graduation will be held on the **19th of July at 9.30am** in the main school hall. Please send a coat into school with your even if it is sunny as it may rain later in the day. Remember summer hats and sun cream should be applied before coming into nursery. Please advise us if your child is allergic to sun cream.

#### **TODDLERS**

We will be having 'The Big Toddle' in nursery on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June followed by a picnic. The children can wear jungle prints or any other animal themed costume. Everyone is welcome! Just a reminder that there is a voluntary donation for snack at nursery.

#### Thanks, Nursery Team!









# **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!

	This week's attendance	<u>Class</u>	This week's attendance
YRA	84.8%	Y3B	97.3%
YRB	90.3%	Y4A	87.4%
Y1A	91.7%	Y4B	97.7%
Y1B	96.9%	Y5A	95.9%
Y2A	90%	Y5B	89.7%
Y2B	91.7%	Y6A	93.2%
Y3A	90.7%	Y6B	95.2%
Whole so	chool attendance:	92.19%	

# 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	<u>Superstars</u>
Reception	Ismail S and Archie-Lee GG
Year 1	Taylor H and Lily-Jane S
Year 2	Lee G and Freddie G
Year 3	Maddie F and Dionne G
Year 4	Keeva G and Annabelle M
Year 5	Yoshna V and Olivia B
Year 6	Stevie W and Lauren C



# <u>Times</u> <u>Table</u> <u>Rockstars</u>

Biggest Increase in Speed	Class	
Florence R	Y6B	
Freddie J	Y2A	
Ryan R	Y4A	
Biggest Earner		
Brodie C	Y4A	
Jay C	Y6B	
Jack S	Y4B	
Golden Guitar Winner – Y6B		

# This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is Alnwick!



Bamburgh	120
Hylton	155
Warkworth	150
Lumley	105
Dunstanburgh	160
Alnwick	165

# **Out of School Achievements**

# A huge well done to **Oscar**



At the weekend, Oscar in Year 5 took part in a camping competition with his scout group whereby his small group of 6 had to compete against 11 other teams from all over the region to survive a weekend of camping without any adult intervention. They had to plan for and set up their own camp, prepare and cook all their own meals as well as completing various other outdoor activities. They were scored by a judge throughout the weekend for their efforts and we are proud to say that Oscar's section won outright; this is the first time in 10 years that his scouting group has taken home the trophy! What makes this an even greater achievement for Oscar is that he was only moved up from cubs to scouts in April following his 10th birthday and was the

youngest participant in the whole competition! Well done Oscar, we are so proud of you!

# A huge well done to **Riya**

Riya attends art class every week and they held an award ceremony for the best art work. Riya received the most votes and won a certificate for the best in show. Here is Riya with her winning entry and certificate. We are so proud of you Riya, well done!





Date/time	Event	Who's involved
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery visit to Hall Hill Farm	Nursery children and grown up:
4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Visits to the church	Y5 children
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 visit to Great North Museum	Y3 children
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	Y1 – Y6
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 3.30-5.30pm	Year 6 Lingeybury Festival	Y6 children
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am	Nursery Graduation	Nursery leavers and parents
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception visit to Alnwick Garder & Lilidorei	YR children
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6 children and parents
Friday 21st July	Break up for the summer holiday	Whole school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 3pm	Year 6 clapping farewell ceremony	Whole school children and parents
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