



Newsletter 5 - Friday 10th November 2023

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2.

We are beginning to hear the sounds of children singing songs as they prepare for Christmas!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy start to Term 2. This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day in assembly. We have focused on the poppy and celebrated the eco-friendly fully recyclable paper poppy design for 2023. Year 6 children have been busy writing poems and school council and house captain representatives will be reading selected poems in the service at All Saints Church on the 12th November and will be laying a wreath with a special message from all of us at the academy.

We all dressed in red to celebrate Show Racism the Red Card, raising money and awareness for this fantastic charity.

Our Reception parents came into school for their parent consultation meetings and we also invited parents/carers into the academy from Year 1 and Year 2 to talk about supporting early reading.

Thank you to Miss Duncalfe, Miss Jane and Mrs Cook for providing further detail on how to support reading at home. The academy has been full of legendary lines of children looking clean, smart and beautifully brushed up for the day of photographs. Thank you to Mrs Jerbi for carefully coordinating this event!



Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

Our children have a great deal of responsibility when they get to Year 6. It is time for a Roll of Honor for our Year 6 Ambassadors for the year ahead!

House Captains

Blue: Alice B, William R

Green: Arwen F, Reuben N

Yellow: Ethan B, Tilda L

Red: Barnaby T, Layla R

Sports Crew

Finn HS, Harry S, Noah B, Bodie SM, Sam CC, Amber TB, Lexie P, Freya S, Charlie T, Elodie E, Caspar R, Poppy S, Megan J, Vinnie RN, Flynn B, Charlotte K

Junior Librarians

Eliza B, Seren C, Isabella H, Immy M, Summer H, Jasmine A, Hattie A, Nancy S, Eva B, Isaac F, Freddie P, Archie D, Hanna M, Hari M, Daisy P, Martha H, Hattie F

Peer Mediators

Evelyn D, Immy M, Lily B, Jasmine Y, Hattie A, Daisy R, Diana S, OllieMT, Aedan H, Tilly J, Millie MW

PTA News

A huge thanks to Carrie and her amazing team for Love Our School Day! What an incredible difference they made to the academy and extra thanks to everyone who turned up, even in the pouring rain! Thank you so very much. Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Monday 13th November in the Academy Community Room from 19:30 – 20:30. Come and find out what we do and how we help the academy, followed by drinks in the Stand Up afterwards. Teams link will also be available for the meeting.

Upcoming events - Toads Night – 25th November, Christmas Fair – 2nd December, Village Night – 5th December and Wreath Making – 6th December

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD.

At LPA we feel it is important to show that we are united together to promote positive relationships and to challenge misconceptions and stereotypes in society.

On our fund-raising day the children had a special assembly and took part in activities linked to our celebration.



Reading Corner

Reading is such an important part of a child's learning and has numerous benefits so it is really important to encourage children to read EVERY DAY! Some children struggle to find books that are right for them so here are a few top tips on helping your child to become a confident reader.

A book with a hook!

Start with books that really interest your child. Whether it's fiction or non-fiction doesn't really matter so look for books with front covers that grab their attention!

Don't judge a book by its cover!

Read the blurb together to see if this book is going to be about something that your child can sink their teeth into.

The 5-finger rule.

Open the book to a random page and ask your child to read that page. For each word that they are not sure how to read, pronounce or understand, they should hold one finger up. If they get to the bottom of the page (or before) and they have 5 fingers up, that book is too challenging for the moment. (But keep reading other books and try it again later!)

Try poetry!

No, really! Poems are perfect for reluctant readers! They are short, some of them are really funny and children can reread them loads! It's not as intimidating as a big ol' book! We have loads of great poetry books in our LPA library! Go on, give it a go!

Ignore your friends!

This is a message for the kids!

Not every book is everyone's cup of tea! Be a Unique Octo and go your own way when choosing books! Not everyone is ready to read the whole Harry Potter series and that's okay. Choose a book because you love it, not because you think it looks cool!

Go online!

This guy loves reading as much as we do and he is constantly updating the reading lists on his website:

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com>

Check out some recommendations and even try before you buy! His website often has a few pages or even a whole first chapter available to read for free:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk>

Head to the library!

The people at the Haywards Heath library LOVE books and are GREAT at recommending books!

Staffing news

This week we sadly said farewell to Mrs Humphries, TA. She will certainly be missed by the team. However, we have welcomed some new members of staff joining our Teaching Assistant team.

Miss Worrall in Reception and Mr Mckewn in Year 6. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Munden and Mrs Carpenter who will be joining the team in Year 1 and Reception. We are also welcoming Mr Sampson who will be our new Premises Manager.

STAR of the Newsletter!

Year 2 – Emperors of Enthusiasm

Year 2 have had a very exciting few weeks learning all about 'The Great Fire of London.' We were lucky enough to have Samuel Pepys come into school before half term and tell us all about the terrible event which all started on Pudding Lane. Last week we had our very own 'Great Fire of Lindfield' where the children took great pleasure in watching their handmade houses go up in flames - with safety in mind. We also enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service, who told us all about the importance of fire safety. This week the children got wrapped up and moved into colder climes enjoying a hot chocolate in the

Arctic.



Thank you to our
fire expert Derek
Richards for
helping to keep us
all safe



Considerate Driving and Parking Please

Autumn weather has now arrived and we urge that you all take great care when arriving at school. Please park and stride into school so that our children can cross the roads safely and carefully near the academy.

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

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Socks Day

Mon 13th – Wed 15th Nov: Year 5 residential visit to the Bowles Centre

Tue 14th, Wed 15, Thu 16th Nov: Academy Open Days – see website

Tue 14th Nov: SEND parent consultations

Fri 17th Nov: Children in Need non-uniform day

Tue 21st Nov: Yr 3 Pirate Day

Wed 22nd Nov: all year groups Flu Immunisations in school