



Newsletter 2 – Friday 27th September 2024

Welcome to our newsletter. It's great to see so many children taking up our extra-curricular clubs!

Embedding our Academy Qualities

ARK Club

As part of our continued commitment to celebrating diversity and promoting equality, we feel very lucky to have welcomed Afrori books into our academy to run Anti Racist Kids Club (ARK) with our year 6 cohort and provide staff training. The transformative weekly workshops have been designed to empower young children with the language, knowledge and understanding necessary to actively combat racism. Huge thanks go to our PTA who raised the funds to make these inspirational sessions possible.

'I love ARK club. I love it because it is so much fun and it is very important to learn about racism. The way Carolynn teaches it is fun but also educational. It makes me feel like it is very unfair to black people who have experienced racism. In just two weeks I have already learnt so much.' *Year 6 pupil*

Alopecia Awareness

We have also celebrated Alopecia Awareness month with a visit from Valerie Bray. Valerie lives with Alopecia and spoke passionately to all our children about the importance of being proud of who you are and accepting others no matter our differences. Thank you, Val for answering all our questions with such sensitivity and honesty.



Help for families

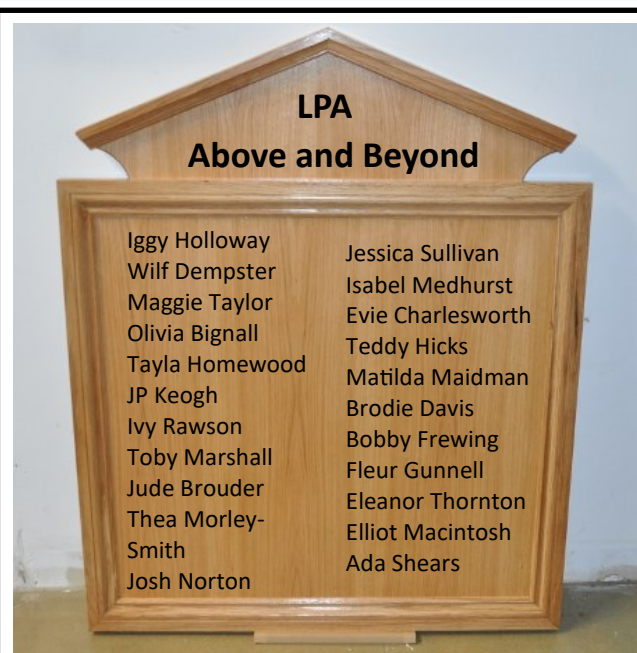
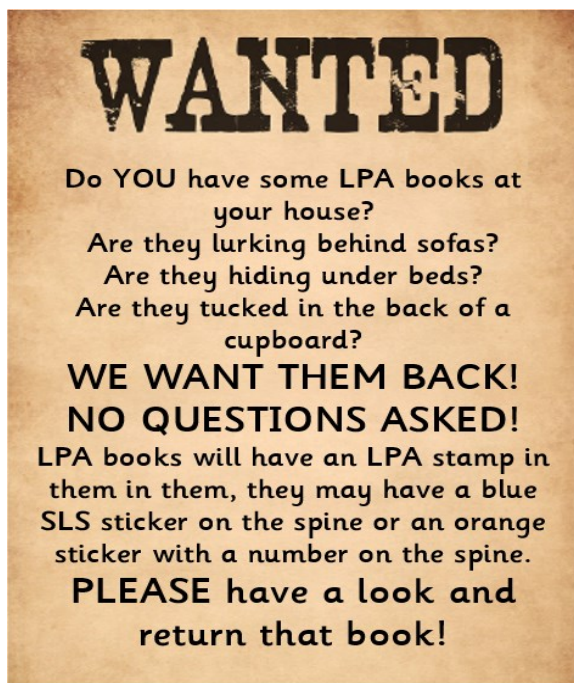
Do you qualify for Pupil Premium?

This is a means tested grant issued to schools by the Local Authority to tackle disadvantage. The funding enables us to support families with the cost of school trips and support with their child's learning and wellbeing. Eligible children will receive the grant for the following 6 years without the need to reapply. Follow this link to apply: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>

Healthy Start

Did you know... if you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4 you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk? Follow this link to find out if you are eligible: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Reading Corner



Well done to all of these Over and Above children who have been showing our Ready, Respectful and Safe Behaviour Code this week.

PTA News

It was so lovely to welcome our Reception parents to our first event of the year on Friday. We hope everyone had a great time and got to know each other. We know you enjoyed those Jelly Shots!

PTA AGM: Tuesday 8th October 8pm in The Community Room



It would be wonderful to see anyone who can make it at our AGM in a few weeks. All committee positions are up for grabs as well as the chance to share feedback and ideas so please do come along and support your school :)

Comedy Night:

Tickets are still on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/lindfieldprimaryacademy if you want to come to one of the best nights of the annual calendar! It is certainly not one to be missed!

Vehicle Safety

School Lane is a public road so pedestrians please be mindful and take care when arriving and leaving the school site. We also request that children do not scoot or cycle across the playgrounds at drop off and pick up in order to keep all our families safe.

Staffing News

We informed you at the end of the last academic year about some new additions to our teaching and academy staff. During the summer and early this term, we are delighted to have recruited further members to our team. Miss Hawkins, Mrs Cane and Mrs Canty join us as Teaching Assistants, Mr Manley has taken up a premises role to support Mr Sampson, Mrs Perez is our new Finance Assistant and Mrs Morley has joined our lunchtime staff team. We are certain you will wish them all a warm Lindfield welcome.

In other exciting news, Mrs Kearney has had her baby, a little girl named Polly. Both are home and doing well. We can't wait to meet Polly when she's up to visiting the academy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tues 1st Oct: Visiting Poet
- Weds 2nd Oct: Yr6 Village Walks
- Thurs 3rd Oct: National Poetry Day
- Thurs 10th/17th/24th Oct: Yr6 Tangmere Trips
- Weds 16th Oct: Yr5 Eco Workshops
- Thurs 17th: Yr2 Samuel Pepys Workshop
- Thurs 17th Oct: CommuniTEA
- Tues 22nd Oct: Yr4 Explorer Workshop (am)
- Tues 22nd Oct: Little Big Sing (pm)
- Weds 23rd Oct: Early Years '6 weeks in' session
- Fri 25th Oct: INSET Day – academy closed to pupils