



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Children in Need

A huge thank you to all children and parents who have taken the time to get dressed up today, school has been awash with Pudsey and Blush Bear's Yellow clothes, ribbons and children in non-uniform.

**Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to this cause.**



### Attendance Update

#### **Do you know what to do if your child can't come to school?**

If your child is poorly and cannot attend school or has a medical or educational appointment the school office **MUST** be notified prior to the **start of the school day**.

We have a dedicated absence telephone line on **0191 4381287 (option 1)** where a voicemail can be left, please state your child's name, reg group and the reason why they are absent.

The school office can also be contacted on the above number and selecting option 2 (after 8am) via Arbor In-App messaging and via emailing [office@lingeyhouse.org](mailto:office@lingeyhouse.org)

If we have not heard from you as to why your child is absent, school will follow the procedures below:

- Ring all contacts on the contact list to ascertain the reason why child is absent.
- If no answer, call a second time.
- If no reply our Family Support Worker or a member of the SLT will carry out a home visit.
- If the door is not answered school will follow safeguarding procedures and alert the relevant authorities.

#### **Term Time Absences**

If you wish for your child to be absent for any reason other than illness an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from the school office. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional'. Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the school's decision.

#### **Holidays During Term Time**

Lingey House Primary School is committed to maximising the potential of every child. You too want the very best for your child therefore good, consistent attendance at school is crucial to give your child the best chance of success. We need your support in ensuring that holidays are not taken in school time so that your child has the very best opportunity to succeed.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Our attendance target is **96%** for this academic year.

Headteachers are not able to grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are proven exceptional circumstances. Therefore, as a school we have adopted a standard practice of not authorising any family holidays in term time. This is in line with government guidelines and the local authority. If parents/carers, contrary to what the school has said, still decide to take their child out of school for a holiday then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

If you wish to make an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from the school office. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional'. Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the school's decision.

Parent/carers should be aware that if you take leave of absence during term time without making a prior application to the school, or if you make an application but your requested leave of absence is not authorised and still take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, if you keep your child away from school for longer than agreed/authorised, the excess absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Unauthorised absences on your child's attendance record may mean that you are liable to incur a Fixed Penalty Notice or could face prosecution. A fixed penalty notice will be issued to each person with parental responsibility for the child/children who is deemed liable for the offence/offences.

### **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. Lateness can have a huge effect on children's education. If you need any support with this, please contact our family support worker, Hannah.

Minutes late per day...	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year...	Which means this number of lessons have been missed...
5 mins	3 Days	15 Lessons
10 mins	6 Days	30 Lessons
15 mins	9 Days	45 Lessons
20 mins	12 days	60 Lessons
30 mins	18 days	90 Lessons

**Article 28: We all have the right to a good quality education.**

### **School Dinner Money**

If your child is in **Y3 - Y6** and has a school meal, Gateshead Council require the payment for those to be made in advance via Arbor the cost per day is **£2.70 (13.50 per week)**.

Payments are expected in advance for all school meals. Payment should be made on Arbor prior to Monday morning to any meals required during the week. Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly as preferred by the parent.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please complete an application [via this link](#).

*If you cannot access your Arbor account, please contact the school office.*

**Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.**

## Coffee Morning

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



**Article 5: We have the right to be given guidance by our parents and family.**

**Article 26: We have the right to help from the government if we are in need.**

## Author Visit – David Almond

Local author David Almond has had to rechedule his visit, he is now booked to come into school for an author visit on **Tuesday 19th November**. Y5 have been studying Skellig, Y6 have studied Skellig alongside their novel The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow.

We will have school copies of his books signed too. I'm sure if the children have copies of his book, he would sign these too, don't forget to bring yours in if you have one.



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## Library and Accelerated Reading Books

We have been in the process of updating our library inventory system so that we can keep track of all of the wonderful books we have here at Lingey House.

