



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 08th – 12th January 2024

Show Racism the Red Card

As a school we have an inclusive environment where we work together to promote our core values:

Individuality

Respect

Kindness

Nurture

Resilience

Equality and diversity are central in our whole school curriculum. To further develop knowledge and understanding, enhancing what we already do in school, we are excited to be working with Show Racism the Red Card. On Friday 19th January there will be an assembly for years 1-6, followed by workshops for years 4-6 and also some professional development for school staff.

**SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD**

Aims:

- A better understanding of racism and how it impacts on individuals and society.
- An increased understanding of how to recognise and respond to racism in a safe way.
- An increased awareness of critical thinking and its usefulness in challenging stereotypes and recognising media bias.
- A better understanding of appropriate/inappropriate terminology relating to ethnicity.

Parent/carer Workshops

In addition, we are offering a parent/carer workshop (parents/carers from children in all year groups in school are welcome to attend).

Parents Workshop- Wednesday 24th January 2024 1-2PM

The session aims to take part in discussions about we're having with children in school about the issue of racism. It aims to better equip you to continue the conversations with your child beyond the classroom.

Children are then invited to join their parents/carers for the end of the session.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, please contact the school office ASAP to secure you place.

Coffee Morning

Hannah, our Family Support Worker is continuing our coffee mornings. These take place every week, on a Thursday morning from 9am – 10am in the Lodge. Please come along, everyone is welcome!

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.

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.



After School Clubs

We are excited to offer new clubs for this half-term. Please book your child's place via Arbor. Places are limited **so please only sign up to one place per child**. We will let you know if there are any spare spaces available.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Sports	Year 1	NUFC	FULL
Tuesday	Story & Art	Year 3	Miss Brown	FULL
	Sports	Year 4	NUFC	FULL
Wednesday	Dance Festival	Year 5 & 6	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
Thursday	Games	Year 2	Mrs Jackson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Outdoor Activities	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Moyle & Miss Hill	FULL
	Crochet	Year 5 & 6	Mrs Dellow	FLL
	Basketball	Year 3 & 4	Mr Burrell	FULL

Dates for the Diary

Date/time	Event	Who's involved
Monday 15 th January 2024	Stay and Play - 2pm	Reception Parents
Wednesday 24 th January 2024	Show Racism the Red Card 1-2pm	Whole School
Friday 16 th February 2024	Break up for half term	Whole School

Opal Refresh

Happy new year everyone! It seems like 5 minutes ago we were breaking up for Christmas, or perhaps it feels longer depending on how hyper your children were over the two-week break...

Here we are again though, back to school and back with another opal newsletter. However not everything is the same, with the new year comes new challenges and avenues to explore!



A few changes here and there

This week we took the opportunity to reflect on our breaktimes and thought of quick fixes to improve our play. We agreed that morning break was a little boring, sounds harsh but it's true. You will all know far too well but if something is not to a child's liking they won't hold back! So, it's time to make a change. We want to ensure that our children are reaping the rewards of play time no matter how little time they have. So... "Open the sandpit, get out the loose parts, let's get out there and have an amazing play time!". Initially we only had Opal Lunch times due to morning break being so short but by making a few quick changes to our play provision we have now made the areas more accessible.



Recharging our imaginations



In assembly this week we continued our theme of reviewing opal in its current state and a topic of conversation was that our loose parts area was in need of a little refreshing. So, we strategically chose 3 sets of equipment and grabbed some volunteers from the audience. Their task was to build whatever they could think of within 2 minutes with their items. Whilst the rest of the children watched, they had to think of what they could make with each set of equipment. The creations that the children made were excellent: we



had an ice cream shop; a block tower for mini figures and a ball slide. What was even more amazing was what the children in the audience thought up, with their ideas being completely different to the ones building. The ice cream shop could have been constructed into an obstacle course (mentioned one child). Another said the blocks from the tower could have been used as a game of Jenga. The possibilities really were endless. It shows that sometimes all it takes is just a little bit of inspiration for our children and their amazing imaginations will run wild!

Just look at what some of our children created in the morning break straight after assembly,
the world's largest marble run!



THINK BEFORE YOU THROW!

We are always looking for ways to better our playtimes and would be ever so grateful of any donations you could give to help us improve our loose parts provision.

Loose Parts donations:

- **Recycled tyres**
- **Pallets**
- **Wooden or plastic crates**
- **Guttering and PVC piping**
- **Wood and timber**
- **Logs/branches and driftwood**
- **Ropes**
- **Large traffic cones**
- **Old traffic/street signs**
- **Tarps**
- **Troughs/tough trays**
- **Large plastic compost bins/container**
- **Cable reels**
- **Wheelbarrows**
- **Seeds/Plants and trees**
- **Musical Instruments**

If you have any weird and wonderful objects that you aren't sure we will take don't hesitate to ask us. We would love a jet plane but will happily settle for an old boat...

Thank you!

EYFS Newsletter

Nursery

Nursery have had a brilliant first week back, re-establishing rules and routines. We have also welcomed 11 new friends into our nursery, we have had a great time getting to know them and helping them explore the classroom!



We have also welcomed 2 pet fish into our classroom, it has been very exciting meeting our new pets and feeding them each day. We took a vote and the 2 names that were pulled out of the hat were..... DANNY & NEMO.



Reception

STAY & PLAY

As shared in the newsletter before Christmas, a reminder: Reception Phonics Stay & Play
Monday 15th January - 2pm
(meet via main office)

We would love to see you for refreshments in the main hall followed by phonics activities/games in the classroom with your child!

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.

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.
- **Birds** - Yogurt pots, egg boxes, kitchen roll tubes and pines cones – please get collecting so we can use these to make our bird feeders!
- **Sweet Wrappers** - Please keep any brightly coloured sweet wrappers you may have at Christmas for us to use in our craft area.
- **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.
- **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 – in particular SOCKS!

Reminders:

- **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.
- **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 dismounted on arrival at the school gates.
- Please check seesaw weekly for updates on news, homework and what your child has been doing at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience in relation to spare clothing/missing items!

Many Thanks, Miss Hamilton, Miss Smith, Mrs Clydesdale and Mrs Cook

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	95.6%	Y3B	96.2%
YRB	97.1%	Y4A	98.9%
Y1A	98.5%	Y4B	99.6%
Y1B	97.9%	Y5A	93.6%
Y2A	95.9%	Y5B	95.9%
Y2B	95.3%	Y6A	96.3%
Y3A	91.4%	Y6B	92.9%
Whole School Attendance:		95.99%	



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	Nancy H and Grace M
Y1	Evelyn S and Piper W-S
Y2	Esmee M and <u>Dylan N</u>
Y3	Layla D and Jasmine G
Y4	Darcie D and Poppy D
Y5	Poppie W and Tommy W
Y6	Ellie T and Ethan H

Times Table Rockstars



Biggest Earner	Class
Jack S	Y5B
Georgie G	Y6B
Finlay C	Y4A
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Aria C	Y4A
Jack K	Y4B
Pearl P	Y6A
Golden Guitar Winner – Y4A	

This week's House Tokens

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



Bamburgh	195
Hyllton	135
Warkworth	170
Lumley	140
Dunstanburgh	145
Alnwick	125