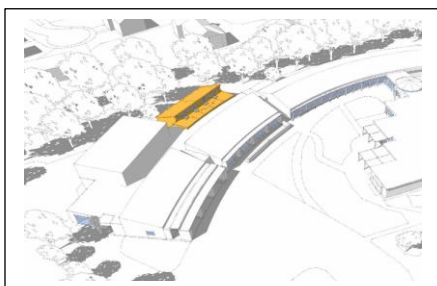




Newsletter 7 - Friday 3rd December 2021

Welcome to our newsletter! We hope you have a fantastic time at the PTA Christmas Fair tomorrow!



Design stage of the additional classroom build

We are now entering a very exciting stage of the additional classroom build. As you can see from the design in the top left hand corner, the position of the two additional classrooms has been finalised and design nearly complete. The remaining three designs here are of the new central courtyard play area. These are three designs suggested by the architect, however, the final design will be chosen by a team of School Council and staff representatives, who are meeting together to decide before the end of term. As this newsletter goes to print, it is hoped that the new EY play area, which has been under construction since half term, will have been completed just in time for the Christmas Fair!



A Big Thank You!

Many thanks to 'UpCountry' Garden Store in Scaynes Hill for supplying us with two beautiful 6ft Christmas trees for our Academy! What an impact the trees have had to our already festive environment!



Active Advent

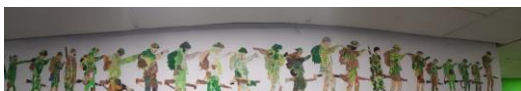
'Active Advent' is back! This year will see our incredible Sports Crew lead the activities each day with a different class. Keep your eyes peeled for some fun ways to keep active during Advent. As always, we love to see your videos of the children taking part!



Curriculum Corner...this week, Art

Art plays a key role in our creative curriculum, giving children a wealth of knowledge, skills and opportunities to create wonderful pieces of art. Our

Art plans are focused around four areas starting with an artist as inspiration. In year 6 we are looking at the work of 20th century artist John Singer Sargent. This is the springboard from which the children generate their own ideas, the second stage of our plan. Thirdly, the children will make their own pieces. In year 3 the children will be using watercolours to paint their carefully drawn Viking portraits. Once they have done this the children will evaluate and reflect on their work. With rich opportunities to explore great artists and generate their own art pieces from the knowledge and skills they have learned, our children produce exciting and individual sketch books, crammed full of creativity. We are proud to display the children's work around our academy, we hope you will enjoy seeing it too.



Chartwells Vacancy

Are you interested in school catering that fits around your family life? If so, why not join our friendly, professional team at Lindfield Primary Academy!

Positions are term time only over 5 days a week. Appropriate training will be given, smart uniform will be provided and staff discounts are available.

For more information please contact
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Eco corner....

The Lindfield Repair Café returns this Saturday. The focus this month is children's toys. Not only will they be repairing your loved toys but they are also collecting old and new toys for a children's charity. It is open 10am – 1 pm at the United Reform Church on The High Street.

Online Safety-Guidance for Tik tok

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. We want to ensure that all children and young people are protected from online risks and that they can enjoy the benefits of the digital world.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, and young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is so high that it is impossible to moderate everything – and since TikTok jumps a new introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

EXPLICIT SONGS
TIKTOK primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. However, some users have uploaded explicit or suggestive lyrics, often the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be lulled to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME
The app has created its own celebrity. One of the most famous TikTok stars, Charli D'Amelio, has over 100 million followers. She has been featured in the app's 'For You' feed, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become 'TikTok famous'. While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, some may find it easy to get noticed, even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY
Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video clips, the app's ability to keep users scrolling for hours is a key feature. It's also designed to be addictive, which allows users to buy products through the app.

