



## Newsletter 6 - Friday 19th November 2021

Welcome to our newsletter! There are some important 'save the dates' for all our Christmas performances further down.

### OFSTED OUTSTANDING!

We hope you have all read our latest OFSTED Inspection report.

As a school we would like to thank you all for your support over the years leading up to this inspection, as the judgement of 'Outstanding' does not happen overnight. Our children were the stars of the inspection, offering positive comments and insightful remarks about their learning throughout the two days. They spoke highly of the Academy with real pride!

As a staff, we are delighted with the outcome and I would like to thank all the staff for their care for the children and the learning that takes place throughout the Academy every day.

#### The Great Fire of Lindfield

Year 2 had great fun creating Tudor houses to replicate those found in London in 1666. Mr Jantas then created our own 'Great Fire of Lindfield' and we observed the destruction it created. We thought about what we could see, hear, smell and how it would have made the people of London feel at the time.



Lindfield Primary Academy are very proud to have taken part in **Preventing-Bullying Week 2021**. The theme, created by the **Anti-bullying Alliance**, was 'One Kind Word'. The week kicked off with an Odd Socks Day - representing a celebration of being unique and the whole school uniting to work towards a common goal of stopping bullying. The children loved wearing odd socks and watching the Anti-Bullying Alliance Odd Socks rap with CBBC's Andy! The children also took part in a whole school assembly led by our very own Mr Geddie. In class, the children participated in discussions based upon how we all have a role to play in stopping bullying. They also experienced a wide range of activities including designing odd socks that reflect our individual personalities and uniqueness, sharing quality texts that promote messages and acts of kindness, giving each other 'caught you being kind' vouchers and look at how we can all include little acts of kindness in our daily routines.



#### Year 5 Residential Visit to Bowles

This week our Year 5 children enjoyed a three-day residential visit to The Bowles Outdoor Centre near Tunbridge Wells. The children took part in a variety of activities including skiing, raft building, archery, teamwork challenges, orienteering, low ropes and rock climbing. The children all had a fantastic time and demonstrated all of our school values whilst overcoming challenges and trying new things. They have returned, a little tired, with huge smiles on their faces, having learnt a lot about themselves.



#### **Remembrance Service**

Last Sunday, five Year 6 School Councillors and House Captains represented Lindfield Primary Academy at the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. In the service, Lucy Roderick and Jack Diack laid a wreath on behalf of all pupils, staff and parents and Mason Baker, Holly Downes and Tasha Keyte read their own poems to a packed congregation. All of them were superb role models and represented the Academy excellently.

Thank you children.

#### Eco corner....

Can you help us? We would like you to get creative using your rubbish! Can you make a decoration for our school Christmas trees using **recycled materials**? Please send your completed decorations into the school office by 29<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing them!



## Online Safety Advice- Netflix



### Spotlight on Safeguarding

Over the last few newsletters we have been introducing our Safeguarding Team at Lindfield Primary Academy. Finally, it is our Designated Safeguarding Lead / Teacher in charge of Pupil Premium - Rachel Crosbie

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....



### 'One Kind Word' in a book!

Following on from this week's 'One Kind Word' theme, Puffin Books have created a list of children's books that focus on kindness, empathy and accepting other people's differences. Download the list here- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/school-resources/puffin-books>  
More top tips in the next edition to support your child at home with their reading!

This week we want to tell you about the next part of our reading VIPERS.  
**I is for INFERENCE.**

Inferencing is often tricky because children have to use evidence from a text, think about what they already know and put it together to explain why a character has done something or why something happened in a story.

When reading with your child, look out for places where you know what is happening, how a character is feeling, or why an action happened but the author did not explicitly state it.

Then:

Pause and consider what evidence you used in the text and what you already knew to make the inference and ask your child questions to help lead them to use text evidence and his/her own knowledge and life experiences to make the inference.

## PTA News

Many thanks to all the Class Reps, parents and the Christmas Fair team who are working away to get everything ready for the Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> December. We could not make the fair a success without the support of all the parents and carers, and we thank you in advance for all your help with the collections over the next few weeks. Here is a little reminder of all the collection dates:

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - Non uniform day and Tombola collection

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Second handbooks, Teddies and Christmas Jumper collection

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Lucky Bags and Raffle ticket collection

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Cake collection

If you would like more details about the Christmas Fair or have any questions please get in touch by email [lindfield.pta@gmail.com](mailto:lindfield.pta@gmail.com) or find us at [www.facebook.com/LindfieldPTA](http://www.facebook.com/LindfieldPTA).

### WHAT WILL CHRISTMAS LOOK LIKE AT LPA?

#### Events are as follows.....

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Skylarks Choir opening the Orchards Shopping Centre Christmas Festival at 10:00am.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Skylarks Choir performing at Lindfield Christmas Festival in the United Reformed Church at 6:15pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fair 12pm-4pm

**Christmas Performance 'Save the Dates', (more details to follow)**

#### EYFS Nativity Sports Hall

30<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.15am Willow and Hazel  
30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm Walnut and Chestnut  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9.15am Walnut and Chestnut  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1.30pm Willow and Hazel

#### Year 1 Prickly Hay Sports Hall

8<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15am and 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:45pm  
Year 2 Prickly Hay Sports Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1:45pm and 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.15am

#### KS2 Carol Services Sports Hall

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am Year 6 only  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm Year 3 only  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am Year 5 only  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm Year 4 only

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

The children will spend the morning making Christmas hats and decorations for this special event. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day, if you so wish.

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

On the last day of term the children will be taking part in a range of fun Christmas quizzes in their classes with their friends. Christmas jumpers can also be worn if you wish

#### A few requests from us:

Please remember, due to Covid restrictions, we cannot have any of the usual board games or toys brought into school, or any Christmas accessories over the festive period.

**Christmas cards must not be brought into school to be swapped by the children.**

Thank you for your understanding.

### Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance: 5<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November: **95.3%**

Highest KS1 class: **Chestnut (YR) – 99%**

Highest KS2 class: **Cedar (Y5) – 97.9%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Tempest Photography absentee sitting  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> & Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr's 1 & 6 Dogs Trust Workshops  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: whole school non-uniform day for PTA Xmas Fair donations  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: all year groups Flu Immunisations in school  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Year 3 Pirate Day  
Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Year 4 Explorer workshop  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 12-4pm: PTA Xmas Fair  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Lunch  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 3pm: end of Autumn term