



Newsletter 10 – 21st January 2022

Welcome to our newsletter. Lots to celebrate across the academy this week including a very successful Equality Week

Equality Week

There have been some really great discussions taking place across the academy during Equality Week at Lindfield. In Year 6, they have been discussing the protected characteristics embodied in equalities legislation. During their discussions children spoke about their own experiences and all learnt something new. In Year 4, children read the story 'Perfect' by Nicola Davies, the story of a little boy who overcame his feelings about his sister who was born with a disability. After watching Rose and Giovanni's moving dance on 'Strictly Come Dancing', the children discussed the sounds they would miss if they suffered hearing loss. Finally, Year 4 used these ideas to inspire their own version of the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough.

In Year 3, children discussed gender difference and whether this affected the jobs and roles that people have in society today and compared this to life 100 years ago.

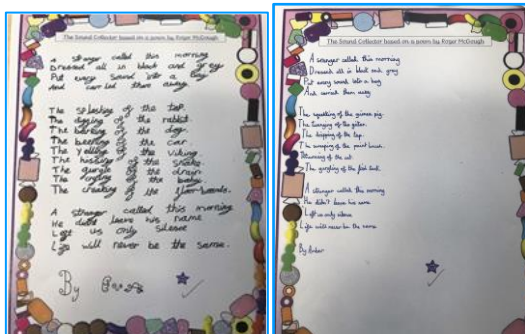
Our fantastic Reception classes talked about different families and drew fabulous pictures of their own unique family.



Year 6 wrote letters to Nadim Zahawi to explain the importance of having books like 'And Tango Makes Three' in all school libraries.

Eco Corner....

We are currently reviewing our school eco-credentials in preparation for us applying for an **Eco-Award**. As part of this assessment, our eco-warriors are busy conducting short surveys with a selection of pupils to help us gain a better insight into our provision and eco-procedures. We look forward to analysing the results!



Fantastic Sound Poems from Eva and Amber in Year 4



PTA News

Many thanks to everyone who attended our virtual PTA meeting this week. An evening full of thanks to everyone who helped last term and lots of updates on events for this year. Please see below for our forthcoming events, we are particularly looking for some **creative individuals** to help on a few projects. Please drop us an email to find out how you can get involved. Dates for your diary:

- **Eco Kids Clothes Recycling** – 31st January
- **Second-hand Uniform Sale** - tbc
- **School Discos** – Watch this space!
- **Quiz Night** – 4th and 5th March
- **Love Our School Day** – 8th May A family day aimed at looking after our school environment.
- **Golf Day** – 14th May
- **Village Day Parade** – 4th June
- **Summer Fair** – 18th June
- **Summer Ball** – 25th June



Attendance Update

Whole Academy attendance: 10th - 21st January: **94.2%**
Highest KS1 class: **Holly (Y2) – 99.2%**
Highest KS2 class: **Juniper (Y4) – 97.8%**

Christmas Charity Collections

We are delighted to announce that we raised £606 for the School Council's chosen charity for this Christmas, The Cheyne Charity for Children with Cerebral Palsy. Thank you so much to everyone who made such generous donations.

Reading Corner

Which category is your child in?

- A. Loves to read and will read for pleasure
- B. Will read when they 'have to'
- C. Is not motivated to read at all

Our goal (and we are guessing it's your goal too) is to get your child into the first category. But what can you do if your child just isn't motivated to read?

Make time for reading. If your child has a busy schedule and reading is squeezed between clubs and other engagements, it may seem like an unwelcome chore. Allow reading to be a relaxing and enjoyable time, free from pressure.

Set aside a regular read-aloud time with your children. Choose a variety of high-quality literature that appeals to your child's age and interests. **Don't abandon read-aloud time when your children get older - no one is too old for a great read-aloud.**

Make sure the reading material isn't beyond your child's reading abilities. The interest may be there, but if the book is too hard to read, your child's motivation will wane.

Create a cosy reading area. A special reading space may be all the encouragement your child needs to settle down and spend time with a good book!

Look for a variety of reading material. Children often gravitate toward the fiction shelves in the library, but don't stop there. There are many other genres to consider: joke books, cookbooks, how-to books, graphic novels and biographies are all great non-fiction possibilities.

Try buddy reading with your struggling reader. Sharing the reading with your child can help improve a child's fluency and make them feel more comfortable when reading on their own.

Have your reluctant reader read easy picture books to younger siblings. This provides excellent practice and gives them a confidence boost.

Let humour work its magic! Select a funny book at your child's reading level and read the first chapter aloud to hook them in. If your child wants to find out what happens next, they'll have to read it themselves!

X Fit Challenge

The sports crew are back with an exciting X-FIT challenge! They have been working hard filming the exercises for the Mid Sussex Active Virtual X-FIT Competition. Not only is this a Mid Sussex Active challenge, but it is also a house challenge for the whole academy! Good luck everyone!



Well done to these wonderful children who have been consistently **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe**.



Curriculum Corner

Personal Social Health Education

We've had an exciting start to PSHE this term with the launch of our Mindful Mondays, Well-being Wednesdays and Feel-good Fridays!

Children from all year groups will be taking part in lots of activities such as yoga, dancing, crafts, puzzles, drama, meditation, quizzes and origami designed to support and promote mental well-being throughout the academy.

In addition to this we have continued to follow our 'Jigsaw' scheme of work and our topic for this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. The children enjoyed Equality Week last week too, with children in Year 1 decorating their own Elmer the Elephant to celebrate differences.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 24th, Tue 25th & Wed 26th Jan: Year 2 visits to Lewes Castle
- Fri 28th Jan 10am: SEND Coffee morning
- Tue 8th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb: Half Term Break
- Mon 28th Feb: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils
- Thu 3rd Mar: World Book Day
- Fri 8th Apr: Spring term ends
- Mon 25th Apr: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils