

Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 10 – 17th November 2023



Dear families,

What a busy week we've had in school! It was lovely to end the week with our non-uniform day for Children in Need and the children wearing odd socks to celebrate the end of anti-bullying week. Most Christmas activities and events are in the diary – please add the dates on the last page to your calendars as they're not

to be missed. Staff are busy choosing parts for the nativities etc and it won't be long until your children are teaching you all of the songs from the shows!

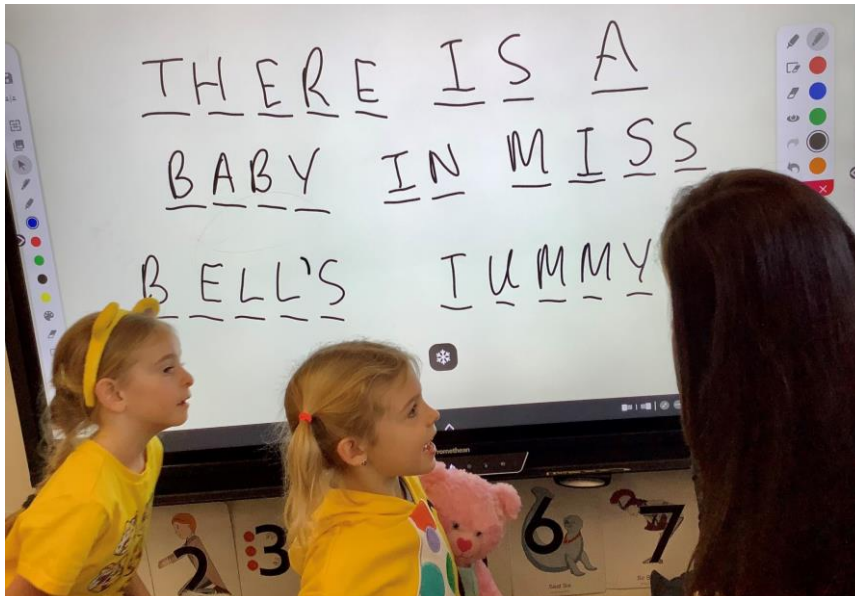
Wishing you all a lovely weekend and hope that it is more exciting than mine as I will be mainly catching up on washing and ironing!

Best wishes, Chloe Wilkinson

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

Baby News

We are delighted to announce that ...



Some of the children realised today that Miss Amy Bell was sporting a bump. They quickly got to work making a hangman game to announce this wonderful news to the rest of the class. We would like to wish Amy and her partner Drew huge congratulations as they prepare for the arrival of their first child in March. We will update with further information regarding staffing arrangements in the new year.

Re-arranged Parent Consultations

We apologise that these meetings had to be re-arranged. Please see below the new dates for YRB and Y1B. 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 is now open and will close at 3pm on the day before the class consultation date.

Y1B – Wednesday 22nd November

YRB – Thursday 30th November

Miss Smith has been spending time getting to know the pupils really well in YRB which is why their consultation date is later. I am sure you are all looking forward to hearing what your child has been up to since they joined our Reception class in September.

School Lunch Change 12th December

As part of our Opal Winter Award celebration, there will be a special school lunch on Tuesday 12th December. Please see the picture below for changes to the menu on that day. Although reception children will not be involved in this event, the menu change will include them too. (EYFS will have other festive treats - watch this space.) This menu should not be confused with our Christmas lunch which we will be holding on Tuesday, 19th December.



School Uniform and Christmas Jumpers

For the next few weeks, there will be an opportunity to purchase second-hand Christmas jumpers, school uniform and winter coats at our Thursday coffee mornings. These are held in the Lodge on a Thursday morning from 9am -10am. Please come along to grab yourself a bargain! We would also welcome donations of any of the above items to add to our stock.

Bikes/Scooters in School

Just a reminder that all children and adults should dismount from bikes and scooters on arrival at the school gates. We have noticed particularly that on drop off and collection, children and siblings are riding their bikes in the EYFS garden. For health and safety reasons, we request that you stop all children from doing this.

PTA News

School Pantomime Visit!

Amazing news! After numerous fundraising events, the PTA have managed to raise enough money to secure tickets and travel for all of our children in Years 1 – 6 to go to see Peter Pan at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House! We are very excited to be able to offer our children this opportunity and it's thanks to the generosity of our parents at our fundraising events!

Details about when each class will be attending and permission letters will be headed out next week so keep your eyes peeled!

We're also in the process of organising something for our EYFS children. Look out in the newsletter for news of that soon...



PTA Request



We're sure you're all very excited about our OPAL Winter Festival. The PTA will be running a number of stalls at the festival including the very popular 'Mystery Tombola!'

We're looking for donations of prizes and need your help!

We're looking for the following –

- Donations and prizes from local businesses
- Bottles of alcohol big and small
- Donations of chocolate (anything from a Freddo to a large box)
- Christmas gift sets
- Bath bombs and smellies

If you have any donations, please bring them into the school office by **Friday 8th December 2023**.

It's not too late to get involved in our PTA. If you're interested in helping out, please email kayleighwatson@lingeyhouse.org or contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Watson.

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.



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 24th November to have a confidential discussion if you require Christmas Support.



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

This Week in the World of Lingey House Sport!

This week our Year 5/6 girls' football team had the opportunity to visit Cochrane Park, to take part in the Newcastle United Foundation Premier League Primary Stars tournament! The tournament was a fantastic challenge for the girls, with the standard of the teams we played being incredibly high.

The girls worked incredibly hard throughout the tournament and had no easy games - their effort was flawless. The greatest attribute though, had to be their positive mentality. No matter who they played or what the result



was, they came

off the pitch smiling and wanting to play more!

On the pitch their steely determination and solid team spirit showed through the way they played. They didn't hide from any opponent, they got stuck into every tackle, pressed high as a team and tried to attack at any opportunity!

Girls you were fantastic! Onto the boys next week.



This afternoon, our Year 5/6 children are visiting Heworth Grange to take part in a Basketball competition. Make sure to tune into next week's newsletter to see how they got on.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week, the children at Lingey House have been making some noise about bullying. There have been lots of discussions around the importance of being kind to others and how our words and actions impact those around us. We took part in Odd Socks Day to mark the end of Anti Bullying week. This symbolised that we are all different and that we should be OURSELVES, accepting of one another and celebrate difference, not just this week but ALL YEAR ROUND!



Opal Update



OPAL Award Celebration

Do you remember that time in primary school when we had an ice-rink?

The Opal Winter Festival is due to take place on the **12th December 12.00-3.00PM**

The event will run in a similar way to the parent play days, with some additional winter treats, in recognition of our Platinum Award. We don't want to spoil all of the surprises but here are a few snippets. Attractions will include an ice rink, lots of play opportunities, games, photo opportunities and winter crafts.

This is an outdoor event, which will go ahead in all weathers (as long as the site remains safe) - dig out those hats and gloves :)

Parents will be asked to collect children at 12pm and you will be fully responsible for your child once they have been dismissed. As such, we need to ensure that safety is our priority. A consent form will be emailed on Wednesday next week and we would ask that you please complete it as soon as possible to help us to plan for the event. Further details, including logistics for picking children up, will be shared via the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Getting Muddy

The rain has been relentless to say the least, however some of our areas have benefited from the constant drizzle. Our mud pit and mud kitchen are currently thriving! We wanted to use this week's newsletter to highlight some of the fantastic things our children have been up to this week.



In the mud pit we made tracks using the diggers and dug for gold!

In the forest we searched high and low for the most amazing leaves and objects, to make mud prints.



In the mud kitchen we refined our recipes, using new and different ingredients to make those mud pies taste that little bit better. (Don't worry, we don't actually allow the children to eat the mud...)

We know that you may not share our love for the mud (just thinking of their poor school pants) however, a few specks of mud here and there go a long way to making our children very happy!



