



Newsletter 14 - Friday 22nd March 2024

Welcome to our newsletter – We are so looking forward to our Easter Bonnet Parade next week- fingers crossed there is no rain!

Autism Ambassadors

Last week, some of the Autism Ambassadors went to visit St Andrew's C of E Primary School in Crawley. They went with Mrs Reilly and Mrs Batchelor to look at the range of different types of seating in their classrooms and their amazing learning and sensory areas. The ambassadors particularly liked trying out the different seats and meeting the school guinea pigs! They also loved the sensory room and their outdoor courtyard.

We hope to use some of the ideas to help us improve our school for all types of learner.

This week is Neurodiversity celebration week.

We had a very informative assembly run by the Autism Ambassadors, telling us all about what neurodiversity is, different neurotypes and what others can do to help. Each class have been doing some activities and learning about Neurodiversity week to help our understanding of how different brains work.



Swimming for Charity

Swimmers from Lime Class will take part in the HH Swimathon on 29th April. Rupert, Jake, Bobby, Joshua, Sebbie, Ted (plus super subs Jacob & Jacob, and any others from the class who may volunteer for standby!) will be raising money for Time4Children. We'd love it if anyone from the school would like to donate and support the team:

<https://localgiving.org/limeclass2024>

Science Week – Space Day

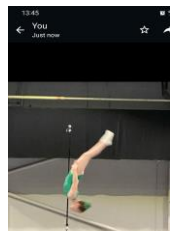
Years 1 and 5 enjoyed an exciting 'Space Day' last Friday. They worked in mixed age groups rotating through four activities throughout the day. They worked as 'Teamwork Twins' to recreate star constellations using marshmallows and sticks, had hilarious fun with balloon rockets, made their very own solar system bead bracelets and even learnt about the phases of the moon using Oreos. It was a fun-filled day with lots of great Science and STEM challenges. We are very grateful to the PTA for funding this event. Our Science Leads, Miss Jenner and Miss Siddaway were also amazed by the brilliant science posters handed in for Science Week. They will announce the winners next week.



STARS of the Newsletter

Sporting Heroes

Our **cricket team** attended the Sussex final and played fantastically well. A group of Year 2 children attended a wonderful **cricket** festival at Ardingly where they learnt many new skills and got to work with a range of other schools. So much fun was had and we can't wait for the next KS1 event! A team of Year 6 **netballers** attended a second tournament last week where they played with incredible teamwork and determination. They came away very proud of their achievements. Molly Von der Linden did very well in the BSGA National **Trampolining** Finals representing LPA. Molly was placed 12th overall. Well done and a fantastic achievement.



Ready, Respectful and Safe

LPA Above and Beyond

Charlotte Faulkner	Evie Charlesworth
Finley Sharpe	Wizzie Church
Isaac Rumsby	Isaiah Decruz-
Davison	Young
Tobias Decruz-	Poppy Costello
Young	Emilia Chesson
Wren Newton	Jacob Calder
Joey Davies	Skye Medhurst
George Terry	Finn Keogh
Molly King	Jess Young
Emma Fry	All of the Year 6
Ari Brown	VIAM superstars



Safeguarding Spotlight:

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people have the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures that detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children up to the age of 18. Years 1-6 have taken part in the NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe programme which empowers children to know what to do if they are worried.

At LPA, our first and foremost priority is to keep your child safe and healthy. There are safeguarding notices around our school to remind all visitors who the designated safeguarding officers are (DSLs) here in the academy: Mr Geddie will be the Designated Safeguarding Lead after Easter and will be supported by our 4 deputy DSLs: Mr Still, Mrs Batchelor, Miss Duncalfe and Ms Anscombe. If you do have concerns about a child and want to talk to a DSL, you can contact them at the gate at drop off or pick up, through the main office or directly using dsl@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk

Eco Corner

Lindfield Primary Academy will be celebrating **Earth Week** 22- 26 April. The eco-reps are planning a variety of activities including an eco assembly, switch off Friday and an eco-based homework. They are also hoping to have a **green day** on the Friday – where children dress in green clothes in exchange for contributing a £1. The eco-crew are hoping that the money raised can go towards measures to make our school a more **bee friendly** environment.

Attendance Update

Whole Academy attendance:

11th – 22nd March: 96%

Highest KS1 class: Walnut - 98.4%

Highest KS2 class: Lime & Laurel - 98.5%

VIAM-Voice in a Million

Year 6 had the most amazing day out at Wembley Arena on Wednesday. The children took part in a concert with 6000 children and a range of singing stars. We danced the night away and sang along to classics like **This Girl is on Fire, I will Survive** and finished on the Tina Turner classic **Simply the Best**. Thank you to all the parents who supported the event and joined us at Wembley. Thank you so much to all the staff who attended the event as we only got back to school at **12:30 am!**



Reading in Unusual Places

We were overwhelmed with the response to the 'Reading in Unusual Places' competition. All the children went to great efforts to make reading fun. All entries were judged and the most creative photos (and there were many) went into a final prize draw. We are pleased to announce that we have 3 winners. Well done to Sophia Keenan in Hazel class (Reception), Carlotta Winfield in Pear class (Year 1) and Berry Crow in Palm class (Year 5).

The Junior Librarians are pleased to announce the winner of their 'Guess how many books are in the library' competition. Fleur Gunnell in Pine class with her guess of 3,981 was the closest! Congratulations, Fleur.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 26 Mar 9am: Yr 1 Phonics Pop-in

Wed 27 Mar 9am: Easter Bonnet Parade

Wed 27 Mar 3.15pm: **End of Term**

EASTER BREAK

Tue 16 Apr: **Return to School**

Thu 18 Apr: Yr 3 first swimming session

Thu 18 Apr 9am: Yr1 Phonics Parent Meeting

22, 23, 29, 30Apr: EY Health screening sessions

Fri 26 Apr: Yr1 Phonic Pop-In

Tue 30Apr: Yr 3 Egyptian workshop

Thu 2 May 6pm: Year 6 IOW Parent Meeting

13 - 16 May: Year 6 SATs