IN-APP SPENDING
There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital gifts or rewards to comment on videos. These gifts can be used to create that a user likes, private things from the app – and earning 100 coins from 100 coins is connected with 'Shopify', which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT
Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they're viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information about their school or home address. If they're not taking steps to think critically about what they see on the app, they may become a victim of online abuse.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS
The default setting for all under-18s' accounts is 'private', keeping it that way is the safest solution. It means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Strict' (which sets users' video clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Good' (where you limit on another user's content) means your child's video clips are only visible to approved users. This means that your child's account is private, but it will notify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING
With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, which you can use to block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Family Pairing lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their privacy and security settings. The Family Pairing feature is available for all users who have a Family Pairing account. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE
In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (explicit content creator or hashtags, for instance) using Restricted Mode. This can limit the content your child sees, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable. It's a good idea to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME
As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (to encourage a healthy balance between screen time and other activities). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN, that way, your child can't get their regular dose of TikTok without waiting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert
Helen Jones is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the media industry and is the founder of Kids in Cyberspace, a charity that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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Reading Corner....

Our next VIPER focus is on **P for PREDICTION!**

This is a really straightforward reading skill and a good way to check if children have understood what they have read and can use evidence from the text to **predict** what might happen next.

Children often have great fun coming up with wild and wonderful predictions that may not necessarily have anything to do with what happens in the book and as children become better readers, this skill will develop. Inferencing and prediction often go hand in hand and a prediction question may lead to an inferencing question.

As you read with your child, you could ask some of these questions:

What do you think will happen next? Why?

What do you think the character is going to do next? Why?

What do you think this book is going to be about? Why?

What will...?

Who will...?

When will...?

Why will...?

After reading, you can then ask your child if their predictions were correct!

Countdown to Christmas with a book!

Tucked up in bed, with the joy of Christmas looming in the air, what better time of year to hunker down and get stuck into a good book? Find a list of great festive reads here:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2018/oct/christmas-classics-childrens-books.html>



Football Success

On Friday last week, the Lindfield Primary Academy boys and girls football teams took part in the Mid Sussex Schools Football Finals. This event takes the best teams from Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill and East Grinstead to compete against each other.

Both our teams did fantastically well against incredibly talented opposition.

At the end of the afternoon, the boys finished 5th and the girls 3rd in the whole of Mid Sussex. What a fantastic achievement!

As well as the Mid Sussex Finals, we have also hosted two football matches at the Academy against Wivelsfield Primary School over the past couple of weeks, winning both games, 2-1 and 3-1. This means that there have been 56 different children in Years 5 and 6 who have represented the Academy in competitive football fixtures this term, with the aim to organise more matches after Christmas. Well done to all involved!



Attendance update

Whole Academy attendance: 19th Nov – 2nd Dec: **91.7%**

Highest KS1 class: **Holly (Y2) – 95.8%**

Highest KS2 class: **Lime (Y4) – 96.7%**

Choir performs

Children from Lindfield Primary Academy Skylarks Choir and St. Joseph's Primary School, came together on Saturday to open the Orchards Christmas Festival in Haywards Heath.

Despite the rather chilly weather, parents came out in their droves to support the children's fabulous singing, many being moved to tears by their performance.

Mrs Rolph and Miss Martinez said the highlights were seeing the children so happy to be singing together, along with their excitement at wearing their new t-shirts which have been sponsored by the Orchards Shopping Centre as a thank you for all their performances over the years.

The LPA Skylarks Choir will be performing again at Lindfield Christmas Festival on Tuesday 7th December in the United Reform Church at 6:15pm.



Well done to our first set of 'Above and Beyond' children who have been consistently showing our academy values and being Ready, Respectful and Safe in the past 2 weeks.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 4th Dec 12-4pm: PTA Xmas Fair

Wed 8th & Thu 9th Dec: Year 1 Christmas performances

Fri 10th Dec: Year 6 'VE' Day

Mon 13th & Tue 14th Dec: Year 2 Christmas performances

Wed 15th Dec: Christmas Lunch

Wed 15th & Thu 16th Dec: KS2 Christmas performances

Fri 17th Dec 3pm: end of Autumn term

Tue 4th Jan: INSET Day

Wed 5th Jan: Spring Term begins