EYFS Newsletter

Reminders:

- **Reception Christmas Stay and Play** – dates will be released ASAP for both classes.
- **Nursery Christmas Stay and Play** - will take place on **Tuesday 5th December 9-11am** for all 15-hour and 30-hour children. Children are welcome to stay until the end of the session or can be taken home with their adults.
- Thank you for naming and labelling all items of clothing - we would appreciate if you could continue to do so, to enable us to return any lost items. Thank you for your patience with this matter.
- **Returning clothes** - A reminder to please return any spare clothes which are from school's stock if your child has come home in them, including socks and underwear. Thank you for continuing to do this.
- **Updates** - Please remember to check Seesaw every week for homework tasks and photos of your children. Remember to upload photos of your child at home doing things they enjoy so we can share them together with their friends.
- **Bags** - Please could you ensure your child has a bag which is left in school (can be a carrier bag) with multiple spare clothes (tops, bottoms, underwear and socks). This is beneficial if children are engaging in messy play and need to be changed.
- **Clothes** - We need spare clothes for children who need to be changed: socks, tights and bottoms. We would be grateful for anything you would like to donate.
- **Bikes** - On drop off and collection, children and siblings are riding the bikes in the EYFS garden. Can we please stop all children from doing this? The bikes are tidied away at the end of the day, under the shelter from the rain. We do not want them left around the EYFS garden as this becomes a trip hazard. Also at busy times, it is dangerous for children to be whizzing around on bikes.
- **Snack money** – Thank you to those who are paying towards our voluntary snack donation each week. This allows us to enjoy a nice snack and cook with the children. If you are wanting to donate weekly (even as little as 50p), please give this to the class teacher on the door.
- **Recycling** – We need boxes, tubs, kitchen roll tubes, bottle tops, cake trays and bottles for our junk modelling. We would be grateful if you could start collecting these for the children to model-make with. Thank you.

Thanks

Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith and Mrs Clydesdale

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	95.9%	Y3B	97.9%
YRB	90.3%	Y4A	93.8%
Y1A	96.1%	Y4B	94.5%
Y1B	93.8%	Y5A	89.3%
Y2A	95.2%	Y5B	98.6%
Y2B	97%	Y6A	95.7%
Y3A	92.4%	Y6B	95.5%
Whole School Attendance:		94.76%	



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	Harry S and Sam L
Year 1	Lyla-Blue W and Raine S
Year 2	Ava C and Charlie W
Year 3	Ella M and Ailsa C
Year 4	Emily B and Lucy-Jo AW
Year 5	Brodie C and Jack S
Year 6	Annabelle S and Rhys T

Times Table Rockstars



Minutes Played	Class
Jack S	Y5B
Aminah S	Y3B
Freya H	Y6A
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Yahya I	Y6A
Mylo M	Y3A
Lily D	Y4B
Golden Guitar Winner – Y2A	

This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is **Bamburgh!**



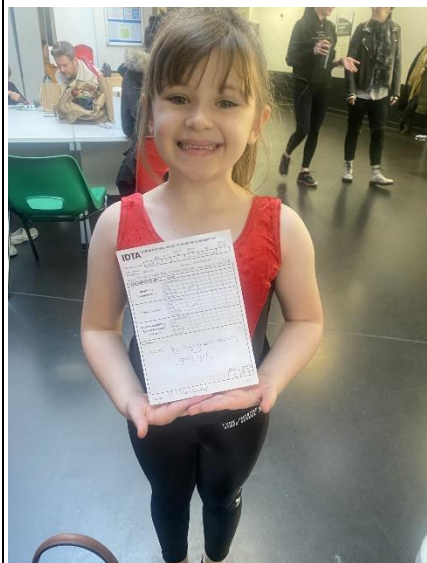
Bamburgh	345
Hylton	235
Warkworth	275
Lumley	175
Dunstanburgh	225
Alnwick	215

Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to...
Erin!

Erin would love to share that she had a very busy week last week. She moved up a level in her swimming and gymnastics, as well as passing her One Dance Disco exam. She has been working super hard and is incredibly proud of her achievements.

Well done Erin!



Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need/Odd Socks Day	Whole School
Tuesday 21 st November	Y6 Safety Works Trip	Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd November	Y1B Parents Consultations (Telephone)	Y1B Parents
Thursday 30 th November	YRB Parents Consultations (Telephone)	YRB Parents
Tuesday 5 th December	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play 9AM – 11AM	Nursery Parents
Monday 11 th December	Flu Immunisations	Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 12 th December	Opal Award Special Lunch	Reception – Year 6
Tuesday 12 th December	Opal Award Winter Festival 12PM	Year 1 – Year 6
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Christmas Performance 9:30AM – 10:30AM	Reception Parents
Thursday 14 th December	Carol Service – St Andrews	KS2
Friday 15 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30AM – 10:30AM	Year 1 and Year 2
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
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