



Newsletter 8 - Friday 17th December 2021

Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 5th January 2022!



14 Christmas Shows and a massive Christmas lunch!

Many thanks to all of you who came to support the children at the array of LPA Christmas performances. We have been very lucky to be able to continue with these in the current climate, so thank you all for being responsible and supportive. As you can see from the pictures, the entire school community had a lot of festive fun. Thank you to all the academy staff, PTA, Chartwells staff and especially the children for putting on brilliant shows and having a great lunch.



Year 4 Explorer Workshop

Year 4 children took part in a very exciting workshop linked to our autumn term topic, 'Journey into the Unknown'. All of the children participated in drama activities that helped recreate Christopher Columbus's voyage to the West Indies, Ernest Shackleton's hazardous journey to the Antarctic and Neil Armstrong's first footsteps on the moon! Costumes, props and sound and lighting effects immersed the children in these historic moments. In the words of one of the children, "It was fantastic, funny and fascinating!"



Eco corner....

Last minute panic over what present to buy someone? Why not consider a charity present. Charities, such as, Oxfam and Unisef, have a range of eco-friendly gifts at varying costs. For example, for £15 you could help to provide clean water to a community in Kenya. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and don't forget to recycle your cards, paper and trees! Make this Christmas an eco one!

Midday meal staff vacancy

We have a number of Midday Meal Supervisor vacancies at the Academy – working term time only 11.45-1pm. These roles offer an excellent opportunity to contribute and get involved with academy life, whilst working around family commitments and gaining relevant and useful experience within the education sector. Please visit <https://careers.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/> for further information or follow the 'Vacancies' link on the Lindfield Primary Academy website. If you would like more information or have any questions about these roles, please contact the Academy office.

Attendance Update

Whole Academy attendance: 3rd Dec – 17th Dec: **94.1%**
Highest KS1 class: **Walnut (YR) – 96.8%**
Highest KS2 class: **Elm (Y6) – 97.1%**

ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

As we enter the festive holidays, many children will be receiving gifts from Santa, which can access the internet.

These actions can help make your connected home, safer for your child:

- 1. Do your research:** Research different products online and read reviews. This is a great way to find out more about a product including age restrictions and credibility, as well as hearing directly from other parents.
- 2. Read the manual:** Read the manual provided by the manufacturers. Information should be given about the privacy of the device, how it connects to the internet, and information about any app which may need to be downloaded in order to use the device.
- 3. Set up parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet enabled device in your home. You can find out more about how to use parental controls by visiting your broadband provider's website.
- 4. Use safe search:** Enable the 'SafeSearch' function on your connected device and web search engines. This will allow you to limit the material your child can see when online. It is important to understand that no parental control or 'SafeSearch' function is 100% effective. This cannot be used alone to protect your child from accessing age-inappropriate material.
- 5. Change the default password:** When you buy a connected device or toy, change the default password. Use a strong password that cannot easily be guessed and do not share this with others.
- 6. Set your Bluetooth to 'undiscoverable':** Many connected devices are Bluetooth enabled. This means they are able to connect to nearby devices without having to connect to the internet. If the device has Bluetooth, set this to 'undiscoverable' so your child doesn't share data or pair with an unknown device.
- 7. Review and/or delete audio files:** Some connected devices or toys work by listening to your child's voice commands, so these devices usually record and keep these audio files to work properly. Refer to the manual and find out how to review and/or delete audio files. If there's a microphone on your child's connected device, you can turn on the 'mute' button. This will stop the device from recording and storing audio files.

La Jolie Ronde

We have had a wonderful term of language learning and have enjoyed being back face-to-face with the children! Classes are now enrolling for January 2022. If you are keen in joining one of our classes, we offer:

- French for Years 1, 2, 3 & 6. (Monday & Tuesday lunchtimes)
- Spanish for Years 3 & 5 (Thursday lunchtimes)

All the children follow the structured La Jolie Ronde programme. This is designed to enhance the children's learning skills and to challenge them, in order for them to excel at the language and develop their language skills to the highest level possible. It is motivational and interesting but above all fun.

If your son/daughter is interested in joining one of our classes, please contact me for more information and/or to reserve a space for January 2022

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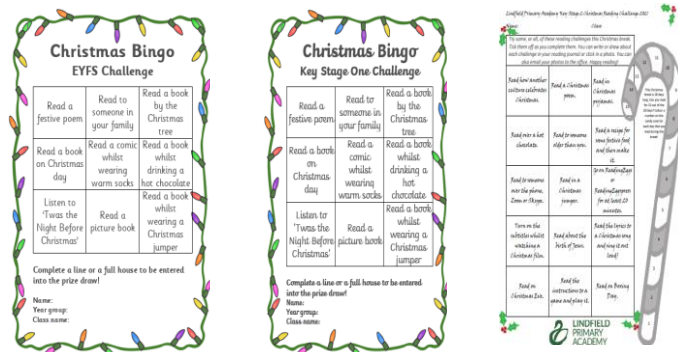


Well done to our second set of 'Above and Beyond' children who have been consistently showing our academy values and being Ready, Respectful and Safe in the past 2 weeks.



Reading Corner....

The festive season is a great time to rest and READ! Please have a go at our Christmas reading challenges sent home this week and remember that you can post pictures on Seesaw! We look forward to seeing all the lovely readers at LPA doing their challenges!



PTA News

What a wonderful Christmas Fair! Thank you to everyone who came, to all the volunteers, the Christmas Raffle team and the organisers who were all full of festive cheer, and lastly to the weather, for making our first outdoor fair such a success. We still have donations trickling in, but the total raised from the **Christmas Fair and Raffle** at present stands at a record breaking **£9,000**.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Wreath Making evening with some stunning creations. A special thank you to Carrie Faraday and Rebecca Batney for organising the event and even hand-delivering some wreath kits. Marshmallow polar bears and gingerbread men were just two of the delights on sale after school this week. Thank you to everyone that supported this event and apologies for not having more delicious delights, we will know for next year. A big thank you to Sarah Lewis, Helen Curtis and Susie King for all their festive baking. Don't forget **Lindfield Lights** is in full swing until **22nd December 4-8pm** every day. Pick up a map from Lindfield Coffee Works, Slake, Somers or Field and Forest. Thank you to Anna Shears and Claire Walters for making this happen! Lastly, the PTA would like to wish all the parents, carers, teachers and support staff a very Merry Christmas.

Farewell Miss Crosbie

The whole academy community have been saying a fond farewell to Miss Rachel Crosbie this week. Miss Crosbie has been teaching at Lindfield for 20 plus years. She began her career with us at Lindfield Infants School teaching a Year 2 class and she leaves her current Year 2 class this Christmas to pursue new adventures. We are hoping that we will see her again in and around the academy in 2022. Thank you Miss Crosbie - we will all miss you very much!



Other Staff News

Taking over from Miss Crosbie as Pupil Premium co-ordinator will be Miss Rachel Anscombe, who currently teaches in Year 4. Miss Anscombe is a very experienced teacher and will be a great addition to the academy senior leadership team. In the New Year, we will welcome Miss Karen Jane as replacement teacher in Maple class, year 2. Please extend her a warm Lindfield welcome. Earlier this term, two additional teaching assistants joined our staff team – Miss Richards to Early Years and Ms Hudson to year 4. It's great to add all these new faces to our Lindfield staff family!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 4th Jan: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils
Wed 5th Jan: Spring Term begins
Fri 14th Jan: Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Mon 24th, Tue 25th & Wed 26th Jan: Year 2 visits to Lewes Castle
Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb: Half Term Break
Mon 28th Feb: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils