

Newsletter 1 - Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a FANTASTIC start to the new academic year we've had! It has been wonderful to have all the children back and to see so many happy, smiling faces. They have settled in to new classes and are already engaged in their new topics.

We hope that you had a lovely summer break and managed to relax and enjoy family time.

At the end of our first week back, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all so much for your support in getting your children off to a fantastic start to the year. The systems, procedures and support we have put in place are working well.

We also hope that you found your welcome meetings informative. All year group information will also be sent out via Parentmail.

NEW STAFF update: I'm sure you will join us in welcoming all our new staff: Assistant Principal and Inclusion – Claire Batchelor, 1st Year Early Career teachers – Alice Bowdery in Year 1 Pear class, Nessa Shoesmith in Year 2 Rowan class and 2nd Year Early Careers Teacher - Amber Grierson in Year 4. We would also like to welcome our new teaching assistants: Callum Weir, Ethan Kenward and Sue Simpson.

How the new term has begun.....

Reception children arrived today for their settling in sessions- how exciting!

Year 1 – The children in Year 1 have made us all incredibly proud this week. They have settled well into their new routines and have enjoyed following a treasure hunt to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. We have loved reading the story of The Jolly Postman and practicing number formation in the sand and water!

Year 2 – We had an exciting delivery from Australia this week in the form of a didgeridoo! We enjoyed watching videos of aboriginal dancing and didgeridoo playing. We were history detectives and looked at artefacts from the Great Fire of London.

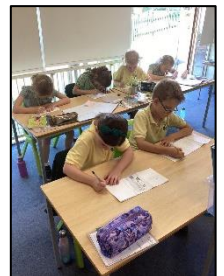
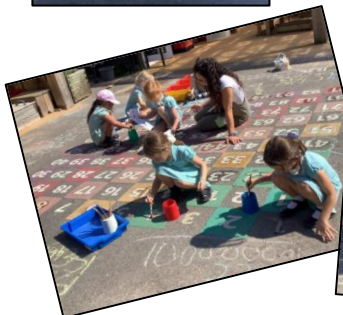
Year 3 – We have been learning all about ourselves inspired by the fantastic book 'Can I Build Another Me?' We have also been creating Jigsaw puzzle pieces linked to PSHE and talking about our holiday memories.

Year 4 – We have been drawing adventure stories and going on a journey with our pencils to see where they take us!

Year 5 – We explored how mountains are formed using different materials and resources. The children were proud to share their incredible mountain posters and they are looking brilliant on our displays!

Year 6 – We have been playing lots of team games, getting to know each other and reminding ourselves of our academy qualities and what they mean to us. We all loved the text 'Can I Build Another Me?' and enjoyed exploring this question.

As you can see the children have been very busy already!



Mission, Vision and Values

As a member of the University of Brighton Academies Trust, our vision is to be a centre of excellence in education, where every student is given the support they need to achieve their dreams. We believe that by working together, we can make a real difference in the lives of our students, and we are committed to delivering excellence in everything we do.

Achieving
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Nurturing
Potential

Academy Qualities



Reading Corner

Well done to all children who have returned their Academy Summer Reading Challenges! It has been brilliant to see all the fun reading activities that have been taking place over the holidays! Remember- it's not too late! If you have completed any of the reading activities, bring your sheets back in next week to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

2,029,502 books have been read so far in the 'Ready, Set, Read!' library challenge! Well done if you contributed to that total!

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Lindfield Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and procedures in place for all staff to follow. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that any concerns are discussed with a child's parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare. Should you have a concern, our Safeguarding Team are always available to speak to or contact via email: dsl@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk

Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for all your help in ensuring a smooth transition to our adjusted school day timings. It is always a challenge getting so many children and families on and off the school site safely so we are very grateful that you have been so supportive and adhered to the new timetables.

Please continue to park away from the school site and walk in. **Blue badge holders** and those with office **authorised parking permits** are the only people we can allow to access the site by car during drop off and pick up times in order to ensure children and families can move freely and safely.

If you have a child in Year 5 and/or 6 and wish for them to leave the site unaccompanied at the end of the day, please ensure that you have sent a message to the academy office. We cannot let children leave the site without a care giver until this confirmation is received.

Lunchtime vacancies @ LPA – new term new job?

We have several vacancies for midday meals supervisors to join our friendly happy team. This is a paid role, 1.25 hours a day during term times only. You will supervise children in the playground and during the academy lunchtimes, laying out and clearing tables and ensuring the dining hall is cleared of rubbish at the end of the lunch sessions. You do not necessarily need to work every day and no previous experience is required. Please do tell your friends, grand/parents and neighbours – this is a great way to give something back to your local community and get involved. Please contact Caroline or Esme via the academy office or on 01444 482524.

Vehicle Safety

School Lane is a public road so drivers and pedestrians please be mindful and take care when arriving and leaving the school site. We also request that children do not scoot or cycle across the playgrounds at drop off and pick up. Thank you

STARS of the Newsletter



A huge well done to Amelie Sturt in Year 3 who raised money by making and selling paper fans over the holidays. She kindly donated all the money raised to our academy.

PTA News

We hope you are all settling in to the start of the Autumn Term and are looking forward to some exciting PTA events that we have in the pipeline. We look forward to sharing our **Calendar of Events** for the upcoming academic year with you very soon. This will allow dates to be added into diaries and for plenty of notice to be given for what is ahead.

Next week (Saturday 16th September) we will be welcoming many of you to our **New Reception Parents' Night Out**, 7.30-10pm in the Sports Hall. This has been an event we have offered for many years and is a lovely opportunity for current and new parents with Reception children to mingle and make connections with others...the school run doesn't always allow sufficient time for lengthy chats! We have had a good uptake already but should you still be keen to secure a place please do follow the link attached to the ParentMail that was sent out in July or contact lindfield.pta@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Lead



Vanessa Smith
Vice Principal

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Marcus Still
Lead Principal



Claire Batchelor
Assistant Principal
Inclusion



Nick Geddie
Assistant Principal



Lucy Duncaife
Assistant Principal



Rachel Anscombe
Pupil Premium
Lead

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Year Group	Gate/playground	Arrival time	Pick up time and location for parents waiting to pick up
Year 1	Key Stage 1	8:40	3:10 KS1 playground
Maple Mulberry and Rowan Class (Year 2)	Key Stage 1	8:40	3:10 KS1 playground
Holly Class (Year 2)	Key Stage 2	8:40	3:10 KS1/ KS2 playground
Year 3	Key Stage 2	8:30	3:10 KS2 playground
Year 4	Key Stage 2	8:30	3:10 KS2 playground
Year 5	Key Stage 2	8:30	3:15 KS1 playground
Year 6	Key Stage 2	8:30	3:15 KS1 playground

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 26th Sept- European Languages Day
Thurs 5th Oct – National Poetry Day
Fri 6th- Poetry in Pyjamas Day for Time 4 Children
Mon 16th-Thurs19th- Parent Consultations Years 1-6
Wed 18th Oct: Early Years '6 weeks in' session
Fri 20th Oct: **INSET Day** – academy closed to pupils
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct: Half term holiday
Fri 10th Nov: School Photographer
Mon 13th – Wed 15th Nov: Yr 5 residential visit to Bowles