



Newsletter 4 - Thursday 21st October 2021

Welcome to our final newsletter for this term. Have a lovely break, rest and relax. Don't forget we have an INSET Day on Monday 1st November, so we welcome the children back on Tuesday 2nd November.

Project Enrichment

This exciting project aims to celebrate what makes Blackthorns Community Primary Academy and Lindfield Primary Academy great and to identify best practices that can be shared across both academies. We also want to explore other potential benefits, including new nursery provision and ways to continue developing our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) offer to support our growing community. Please visit our project hub:

www.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/enrichment or scan the QR Code on the right to take part and to have your say. Thank you.

PROJECT ENRICHMENT

CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

Your opinion is important to us, and we value hearing your thoughts about what makes our academies so great, as well as what we could do differently. There is still an opportunity to use your voice.

There is no time like the present...
so have your say now!

Year 6 DT Day

Last week, year 6 spent a day building shelters outside in the school grounds. The shelters were inspired by the Morrison and Anderson shelters of World War II. Their success was quite mixed, with some surviving the teacher's rainstorm (buckets of water) and others collapsing under the strain. It was a super fun experience!

Honor B, Oak Class.



Lindfield Sports Success Continues

On Thursday 14th October, a group of boys from Years 5 & 6 participated in a football tournament involving six schools from the Haywards Heath area. They got off to an amazing start by beating Northlands Wood 1-0. In their second game they suffered an unfortunate 1-0 defeat against a great St Wilfrid's side. They bounced back brilliantly from that defeat to get another 1-0 win against Holy Trinity. In their 4th game against Harlands, they came back from 2-0 to win it with the last kick of the game, which ended 3-2. In their final game against Warden Park Primary they blitzed to a whopping 4-0 win. In the end, Mr Geddie's team finished 1st and will now compete in the next round in November.



Music Curriculum Corner

At Lindfield we try to develop our music and singing skills in all our subjects. Since the beginning of the year we have heard children learning to sing their times tables, using rhythm and music in history lessons, singing during PSHE sessions and learning French and Spanish vocabulary through song. Each year group also has taken inspiration from the BBC 'Ten Pieces' project, which is an exciting initiative for schools led by BBC Learning and BBC Performing groups. The aim is to open up the world of classical music to a new generation of children and inspire them to develop their own creative responses using a variety of art forms, digital art, animation, performance poetry, dance or movement and composition. We use the programme 'Charanga' to support music lessons. The children have access to djembe drums, xylophones and glockenspiels which allows them to find the rhythm within a song and play along. This also means that children can have a go at improvising and composing alongside the music they are studying in the lesson. We are also very excited to welcome back some instrumental teachers this year, it has been lovely to hear the sound of the guitar through the corridors!

OFSTED inspection

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October 2021

As you are all aware, we welcomed five OFSTED inspectors into our Academy last week. The inspectors conducted a rigorous and challenging 2-day inspection based on the new OFSTED framework which came into practice in September 2019. This framework was different from the framework under which we were previously inspected in September 2018 for one day. This was an inspection that followed up on our previous one. The inspectors spoke to teachers, watched lessons, spoke to pupils and scrutinised the children's work. They also inspected safeguarding at our Academy. A report will be published shortly with their findings. Thank you all so much for completing the survey, speaking to the inspectors and wishing us luck. It meant a lot!

ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

'TEAM'

Please find below guidance about online safety from the NSPCC
- just follow TEAM!

- T-Talk about staying safe online
- E- Explore their online world together
- A-Agree rules about what is ok and what is not
- M- Manage your family's settings and controls.

You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website-
www.nspcc.org.uk
or give the NSPCC a call on **0808 800 5002** to chat to one of their
expert advisors
For more information, please follow the link www.nspcc.org.uk

Appointments with teachers

If you would like to speak to the class teacher about an issue in class, then there are two avenues for this.

1. Make an appointment at the office by either phone or email to speak to or see the teacher at a set time.
 2. Approach the teacher at the end of the day to discuss issues.
- Every Friday, between 9am & 10am, you can also pop in to discuss issues with Mr Still at his 'Principal Pop In'.

PTA News

Many thanks to all the parents that attended our Welcome Nights, it was a great opportunity for new parents to get to know each other and find out more about our fundraising. The term is starting to get busy with lots of events; the Wreath Making Night details went out this week and we will be releasing details of the Annual Toad Tournament at the Stand Up, look out for the ParentMail. Preparations for the Christmas Fair on the 4th of December are in full swing, after half term we will inform each class which stall they are running. So, start saving those tombola prizes, unwanted teddies, and second-hand books!

Our next Committee Meeting is the 9th of November at the academy, we would love to see you there. If you would like more details about the PTA or any event please get in touch by email lindfield.pta@gmail.com or find us at www.facebook.com/LindfieldPTA.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Over the next few newsletters we will be introducing our Safeguarding Team at Lindfield Primary Academy. Next up is our Designated Safeguarding Lead / Vice Principal:
Vanessa Smith.

If you have any concern about a child you can contact the DSL's through the academy office. It is also possible for you to make a referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly on 01403 229900



Reading Corner.... If you are looking for some sugar-free Halloween treats, why not try some of these hauntingly good Halloween reads?

For younger readers:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Halloween Trick or Treat by Eric Carle
Christopher Pumpkin by Sue Hendra
Pick a Pumpkin by Patricia Toht

For slightly older readers:

The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner by Terry Pratchett
There's a Ghost in this House by Oliver Jeffers

For older readers:

Coralline by Neil Gaimen
A World Full of Spooky Stories by Angela McAllister
Goth Girl by Chris Riddell

There are lots more great recommendations on lovereading4kids.co.uk

STAR of the Newsletter!

In this edition we would like to congratulate **all** the children of the Academy for sharing with the OFSTED Inspectors last week that they really love school and learn so much! This came from the children themselves, so thank you all! There can be no better seal of approval!



We would like to welcome volunteers back soon!

At Lindfield we recognise that volunteers have a great deal to offer our Academy and we are thrilled to announce that we are now in a position to welcome volunteers back. Our volunteers have completed a number of roles and tasks over the years that help keep the Academy running smoothly and effectively. If you have a free morning or afternoon, and you are keen to come in and support a class, hear readers, create displays or prepare class resources, then please look out for the volunteer letter on ParentMail and complete the application form attached to it.

Thank you.

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[@lindfieldsports](https://twitter.com/lindfieldsports) or
[@lindfieldpri](https://twitter.com/lindfieldpri) for all academy news and updates.

Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance:
8th – 21st Oct: **92.1%**

Highest KS1 class:
Pear (Y1) – 98%

Highest KS2 class:
Poplar (Y3) – 95.2%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 22nd Oct: **INSET Day** – academy closed to pupils
Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct: Half term holiday
Mon 1st Nov: **INSET Day** – academy closed to pupils
Fri 5th Nov 1.30pm: SEND Coffee & Cake event with Mrs Robinson
Mon 8th Nov: Year 4 author visit & workshop – William Grill
Tue 9th Nov: Year 6 visit to Newhaven Fort
Wed 10th Nov: School Photographer