



Newsletter 10 – Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers - Welcome to our newsletter!

We are looking forward to celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week and Safer Internet Day next week

Safer Internet Day 2024 at LPA!

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on 7th February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. The digital leaders have prepared an assembly and have also launched a KS1 and KS2 competition to mark this week - the challenge is to design a new logo (which could include the salamander!) to celebrate Internet Safety Week at LPA. Winners will be announced by the digital leaders after half term.

Good luck!

Phunky Foods Ambassadors

We are very lucky to receive support from the Phunky Foods programme. The programme aims to help early years settings and primary schools to deliver a whole-school approach to healthy lifestyles and to engage with all pupils and their families in promoting tangible health behaviour changes in a fun, lively and positive manner. Our year 5 Phunky Food ambassadors: Jessica Bell and Olivia Skillicorn (Cedar class), Hunter O'Hare and Jessica Young (Palm class), Ella Reed and Milla Burnage (Laurel class) have been working alongside Caroline Cotton from Phunky Foods to learn about healthy living, gather data about the school and share their learning about healthy living with each class to encourage others to be active and healthy around school.

Considerate Driving and Parking

We remain very thankful to the vast majority of families who drive and park responsibly around our academy. However, it is exasperating to continue to have a few parents and carers who ignore our requests and drive quickly on and around our site and park inconsiderately, especially at the busiest times. We have had a report of yet another near miss this week. After half term, we will regularly be checking permits and blue badges at the entrance to our academy car park during main drop off and pick up times. If you do not have one of these, we will not permit you to use the car park area. Whilst this is a further stretch on our resources, which we would far rather direct towards the teaching and learning of children within the school, we feel we have no other option in trying to keep our pupils, families and staff safe. Please work with us to help a smooth and safe journey to and from the academy.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance 22Jan – 2Feb: 94.3%
Highest KS1 class: Hazel (Yr R) 96.3%
Highest KS2 class: Elm (Yr 6) 97%

Over and Above



Year 5 Greek Day

As part of our Groovy Greeks topic, on Monday Year 5 were visited by an ancient Greek soldier. The children learnt about what life was like for soldiers, the armour and weapons they may have used and how tactical formation led them to win so many battles. The children enjoyed acting out some Greek mythology, as well as carefully crafting beaded bracelets which they were able to take home.



Reading Corner

Parents often ask what they can do to support their children with reading at home. Encouraging children to read and reading with your children are wonderful but we also have access to incredible online reading resources here at LPA!

For children in EYFS and KS1, check your home school diaries / reading records for details of your child's Oxford Reading Buddy login. This virtual reading service develops deeper comprehension skills. There are plenty of books for the children to choose from that are matched to their reading ability and helpful 'reading buddy characters' that question and challenge their understanding of the text while they read.

ALL children at LPA also have access to ReadingEggs and ReadingEggspress. Many teachers assign homework on the website but it has so much more to offer! Even if homework has not been assigned, using the website for comprehension practice is brilliant. Children can listen to reading pieces and follow along with the text so it's great for fluency practice too! But that's not all, there are lots of spelling and grammar games too. Older children should not be fooled by 'young' graphics on the website, the literacy practice available is really very good and regular use can have a huge impact!

Go on, crack open some new learning opportunities!

Website Feedback

We have recently given our academy website a little makeover and we would appreciate your thoughts to help us continue to improve in the future. Please click on the link below to a feedback form - it will only take 5 minutes. Have your say today! Thank you.
<https://forms.office.com/e/4rS2qA5qXq>.

Eco Corner

Eco-reps are pleased to announce that we have been awarded 'Friends of the Honeybee' status – logo below. Over the coming year, the eco-reps will be looking at ways to improve our environment to make it more bee friendly.



Sporting Success!

Talented Molly Von der Linden (Y6) has recently qualified in 3rd place in a trampolining competition and she shall compete in the finals on behalf of Lindfield for the school zonals competition in March. Well done Molly!



PTA News

A huge thank-you to everyone for supporting Mr Pineapple Head, it was a great success! Particular thanks go to the parent volunteers & staff that stayed & helped, we couldn't have done it without them. It was so lovely seeing the children laughing with their friends. We even had some expert plate spinners in the audience!

KS2 Discos - Friday 2nd February

We are so excited for the disco this Friday with Tomfoolery.

Just a reminder that all children need to be signed in and out.

Merchandise will be on sale outside in the playground before each disco.

Items 50p to £1.50

Upcoming events:

Quiz Night - 8th March

Talent Show - 15th March



Year 6's Visit to Warner Bros. Studios

Last week, Year 6 went on an INCREDIBLE visit to Warner Bros Studios London! We took part in a fab workshop called 'The Art of Foley' - which was all about the sound effects used in the creation of the movies. After this, we had the chance to explore the sets, props and costumes of the much-loved Harry Potter films (it was awesome!)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 7Feb: Safer Internet Day

Fri 9Feb: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils

Mon 12 – Fri 16 Feb: Half Term Break

Mon 19Feb: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils

Wed 21Feb: Year 2 Jaws'n'Claws workshop

Thu 22Feb 9am: Inclusion CommuniTEA event – anxiety in children

Thu 22Feb 5.30pm and Fri 23Feb 9am: Year 6 SATs Parent Information meeting

Fri 23 Feb: Year 2 Castles & Knights day

Mon 26th, Tue 27th, Wed 28th & Thu 29th Feb 3.30 – 6.30pm: Parent Consultations

Tue 5Mar: Year 1 and Year 5 Planetarium workshop

Thu 7Mar: World Book Day – dress up day