



Newsletter 4 - Friday 24th November 2023

Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 children for touring our prospective parents last week at our Open Day sessions. They received so many positive comments and glowing reports - Stars of Success!!

Preventing Bullying Week 2023

Lindfield Primary Academy are very proud to have taken part in Preventing Bullying Week 2023. The theme, created by the Anti-bullying Alliance, for this year is 'make a noise about bullying'. The week kicked off with an Odd Socks Day - representing a celebration of being unique. The children loved wearing odd socks and watching the Anti-Bullying Alliance Odd Socks rap with CBBC's Andy! The children also took part in a whole school assembly lead by Mr Geddie. In class, the children participated in discussions based upon how we can all take an active role in preventing bullying and reaching out to support others. When we reach out we can make a difference! Creating posters and designing odd socks were among some of the activities shared throughout the week along with children receiving 'caught you being kind' vouchers. We enjoyed a fun end to the week with our Children in Need celebration on Friday. We are very proud to have such a supportive community.



Attendance

Whole Academy attendance: 13th – 24th Nov: **95.4%**
Highest KS1 class: Holly (Y2) – 97.7%
Highest KS2 class: Pine (Y4) – 98.8%

Bowles 2023

Laurel Class have been busy reflecting on their Bowles experience this week.

Climbing: One of the activities at Bowles was rock climbing. In this experience we got to climb different sections of the ancient rocks. We all had different roles. Three people were required to hold the ropes and hold them tight whilst one person climbed. Reaching the top of the rocks felt like a great accomplishment. By Sophie, Ella, Henry, Jack and Zach.

Archery: Whilst we were at Bowles, one of the activities we got to experience was archery. To do this we were given a bow and 3 arrows. We had to hold the bow really steady and feed our arrow into the starting position. Some of us hit the middle of the target! We had to wait for everyone to take their go and carefully walk to collect our arrows. By Elsie, Naomi, William and Jordan-Lee.

Skiing: During our stay at Bowles, we got to experience the nurse and big slope. They were both such fun. We got to practise lots during our time at Bowles. Each time getting better and better. By Elliot, Skye, Miles and Pippa.

Low ropes: We got to experience the low rope course. We were partnered up and they helped us walk around the course safely, checking we were clipped in. There were some easy but some challenging parts of the course. It was so much fun being high up. By Milla, Eloise, Noah and Leo.

Dorms/Food: The food at Bowles was very yummy. On Monday we got to choose where we sat and that was our seat for the rest of our stay. One of the desserts was a chocolate cookie – YUM! Our favourite meal whilst at Bowles was the chicken goujons. Our rooms were nice and comfy. We had room inspections and some rooms were tidier than others. By Alfie, Billy, Barnaby and Eliza

Team Buiding: Whilst we were at Bowles, our team work skills were put to the test. First we headed into the woods where we did lots of different challenges. One involved getting over a muddy swamp with only 2 planks of wood. Another activity was called the table maze, this involved some of the team being blind folded and other members of the team giving careful instructions to help guide the ball through the maze. By Oliver, James, Frankie and Eleanor.



School Council Update

The School Council and House Captains have had an incredibly busy term. Recent events have seen the children meet with members of our Academy Trust School Improvement Team to discuss their role and make suggestions for ways to make the academy even better, contribute to Remembrance poems for some of our Year 6 children to read at the All Saints Church service, meet Buddy, our new Therapy Dog and to choose the charities we wish to support for this academic year. The children have selected to collect donations for two charities this time. One is the RSPCA, which is a charity close to the children's hearts. It supports mistreated and abandoned animals. The other charity the children have chosen to support is Finley's Touch. This is a local charity set up by the family of a young boy, Finley, who died of a rare form of Leukemia. The charity supports children with childhood cancer and their families. Some of our older members knew Finley personally and spoke passionately about this cause. There will be collection buckets at our upcoming Christmas shows where any cash donations will be gratefully received. We regret we cannot accept card donations so please get hunting for that loose change!

PTA News

It was fabulous to see some new faces at the committee meeting last week, thank you to everyone who attended and helped fund some fabulous projects for the academy. Please look out for a ParentMail coming out with more details on everything PTA as well as future PTA meeting dates. Thanks to Stephen for all his work organising the Toads Night. We hope everyone enjoys themselves. Thank you in advance for everyone's support with the Christmas events coming up; we really appreciate all of your support with donations, lucky bags, raffle tickets and running stalls on the day. **Upcoming Events**

Christmas Fair – 2nd December

Christmas Festival Night – 5th December

Wreath Making – 6th December

Lights Trail - 16th to 22nd December

Reading Corner

Last week, teaching staff enjoyed a visit to Waterstones book shop in Haywards Heath. The Waterstones staff treated us to a chat about new and exciting book titles alongside providing us with tasty treats! It was a great opportunity for year group teams to look at new and engaging texts to support their topic learning and enhance their book corners. We loved having the time to browse and we are very thankful to our wonderful PTA who have given money to each class to spend on these new books and to Waterstones for supporting us to continually refresh our knowledge of the very best children's books on offer.



Buddy The Therapy Dog

Thank you to Mrs Batchelor for bringing a new special visitor to our academy. We love Buddy the Therapy Dog.



STAR of the Newsletter!

Sophia Keenan, Hazel class, won the best picture in the 4-6 year age group at the Art in Mind Exhibition held at the King Edward Hall in Lindfield on Sunday 19th November. The entries were judged by local artist, Brett Hudson and the theme was 'Nature'. What a beautiful piece of art you created Sophia – well done!!



LPA Above and Beyond

Beatrice Peckham	Esme Cromb
Blossom Parry	Harriet Cooper
Frankie Adams	Poppy Costello
Jago Tischendorf	Isabelle Hickey
Boere	Lily Coldwell
Renzo Lewry	Henry Manwaring
Theo Steynor	Charlie Broadstock
Henry Dobson	Freddie Sloan
Chloe Collier	Charlotte Koziarski
Aaron Slarks	Alice Beecroft
Ethan Parker	Ethan Keynes
Maya De Ville	

School Arrival – Polite Request

Please be aware that School Lane is a road that gets used by traffic other than school traffic. Please monitor children and toddlers when walking to and from school. Please also be aware of our neighbours and their property. Please do not allow children to play in our neighbours' gardens and please clean up after your dog, wherever they decide to deposit their goods!

Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 15th Dec: last day of term

Tue 2nd Jan: **INSET day – academy closed to pupils**

Wed 3rd Jan: back to school

Fri 9th Feb: **INSET day – academy closed to pupils**

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb: half term break

Mon 19th Feb: **INSET day – academy closed to pupils**