



## Newsletter 3 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**So many wonderful achievements to celebrate this week across the academy.  
It's a Super Celebration Week!**

### The Power of Poetry....in pyjamas!

*"Poetry is many children's route into reading. Its rhythms and patterns introduce children to a range of reading skills. Poetry is rooted in word games, wordplay, song and rhythm, and it is particularly important that it should be heard as well as read. Children need opportunities to read poetry aloud, join in and hear poets perform their own work. If poetry is not given a voice, if it just stays on the page as a printed object, then it is not going to come alive for most children. The best way to help children to become comfortable with poetry is to make sure they hear a wide range of poetry as often as possible. It is important to hear and feel the distinct rhythms of different voices and dialects, considering what this adds to our own interpretations of poetry." CLPE Poetry in Primary Schools*

We have certainly experienced the **power of poetry** this week! Roger Stevens was back and performed his most loved poems to Key Stage 2. It has been really wonderful to see the impact of Roger's regular visits on the children's engagement with poetry. They enjoyed requesting their favourites and were reciting the poems along with him!

All children have enjoyed class based activities including reading and writing poems linked to their topic learning.

Rounding off the celebrations with our 'Poetry in Pyjamas' event was a great success in support of local charity, Time 4 Children. *"Time 4 Children is a small charity based in Haywards Heath, dedicated to improving the emotional wellbeing of children of primary school age in Mid Sussex. They provide free one-to-one Emotional Listening Support for children who find it hard to express their thoughts, feelings, experiences and worries safely."*

It was great to see such a wide variety of poetry being shared between the children. Thank you for your support in marking **National Poetry Day**.



### **Lunchtime vacancies @ LPA**

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, grandparents 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. Or alternatively, please click the link below and apply.  
<https://careers.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/Job/JobDetail?JobId=2930>

### **STAR of the Newsletter!**

Massive congratulations to Hattie Faulkner who represented the South East at the Regional Challenge Cup Trampoline Finals recently. The finals were held in the Utilita Arena in Birmingham. Hattie was one of only two gymnasts to qualify in her category across the whole of the South East. Competing against exceptional gymnasts from across the UK, Hattie performed two beautiful routines. Competing in such a massive arena, and so far out of her comfort zone, it was a tough competition. Well done Hattie. You should be very proud of your achievements this season.





'500 Words', the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until **Friday 10 November**.

"This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

This year, there is a brilliant free guide packed with guidance on creating the best 500-word story. From thinking of ideas and planning the story, to editing the writing and coming up with that attention-grabbing title – there's help and top tips to support and inspire all of our young writers."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

### Book Battle Competition Success

This week, 5 x year 6 pupils represented our academy at a locality Book Battle! They had to prepare a persuasive speech on why their books were the best books EVER and they went head-to-head with pupils from 5 other schools in 3 separate rounds. Each round had to be better and more convincing than the one before. Our pupils were exceptional and convinced many other children to read the books they were battling for. Ultimately our very own Harry Slimmon from Oak class won the overall battle, convincing everyone there that 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' is in fact the best book ever! Mischief Managed Harry!

### PTA dates

We are excited to announce our first **PTA** event of the school year; the **Colour Run** is back! The best news is that it will be in collaboration with the Friends of Blackthorns: our children at Lindfield Primary Academy will be running side-by-side with the children of Blackthorns. Held during the school day on **Wednesday 18th October** we'll announce more details and a shout out for volunteers very shortly! Don't forget our **PTA AGM** is taking place in the Community Room at the school next **Tuesday 10th October at 8pm**. You are all welcome to attend so please do come along.

**Save the date** for our Christmas Fair; **Saturday 2nd December!**



### Football Fanatics

The academy has gone football crazy this week. An incredible 105 children across Years 5 and 6 attended 'trials' with Mr Geddie, all showing excellent skill and determination! The aim, as always, is to ensure that all of these children have the chance to represent the academy in a football fixture during this academic year. The competitive matches started on Wednesday with both the Boys and Girls Haywards Heath Football Tournaments. Both teams did fantastically well, with neither losing a game. The girls' team came second in their competition, winning two games and drawing two without conceding a goal. The boys won all 6 of their matches, scoring 13 and conceding only 1 during the afternoon. This meant the boys finished first and will go through to represent the Haywards Heath schools in the Mid Sussex Finals later in the term.

On Thursday, 24 year 5 boys and girls were selected to play matches against Blackthorns on our academy field. The children again did exceptionally well, showing great teamwork and no little skill. The girls drew 1-1 with the boys' teams having one victory and one defeat. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of children represent the academy in a sporting fixture having not had that opportunity before.

We are very proud of all 43 children who have represented the academy in football this week.

Well done everybody!



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr 1 Village walk  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr 6 shelter building  
 Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: EY Village walk  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: EY '6 weeks in' session for parents  
 Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr 2 Great Fire of London workshop  
 Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr 4 Explorer workshop  
 Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Yr 6 visit to Newhaven Fort