



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 21 – 17th February 2023

Happy Half Term.

We have had a very busy half term and there have been lots of exciting things happening over the past few weeks. Everyone in school has been working really hard and is looking forward to relaxing this week. It has been lovely to see so many parents in school as we are now able to celebrate class assemblies and children's learning with you. Keep an eye on dates next half term as we continue to offer you opportunities to come and see what your children are learning in school.

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 27th February**.

NEU Industrial Action

As I am sure you are aware, teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to carry out industrial action and have announced their intention to strike.

They have named the following dates as planned strike days for our region:

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023

Many of our teachers are in the NEU and plan to follow their union's advice to strike.

I can confirm that on **Tuesday 28th February**, our school will be partially closed as follows:

Nursery (30 hours and 15 hours) – Closed

YRA and YRB - Closed

Y1A and Y1B – Closed

Y2A and Y2B – Open – Y2 children to attend as usual

Y3A and Y3B – Open – Y3 children to attend as usual

Y4A and Y4B – Closed

Y5A and Y5B – Closed

Y6A and Y6B – Closed



I understand that this will cause disruption to children and parents and that many of you will have to make alternative childcare arrangements. However, the decision to strike has not been taken lightly by our teachers. Once I have further information about staff's intentions on the other two dates, I will inform you.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Geography Showcase



This week, we held our very first Geography Showcase Day. Children right across the school produced some fantastic Geography work. Well done to everyone for all their hard work. Next half term the children will be sharing their work in an assembly. Please see our Facebook page to see some of our work.

Donations

We need your help.

If you have any spare World Book Day Costumes that are no longer needed, we would love it if you could donate them into school.

Can you please bring these into school on Monday 27th February.

We will be holding a recycling event on Wednesday 1st March in the main hall at 8:45am.

We would also welcome any donations of Christmas jumpers and wellies.

Thank you so much for your generous donations so far.



After School Clubs

We are delighted again, to offer a wide range of after school clubs **next** half term. The clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm and are FREE OF CHARGE.

If you would like to book a place in a club, please do it via Arbor. You will be able to book your child in from 4:30pm this afternoon. Please only book into one club per child so that we can offer places to as many children as possible. If multiple clubs are booked, one place will be removed so only one club can be attended. If there are spaces after everyone has had the chance to book, we will let you know.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports Club	Years 5 and 6	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Multi-skills	Reception	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Lego	Year 5	Miss Adamson Mrs Brunnock	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Dance	Year 2	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Reading Crafts	Year 3	Mrs Martin	Places available – please book via Arbor
Thursday	Music (Recorder)	Year 4	Mrs McCallum	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Wild Adventures (Forest Fun)	Year 1	Mrs McMenemy Mrs Gray	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Stories in Action	Year 2	Miss Bell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Art	Year 4	Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Dance Festival	Year 5 & 6	Miss Mather	Full
Friday	No Clubs			

Discounted Basketball Tickets Great Britain Tickets

On Friday 24th February, Great Britain's Basketball team are playing Belgium at the Vertu Motors Arena in Newcastle. Due to our partnership with the Newcastle Eagles, we have a special discount code if you wish to attend. **Code: GBLNGY**



Year 3 & 4 Cheerleading Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that we are running a 5-week cheerleading breakfast club on Thursday mornings 8:00-8:45am starting 2nd March until 30th March. The club will be working with coach Julie to design several routines using pom poms and ribbons. The children will perform these routines at the Newcastle Eagles game against Cheshire Phoenix on Friday 31st March. All children who attend the club will receive a free ticket for the game. Additional tickets for family members who would also like to go will be available to buy on ParentPay for £9 (normally £19). Any Year 3 or 4 child who would like to be part of this fabulous experience please book the club via Arbor.

WhatsApp Groups



It has come to our attention this week that a number of children in our Year 5 and 6 classes are part of a WhatsApp group. While this is something that we don't want to discourage as it helps the children to socialize, there have been several reports of inappropriate content being shared in these groups, including sexual content, discussion of drugs, foul language and using names and images of Lingey House staff. While this is something that is happening outside of school, we have a duty of care to our children and staff and urge parents/ carers to check the content that your child has access to, particularly in these groups.

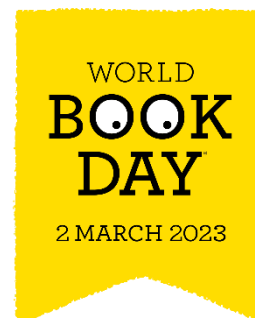
World Book Day

Thursday 2nd of March 2023 is World Book Day and, as always, we will be taking part in the celebrations. This year, we have decided on the theme of **illustration**.

Throughout the week of World Book Day, we have some amazing surprises in store for the children (including visits from authors and illustrators as well as a fantastic opportunity to practise some art skills of their own). All will become clear in a very special assembly on our first Monday back after half term.

As always, we are inviting the children to come dressed as a book character on the day and to also bring along their favourite book to share. The children will each receive a World Book Day £1 book token which can be exchanged for some amazing books. Check out the World Book Day website (<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>) to see which titles are included this year.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information on all the exciting surprises as they unfold!



