



Newsletter 5 – Friday 8th November 2024

Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you all had a brilliant half term and enjoyed Bonfire Night!

STARS of the Newsletter

We have not one but two sets of Stars of the Newsletter this week!

Firstly, a very big (if a bit late) congratulations to Zac Bayliss in Year 2 and Scarlett Gregory in Year 6. They both took part in the summer reading challenge and their names were picked in our prize draw. It was wonderful to see so many children participate in the reading challenge. We hope to see even more participants in our annual Christmas reading challenge! Watch this space!

Alongside this, Isaiah, Oliver and Mark of Year 4 were busy this past half-term with fundraising for their chosen charities of Lamlyntee in India and Children in Need. Isaiah did a reading challenge and impressively read 14 books. Oliver and Mark did a walking challenge and managed to walk an incredible 57 miles. Between the 3 of them they raised £750 - what an amazing achievement!

Well done children! What Stars of Success!



Year 2 were on fire!

Before half term, Year 2 rounded off their Fire topic with some very special events! A visit from the Fire Service was, as always, a big hit with the children and teachers alike! The children enjoyed meeting the firefighters and getting to explore outside and inside the fire engine. Next, Samuel Pepys himself made a visit to LPA. He was very engaging and brought the Great Fire of London to life through acting and humour.

The grand finale to our learning was the Great Fire of Lindfield where we recreated the famous fire so the children could see how it spread. Thank you so much to Derek Richards for his support with making this a spectacular but safe event.

The children loved these memorable experiences and are excited about moving on to their contrasting topic of Ice next!



Sing Up!

Before half term we hosted the West Sussex event 'Little Big Sing'. Our year 1 cohort were joined by children from Bolnore and Blackthorns schools and together they sang the afternoon away with Rachel Maby, West Sussex Schools Singing Leader. The children had been learning Harvest Festival songs all half term in preparation for the event and even got to perform their song 'Harvest Samba' to the other schools. Well done children!



Show Racism the Red Card

We would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful support shown for our Show Racism the Red Card Day! It was brilliant to see everyone unite together to help raise the profile of this important event. There were lots of valuable discussions and thought-provoking questions that took place in class and during assembly time. We managed to raise over £600 for this charity event! Thank you for making it so successful.



PTA News

Huge thanks must go to:

- Carrie and her team for a wonderful Comedy Night, there is nothing better than a hall full of laughter. What a success it was!
- Andi, Sarah and Scott for their amazing Second Hand Uniform Sort & Sale and of course to everyone who turned up to buy!
- All the volunteers for refreshments over the last few weeks, we couldn't hold these events without you.

Committee Meetings:

Our next meeting is 19th November and we would love to see you there. We have some funding requests from the school to discuss as well as lots of exciting events coming up.



Upcoming events:

- Toads Night: 9th November
- Wreath Making: 27th November
- Christmas Fair: 7th December, 11-3pm
- Role Model Week: 10th February
- Quiz Night: 7th March 2024

Getting sporty with the crew!

Our new Year 6 Sport Crew have been appointed and have recently begun their role in school. One member of the crew told us: 'As a Sports Crew member we got the amazing opportunity to go to Oathall and do some training. This involved setting up activities for KS1 children such as jumping, running, catching and throwing. The privilege of Sports Crew is setting up a PE lesson for Year 3, as well as the challenges for our 'Challenge Zone' at break time and lunch time.'



Open Day Events

The corridors have been filled to bursting this week with our annual Open Day events for prospective new entrants to our academy in September 2025.

Our wonderful Year 6 children guided families around the school site expertly, showing off everything from classrooms to outside spaces, from guinea pigs to toilet blocks! Our guests were hugely impressed by the school but even more so by our respectful and knowledgeable children. Well done Year 6!

Attendance and Absence

We are very thankful to all of our academy community for assisting us with getting children to and from the academy regularly and punctually.

However, an area of concern is the amount of unauthorised absence some of our children have. This is usually down to holidays taken in term time. Whilst we recognise the disparity in costs, the academy strongly discourages taking your child out of school during term time as it has a negative impact on a child's development, causes disruption to their peers and adds extra workload to their teachers. Please support us by avoiding removing your child from learning wherever possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 11th - Wed 13th Nov: Yr5 Bowles Residential
- Mon 11th, Weds 13th & Thurs 14th Nov: Early Years Parent Consultations
- Mon 25th Nov: Pupil School Photographs
- Fri 29th Nov: CommuniTEA
- Tues 3rd & Weds 4th Dec: Early Years Nativity
- Tues 10th & Weds 11th Dec: Year 1 Nativity
- Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Dec: Year 2 Nativity
- Weds 18th & Thurs 19th Dec: KS2 Carol Concerts