KS1 children have the opportunity to borrow a reading for pleasure book from our library on a weekly basis. This is then scanned out to them using a barcode located inside the book to their Library user account. Children may change their book on return of their previous loan.



KS2 children using accelerated reading books from the KS2 library also scan out their books with a barcode and user account. They can keep the book for as long as it takes them to read it and can borrow a new book on return of their previous loan. During the first half term, the children have been getting used to using the system, scanning books in and out. Now they are confident, we will soon be contacting parents for help locating any stock your child may still have on their account and a cost may be incurred if the book has been lost.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep track of our books so they can be enjoyed by many other children. Thanks for your support!

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## Asda Rewards

Asda have launched the Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools scheme, if you already have the app, please can you link it to Lingey House Primary, please can you ask family and friends to do so, as this will benefit our students greatly.

**This offer will finish on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**



**you scan,  
WE DONATE  
££s TO  
SCHOOLS.**

**Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

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- 1**  
**Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app**  
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**  
**Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com**  
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**  
**Asda does the rest**  
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

**Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.**  
Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google Play**

## Cheerleading Breakfast Club

We have an exciting opportunity for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to be cheerleaders at the **Newcastle Eagles on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

To be part of this wonderful opportunity please sign up to our Tuesday morning cheerleading club via Arbor by **19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Tickets are now available to purchase via the school office £10 each for parents, dancers will receive a free ticket !



**Article 15: You have the right to be with friends and joining clubs. Money accepted in office now**

## Nursery Stay & Play



## After School Clubs

We are excited to offer a wide range of after-school clubs. Places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. Places are available to book via Arbor.

**After school clubs will run 11<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**If you do not have an Arbor account, please contact the school office.**

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
<b>Monday</b>	No Clubs			
<b>Tuesday</b>	Games	Y1	Mrs Adams- Ratheram & Mrs Brunnock	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Coding	Y4	Mrs Lillie	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Breakfast Cheerleading	Y3/Y4	Coach	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Sewing	Y6	Mrs Iley & Mrs McMenemy	Places available – please book via Arbor
<b>Wednesday</b>	Basketball	Y5/Y6	Mr Burrell	FULL
<b>Thursday</b>	Christmas Crafts	Y1	Mrs Cook & Miss Attwood	FULL
	Film	Y2	Miss Langman	FULL
	Christmas Crafts – Blue Peter	Y4	Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Wellbeing	Y3	Mrs Masson & Mrs Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Singing	Y3/Y4 Y5/Y6	Mrs Goulty-Brown & Mrs McCallum	FULL
	Dance	Y5/Y6	Miss Mather & Mrs Goundry	FULL
<b>Friday</b>	No Clubs			

**Article 15: You have the right to be with friends and joining clubs.**

## Year 4 Fire Service Visit



### The Tyne and Wear Fire Service visit Year 4

Year 4 were visited by Ryan from the Tyne and Wear Fire Service. They learnt to identify fire hazards around the home, saw a science experiment about how quickly fire can spread, what to do if they see a fire and the importance of smoke alarms. The children asked many thoughtful and considered questions about Ryan's job as a firefighter.

#### Do you know??

- It takes less than 2 minutes for a room to be totally engulfed by fire.
- In 2 minutes, a fire will be hot enough to blow the windows out of their frames.
- If you close a door, it will give you about 30 minutes protection from a fire.
- Most house fires start in the kitchen.

If you do not have **smoke alarms** fitted in your property, the fire service will fit them for free. Call **0191 4441500** to arrange a visit and installation of smoke alarms. They save lives everyday!



# Ducks 2024 – 2025

## Parental Consent

A new consent has been created on Arbor; please can all parents/carers give consent via the Arbor App/Parent Portal Website if they are wanting to **allow their children to go into the Quack Shack to feed the ducks**. Children will not be allowed in the Quack Shack going forward without consent.

**Early Years** - Children in Nursery and Reception are welcome to bring in food from home to feed the ducks on their set days and we will prepare this in class.

**Rest of the School** – During OPAL each day, children will be allowed to feed the ducks at lunchtime with Miss Brown and Mr Burrell. If you are wanting to feed the ducks, please bring food into school and keep this with you in your class until lunch time. Please remember duck food needs to be chopped up into small pieces before feeding them 😊

Any donations of food that your child is not wanting to feed to the ducks, please drop these at the school office and they will hand them down to Early Years or OPAL.

Feeding		
Monday	Toddlers	Nursery 30hours
Tuesday	Rec A	
Wednesday	Nursery 15 hours PM	
Thursday	Nursery 15 hours AM	
Friday	Rec B	

Our school are trying to develop the Quack Shack to make it the best we possibly can for the ducks to live but also, to make it as sustainable as possible.

## If anyone would like to donate anything towards our ducks, we are looking for the following items:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hay bail for bedding or bags of animal bedding</li><li>• Herbs to plant in pots (living herbs or seeds) Rosemary, peppermint, chives &amp; coriander.</li><li>• Old bags of compost, grow bags and topsoil</li><li>• Egg boxes (to allow us to collect the eggs and sell them)</li><li>• Clover and grass seed Wild bird seed &amp; duck food</li><li>• A-frames made from wood for the ducks to hide in or tunnels</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large troughs &amp; large plant pots</li><li>• Fruit and vegetable seeds</li><li>• Large rocks, stones and rockery (no building materials)</li><li>• Stackers boxes and large bins to store food</li><li>• Pond plants to help clear the water</li><li>• Pond filter</li><li>• Pea gravel and stones</li><li>• Hang baskets that are empty</li><li>• Hanging plants for ducks to hide in</li></ul> |
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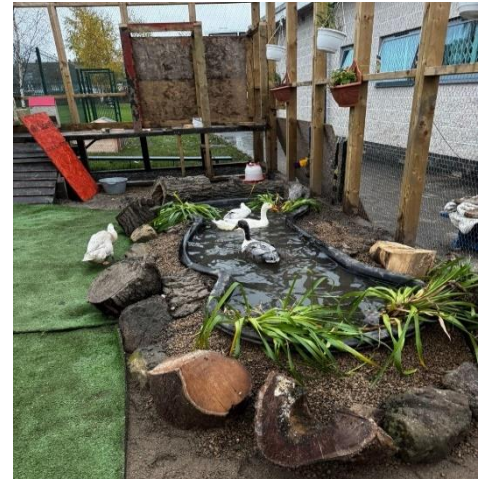
Photos below of the types of plants we are looking for!





## **We now have a pond!!**

Over the half-term; Mr Burrell, Mr McKeough, Miss Hamilton and Mrs Wood have been busy revamping the Quack Shack, we have built a pond and upgraded our muddy flooring to Astro-turf! Our ducks seem very very happy now and are still laying lots of eggs 😊



## **Duck Egg Updates!**

Our teachers and their children in school have been enjoying eating and cooking with our duck eggs! Look at how delicious they look. Miss Wilson has enjoyed making some yummy vanilla and caramel cupcakes with our duck eggs, she even found some double yokers!!





## Early Years Outdoors

This term, EYFS have been trying hard to develop the outdoor area to keep the children excited and develop their learning! It is looking great; however, we are on the hunt for a few items to help us get to our vision! If anyone has any of the following items, please could they be dropped into the EYFS outdoor area, or via the school office. Thanks in advance. 😊



### Loose Parts and Equipment Wish List for Early Years

Tyres – tractor, go-cart, bikes, scooter, pram, steering wheels. Car parts	Diggers, cars, and trucks  Wheelbarrows (adult or child), small shopping trolleys	Natural items – stones, tree stumps, logs, large branches, small twigs, seashells, beach rocks, driftwood,
Old decking, long pieces of wood, log	Small world animals – dinosaurs etc	Hay bales Bark
Bread crates, vegetable crates, old shopping baskets	Small world people of all sizes – preferably wooden or plastic	Large and small troughs
Guttering and piping	Spades, forks, trowels for digging	Old street signs, road signs and traffic cones
Cable reels of all sizes and materials	Large plant pots	Fancy dress costumes, hats, bags, scarves, jewellery, shoes
Tarpaulin, tent pegs, mesh, ropes, tent clips, tents for den building	Large trees that have been planted	Buckets Trugs and flexi tubs
Pallets	Netting and landscape netting	Bamboo
Buckets, tubs, laundry baskets	Willow for weaving	Fabric – curtains, sheets
Kitchen ware – pots, pans, utensils, cake tins, foil tins, tins of different sizes	Jugs, colanders, funnels, cylinders, pipettes	Tape measures, builders' tools (plastic) Pulleys
Plastic boxes for storage. Wooden boxes for storage	Clipboards Pencil pots Large paint brushes, window washers, sponges, brushes, hand brushes	Stage Musical instruments



# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Are you ever worried about your child's behaviour and aren't sure how best to help?

Do you want to better understand their needs and support them through those tricky times?

These workshops help parents think about strategies and to come up with a plan that focuses on a good life for your child and your family.

## GATESHEAD

Thursday 5th & Friday 13th December  
10am - 2pm  
Deckham Family Hub, Elgin Centre, Elgin Road,  
Gateshead NE9 5PA

I wish it was available to all parents.

I loved hearing other people's stories about their own families!

I felt valued and supported.



If someone in your family is under 18, and is autistic, has a learning disability or is waiting for a diagnosis of autism or a learning disability, please come along.

Please get in touch with **Jillian** or **Jen** at **Skills for People**.  
Tel: 0191 281 8737 or e-mail: [information@skillsforpeople.org.uk](mailto:information@skillsforpeople.org.uk)



Health Education England



Positive Behavioural Support  
NORTH EAST & NORTH CUMBRIA



North East and North Cumbria

## To all local parents and schools in Gateshead

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment.

Speak to your pharmacist if you suspect you have

**Earache**  
(Children aged 1 to 17 years)

**Visit your Pharmacy First!**

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP

appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above

conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.

Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)

Speak to your Pharmacist about if you suspect you or your child have an

**Infected Insect Bite or Impetigo**  
(Children and adults age 1 and over)

**Visit your Pharmacy First!**

Speak to your Pharmacist if you or your child have a

**Sore Throat**  
(Children and adults age 5 and up)

**Visit your Pharmacy First!**

The majority of Gateshead community based pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service.

Remember – if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or suspected infected insect bite think

**Pharmacy First!**

# 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	98.1%	Y3B	96.33%
YRB	94.55%	Y4A	98.67%
Y1A	85.17%	Y4B	97.93%
Y1B	85.86%	Y5A	97%
Y2A	<b>100%</b>	Y5B	99.33%
Y2B	90.37%	Y6A	94%
Y3A	97.99%	Y6B	96%
Whole School Attendance:		<b>95.12%</b>	

## This week's Superstars

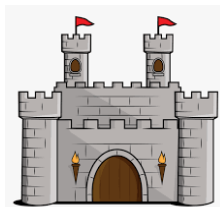


I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows

Year Group	
Reception	Albie L & Rhys T
Y1	Jake C & Alex G
Y2	Erin W & Piper W-S
Y3	Ollie J & George K
Y4	Charlie H & Lee G
Y5	Daisy H & Finlay C
Y6	Jack S & Sophia S

## This week's House Tokens

This week's winner's are  
**DUNSTANBURGH!**



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Hyllton</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Lumley</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>165</b>

## Times Table Rockstars



Biggest Earner	Class
Jack S	Y6A
Ella M	Y4B
Ava B	Y4A
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Charlie C	Y4B
Elizah S	Y4B
Ella M	Y4B
Correct Answers	
Jack S	Y6A
Harley S	Y4A
Caydence M	Y6B
<b>Golden Guitar Winner – Y4B</b>	