SEND Coffee Afternoon

We're excited to share that, next month, we will be launching our first SEND coffee afternoon. Many of our parents of children with additional needs have shared that they would love to speak to other families in similar situations and we're always keen to improve the provision we offer in school. Our first coffee afternoon will be an opportunity to get to know each other and gauge interest but, in future, we would love to

theme the meetings and possibly even have support sessions, guest speakers and updates on services available for our families. The coffee afternoons will happen on the last Friday of every month from 2-3pm, allowing parents to collect their children at the end of the school day. We would love to see you on Friday 24th March at 2pm!

Attendance winners!

Last week, Year 1A were our attendance winners with 100% for the week! As a reward for coming into school every day, the children enjoyed an extra 10 minutes of play time and a hot chocolate. The children loved their treat and it was a wonderful way to round of the half term.



Changes to our EYFS

Today, Miss Hewitt left to start her maternity leave, so we wish her a happy rest until her special bundle joins us. Miss Attwood will continue to work with us in Nursery.



Reminders

We have a MOUNTAIN of lost property which includes shoes, wellies, school uniform, spare clothes, and accessories. This will all be donated to charity by the end of next week with it having been there for a long period of time. Please can everyone check the boxes outside of the Nursery classroom when dropping off /collecting your child for missing items. If you are in need of school jumpers/cardigans, please help yourself to the lost property, as there is LOADS!

Wellies

As you can see from the photos, our outdoor area now has a large sandpit and digging area, therefore children must wear wellies if they want to play in them. Please can all children ensure they have wellies in school. Reception's wellies are to be put in their class sheds and Nurseries need to be in a named carrier bag on their peg. Can all wellies and school shoes please be NAMED!

OPAL - We need wheels!

As we continue our OPAL journey, we are looking to expand upon what we already have available for the children. Since we have had to intervene (a few times) in the children pushing each other around in our wheeled boxes we use for storage, we think that our next area will have to be dedicated to WHEELS!



For the children, that feeling of moving at speed with the wind in your face is exhilarating! This type of play benefits our children in more ways than you would think. It improves their fine and gross motor skills; helps improve co-ordination and balance and it is loads of fun. Like all of the areas we have created so far, we will undertake an initial risk benefit assessment through the help of our amazing OPAL ambassadors. This will allow us to fully measure the risks and understand the best way to approach the creation of our wheeled zone.

This is the part where **we need your help!** Having already done a little research into wheel zones (in other OPAL schools) we have identified a list of items that would be fantastic to use in our wheel zone, to give the children the best possible experience.

If anybody has any of the following lying around unused, we would greatly appreciate any donations:

- Wheelbarrows
- Pushchairs
- Wheeled boxes/suitcases
- Push Bikes
- Scooters
- Wheelie boards
- Skateboards

Dogs on the yard

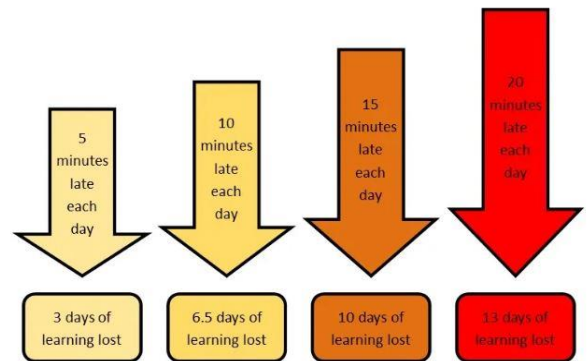
We have had some complaints from parents that there have been an increasing number of dogs seen on the school yard. Dogs are not permitted on school grounds as quite a few of our children are scared of them and obviously if dogs foul on school grounds it could be dangerous for our pupils if not cleared up properly. Please ensure no dogs are brought on to school grounds (this includes carrying them).



Lateness

There are more and more children coming to school after the bell has gone and entering school via the main entrance. The yard doors open at 8.45am and children are expected to be in school by 8.55am at the latest. **Doors will be locked at 8.55am** and children arriving after this time will need to use the main entrance. Lateness can have a huge affect on children's education.

If you need any support with this, please contact our family support worker, Hannah.



Figures based on 1 school year

Quote of the Week



Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0191 4381287 or via email at:

lingeprimaryschool@gatehead.gov.uk

Best wishes,
Chloe Wilkinson
(Headteacher)

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!

	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	83.87%	Y3B	89.3%
YRB	94.78%	Y4A	96.38%
Y1A	96%	Y4B	95.37%
Y1B	96.52%	Y5A	96.15%
Y2A	96.54%	Y5B	96.09%
Y2B	90.57%	Y6A	90.8%
Y3A	95.12%	Y6B	98.73%
Whole school attendance:		93.9%	

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	Olivia H and Mya T
Year 1	Esmae M and Connor F
Year 2	Ella M and Ailsa C
Year 3	Lola L and Issy K
Year 4	Ruby H and Aleksandar D
Year 5	James D and Joseph W
Year 6	Mason Q and Harry H

Times Table Rockstars

This week in TT

	Biggest Increase In Speed	Class
	Ruby H	Y4A
	Evie C	Y3B
	Finley G	Y5B
Golden Guitar Winner		4B
Well done everyone!		



This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is Lumley!



<u>Bamburgh</u>	285
<u>Hylton</u>	310
<u>Warkworth</u>	295
<u>Lumley</u>	355
<u>Dunstanburgh</u>	300
<u>Alnwick</u>	310

