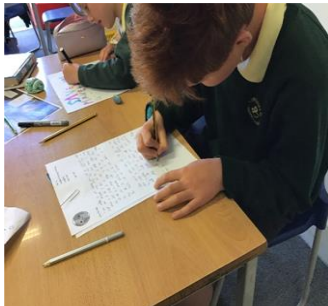




Newsletter 16 - Friday 6th May 2022

Welcome to our newsletter! Don't forget to send in your leaf for the Academy Tree of Pledges!



EARTH WEEK

Last week in school, we celebrated Earth Day and Eco Week. Celebrated internationally on April 22nd, we began our focus in school with assemblies for KS1 and KS2. Through this, the children learnt about how 'Earth Day' was started to help people think about the planet earth and how to look after it. This year the theme was 'Invest in our planet' recognising the need for everyone to work together to develop and use green solutions to help fight climate change.

Following on from this each year group planned a geography lesson connected to Earth Day, to develop children's understanding of the negative impacts on our planet and how we can repair the damage being done. As part of their learning, Early Years set up eggs to hatch in incubators, which they noticed needed to be powered by electricity. Linked to Switch Off Friday, they talked about what they could do to save electricity at school and at home, as well as what they could recycle. Year 1 looked at our natural world and focused on the school woods. They discussed the issue of litter before collecting old milk bottle tops and using these to create temporary pieces of art. Year 2 learnt about plastic in the oceans and thought about the different ways plastic bags could be recycled, for example as rain hats, whilst Year 3 focused on the fight against plastic across different environments and considered the changes being made to reduce the impact. Some children chose to write letters to Mr Still about this huge problem, whilst others created posters. Year 4 learnt about deforestation and how our actions impact the environment. Each child planted a sunflower seed recognising that by planting more plants we are investing in our planet. Year 5 carried out a science experiment to show the impact of greenhouse gases on temperature, before considering what can be done to keep the world cooler. Year 6 developed their understanding of climate change and recorded climate change pledges.

As well as this, we held a 'Switch Off Friday' and saved electricity, turning off interactive whiteboards, laptops, iPads, photocopiers, pausing emails and returning to paper registers! This really focused our minds on the theme of the week and challenged us all to adapt our days. Innovative lessons were delivered and enjoyed by children, away from the technology present in classrooms today.

Our school eco-warriors asked everyone to complete Newsround's environment quiz to find out how green we are and then together as a family pledge to do something that will positively affect climate change. As a school we hope to create a Tree of Pledges that will reflect the changes we are making that will help improve the environment in which we live.

Sports Round Up KS1 Tennis Festival

On Wednesday 20 of our Year 2 children went over to Warden Park Academy to take part in a Tennis Festival. Sport Leaders from Warden Park led various skill stations for the children. They developed their ability to serve, hit and run. A great time was had by all children and we look forward to seeing their skills in action.

Year 5 Cricket Festival

Some of our Year 5 children had the chance to learn new skills at the Mid Sussex Cricket festival this week. The children participated in a carousel of activity stations where they had the opportunity to develop their skills; they were hitting, bowling, catching and running like pros!

Rugby Superstars

Congratulations to the Lindfield boys who competed in the Under 11 rugby games for HHRFC last weekend. The children were an absolute credit to the team.



Spotlight on Safeguarding

Safeguarding is more than ensuring children are safe from abuse and harm. It is also about making sure children's basic needs are met and that they are ready to learn. Getting enough sleep is crucial to this!

A good night's sleep is essential to feeling good, being able to learn and staying healthy. A lack of sleep can make you feel poorly, unable to learn and not want to go out with your friends and family. If you, or your child, is struggling to get a good night's sleep, follow these top tips:

1. Think about your bedtime routine - What time do you go to bed? If you are going to bed too late, you will not get enough sleep. Try bringing your bedtime forward by 20 to 30 minutes at a time.
2. Make sure you are tired before going to bed - the less time you have to spend awake in bed, the better.
3. Have at least 15 minutes of quiet time before going to sleep so that your body and brain can relax and prepare for sleep.
4. Don't use your phone or computer before bed - this can stimulate your brain and make it more awake.
5. Try having a lukewarm bath as this can help your body to relax.
6. Try to go to bed at the same time every day once you have a settled routine.
7. Choose a relaxing activity before bed, such as reading or listening to calm music.
8. Create a cosy environment. Is the room dark enough? Is the room at the correct temperature... not too hot and not too cold?

STARS of the Newsletter

Year 6 have been arriving early into the academy this week to enjoy breakfast served by the teaching staff. We are so proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our Year 6 children. We know they are ready and prepared for SATS Week!



Back to PRIMARY School

We welcomed back some familiar faces last Friday when former LPA students who now all go to Oathall Community College came back to school as part of a 'Bring Your Child to Work' initiative! Sophie, Amelie, Ella and Elsa came in with their parents to observe and experience another point of view on life in a primary school. It was lovely to have them back and they did a great job at helping out in classes and on the playground.



PTA News

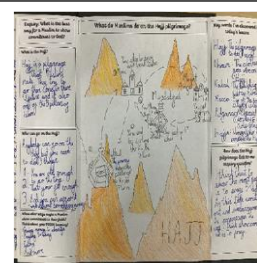
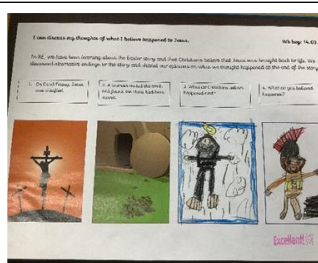
The summer term is in full swing and the PTA have already started planning an exciting term full of events. With the excitement of the Jubilee celebrations and the prospect of some sunny weather, we hope we have a range of fun events for all the family. Our first PTA meeting of the term takes place via Zoom on Tuesday 10th May at 8pm. Anyone is welcome and it is a great opportunity to find out more about the academy and share ideas.

Dates for your diary:

- Golf Day – 14th May
- Village Day Parade – 4th June
- Summer Fair – 18th June 12pm-4pm
- Summer Soiree – 16th July
- School Discos – dates TBC
- Swish Clothes event – date TBC

Curriculum Corner - Religious Education

Over the last few months at school, we have celebrated several exciting events in our R.E. learning – from Easter to Ramadan. Across the school, we have been continuing to delve into our 'big enquiry questions' – with each year group exploring some exciting topics based on these. In Year 6, we learnt about the Hajj pilgrimage – asking ourselves the question 'how do Muslims show commitment to their faith?' Recently, in Year 2, the children thought deeply about the Easter story – ordering the events from the beginning to the end. Take a look at our **fab** work!



September starters

Welcome letters and School Place Acceptance forms have been sent to all families with children joining us in Reception in September. If you have a younger child joining us, please return the necessary documents to the academy office as soon as possible to assist our admin and induction processes. Thank you.

Over and Above

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:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wk com 9th May: Yr 6 SATs tests
- Wk com 16th & 23rd May: Yr 2 SATs tests
- Tue 17th May: Yr 6 visit to Warner Bros Studio
- Tue 17th May: SEND ILP parent consultations
- Wed 18th May 6.30pm: Yr 6 IOW Parent meeting
- Thu 19th May: Yr 5 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
- Fri 20th May: EY/KS1 'Managing Behaviour' parent workshop
- Wed 25th May: Yr 6 leavers' photos
- Fri 27th May: Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd Jun: Half term break**
- Mon 6th Jun: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils**