



Newsletter 14 - Friday 25th March 2022

Welcome to our newsletter- all of our classes have been out of special measures this week! ☀

Healthy Schools

Healthy Schools - Competition Time!

Last week the Year 5 Healthy Schools Ambassadors delivered assemblies to KS1 and KS2. They were brilliant and the children listened intently to their key messages on how to Strive for 5!

The ambassadors talked about the need to :

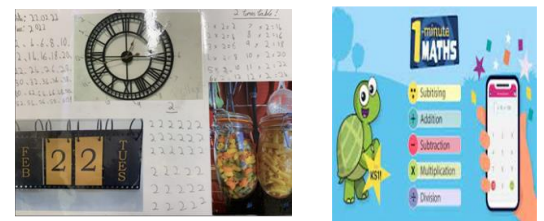
- Strive for at least 5 portions of different fruits and vegetables a day
- The fruit and veg section is one of the largest on the Eatwell Guide
- Fruit and vegetables form an important part of a healthy, balanced diet as they contain essential vitamins, minerals and fibre
- Aim to eat a wide range of different coloured fruit and vegetables – think ‘Eat the Rainbow’
- Fresh, frozen, tinned, dried and juice all count towards your 5-a-day
- 1 portion fits in the palm of your hand

The Ambassadors also announced a poster competition. All the children were asked to create a colourful poster containing some of these key messages. There will be a prize for the best poster in KS1 and also a prize for KS2. The ambassadors will be judging the posters. So please hand in your entries to Mrs Whelan by 4th April. Good luck everyone!



Curriculum Corner-Mathematics

At Lindfield Primary Academy, **maths** is at the heart of our curriculum. We follow the mastery approach where we help children develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. We know how important it is for parents to understand how we calculate in the different year groups so we filmed some video clips of the children demonstrating this. These can be found on the school website in the maths section. Remember to keep practising fluency skills at home. These include addition and subtraction facts to 20 in Key Stage One as well as 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table in Year 2. In Key Stage Two we focus on 2 - 12 times tables. Quick and efficient recall of these facts frees up working memory and supports reasoning and problem solving. Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars support this brilliantly. There is also a new free app from White Rose called 1 Minute Maths - we would highly recommend downloading this for speedy practice. The children love taking part in competitions and we had a fantastic level of participation in the ‘Twosday Challenge’ - thank you and well done to everyone who took part.



Autism Ambassadors at Lindfield

The Academy is launching a new initiative which will be introduced in Assembly next week. Children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to apply to be an Autism Ambassador to help themselves and their peers develop an understanding of the impact of having Autism Spectrum Disorder. There is an increasing awareness of the real difference that can be made to an autistic pupil when they are supported by staff and peers who have a good understanding of their condition. The children who become part of this special group will be involved in monthly meetings to discuss and action initiatives to support pupils.

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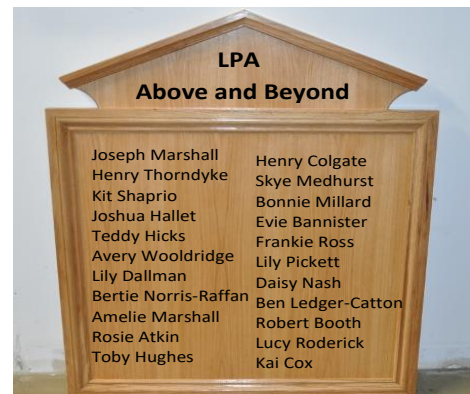
Girls cricket tournament

10 year 6 girls took part in the mid Sussex girls cricket tournament this week. They performed brilliantly and developed their confidence and skills in every game. They bowled, batted and fielded their way to 3rd place and did themselves proud!

Boys cricket finals

Our boys team made it through to the county finals recently with the matches being played this week. They took on 3 other schools, showing fantastic teamwork and great sportsmanship. Their passion for the sport is clear and incredible to see! Congratulations boys

Well done to these wonderful children who have been consistently showing our academy values and being Ready, Respectful and Safe in the past 2 weeks.



Safeguarding Spotlight:

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures that detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18.

At LPA, our first and foremost priority is to keep your child safe and healthy. There are safeguarding notices around our school to remind all visitors who the designated safeguarding officers are (DSLs) here in the academy:

In future newsletters, we will cover a range of safeguarding topics. If you do have concerns about a child and want to talk to a DSL here you can contact them through the main office or directly using dsl@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk



Safeguarding Officers



Swimtastic!

Swimmers from Year 6 represented our Academy at the Sussex Primary Schools Team Championships last week. They showed excellent style and technique and demonstrated amazing teamwork in their relay races. Mrs Bland was enormously proud of the squad for competing so confidently in this event.



PTA News

What a success World Book Day was, a sea of colourful costumes from all the children embracing the day. A warm thank you to all the parents and carers that came in to read and to Tom Mackewn the illustrator for supporting the day with great workshops for the children.

Mr Still stole the show at the PTA Quiz! A huge thank you to the quiz team and the bar staff for making this possible. Thanks also goes to all the parents/carers that supported both evenings. We look set to have raised over £2000! It was a highly entertaining event and so lovely to finally have PTA events back in person.

The PTA met this week to discuss up and coming funding and events for this term. Look out for exciting news about the return of the disco, a 'Love Your School' day and the return of the new look Parents' Ball. As always, keep in touch by email lindfield.pta@gmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/LindfieldPTA.

Reading Corner

Children and staff were left buzzing after our visit from poet Roger Stevens last week. Roger led some fun and engaging performances for all children before inspiring the staff with lots of innovative ideas for teaching quality poetry sessions. It was brilliant to hear all the children joining in with Roger's poems in the assembly; laughs were even heard by children working in the woods! The day was enjoyed by all and it was wonderful to hear the children talk about their poetry ideas in the corridors for days after! Thanks to Roger's book sales, his poetry is now being enjoyed and read aloud in over a hundred of your homes! Hearing the children speak to Roger while getting their books signed was heart-warming. They all raved about his work and told him how they were enthused to go home and write their own poetry. Roger was overwhelmed with the response and has asked if he can work with us again - maybe even as an author in residence! Raising the profile of poetry across the academy has been fun and exciting and we want to thank all the children who took part in our poetry celebration by sending in their performance poetry videos. Let's keep the poetry buzz alive!

Roger inspiring our young poets!

What to do when you see online abuse or inappropriate content

It may be that you, or your child, come across something upsetting or concerning online. It is important that you feel confident about what to do if you do see something inappropriate online, or if your child tells you they've seen something. If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice on 0808 800 5000 or online. If your child needs more support, they can contact [Childline](https://www.childline.gov.uk)



Attendance Update

Whole Academy attendance: 14th – 25th March: 92.8%
Highest KS1 class: Maple (Yr2) – 96.2%
Highest KS2 class: Palm (Yr5) – 97%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 30th Mar 6.30pm: Yr 6 SAT's Parent Information session – live at the academy
Mon 4th – Fri 8th Apr: Yr 6 Bikeability week 1
Mon 4th Apr 9am & 5pm: Yr 2 SAT's Parent Information sessions – live at the academy
Tue 5th & Wed 6th Apr: EY visits to the Bluebell Railway
Wed 6th Apr after school: KS2 Open classrooms
Thu 7th Apr after school: EY & KS1 & Palm class Open classrooms
Fri 8th Apr: Spring term ends
Mon 25th Apr: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils
Tue 26th Apr: Summer term begins
Tue 26th – Fri 29th Apr: Yr 6 Bikeability week 2
Thu 28th Apr: Yr 3 swimming lessons begin
Thu 21st Jul: last day of summer term