



Newsletter 7 – Friday 6th December 2024

Welcome to our newsletter. We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair tomorrow!

STARS of the Newsletter

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Lindfield Primary Academy this week with the first of our Nativity performances.

Our Early Years children shone as bright as the brightest star as they performed 'The BIG Little Nativity'. There was Oscar-worthy acting and Brit Award standard singing on the Sports Hall stage as the children retold the story of Christmas. All the hard work of the children, parents and school staff paid off with a wonderful show, bringing festive joy to all. Well done Early Years!



Book Battlers



A few keen readers from Year 6 participated in a locality book battle where 4 other local schools competed to battle out who's read the best book recently. The LPA debaters were VERY skilled and gave everyone there a run for their money. It was a tight call in the end with two Lindfielders up for the win! We are very proud of Oliver B who convinced everyone so passionately that 'The Lord of the Rings' by JRR Tolkien is indeed the best book ever! A special mention also goes to Freya G who battled her heart out for 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief' by AF Steadman.

Awesome Athletes

Our Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Team have been practicing furiously over the last few months in preparation for their Mid-Sussex event at Haywards Heath College. Twenty-seven children took part in 24 different events, including javelin, long jump, speed bounce and numerous sprint and obstacle races. Over 20 schools in the local area took part across three sessions and once the final scores were calculated, Lindfield were declared Mid-Sussex champions! Milla Burnage (Ash) said she was "Bouncing with happiness" and Eliza Hargreaves (Ash) was "Jumping with joy" when they heard the results! They will be taking part in the county final where they take on the best schools in Sussex in May. Congratulations children!



Driving and Parking Plea

We write, once again, to request safe driving and parking around our academy site. The academy carpark is far too busy with parents rushing to drop off or pick up. Only Blue Badge holders or those with academy permits are permitted to use the car park at peak times. We were also alarmed to hear from a local resident that one parent even mounted the pavement with their vehicle because they were in a hurry. We implore all our community to act responsibly and keep our children, families and staff safe.

Super Singers

The Skylarks Choir joined children from St. Joseph's Primary and Bolnore Village Primary schools on Sunday as part of a special community collaboration with 'Sing-Choirs for Children' and the Ensemble Reza Community Orchestra at Warden Park Secondary School.

It was a concert to remember, where the children delighted and wowed audiences, performing a collection of Disney and Christmas songs accompanied by an orchestra of over 60 musicians. They received two standing ovations and were an absolute credit to their schools.

They swiftly followed this with an outstanding Christmas Concert on Lindfield Village Night in the URC and they are now busy preparing for a special performance at the KS2 Christmas Concerts... You will not want to miss it!



PTA News

Christmas Fair: 11am - 3pm

We are so excited to see you all at our Christmas Fair tomorrow. Come along and stay warm and dry at our indoor stalls and raise some money for our school. We have a wide selection of stalls to suit everyone and plenty to eat and drink.

Thanks in advance to everyone for all of their help leading up to this event.

Thank You

Thank you so much to Michelle and her team for an amazing **Wreath Making** event - it was such a lovely way to start our festive period.

Another huge thank you must go to Matthew and his team for all their hard work on the **PTA Lindfield Village Night stall**. Those little treats were amazing and the hot chocolate was so popular that it sold out!

Active Advent

To help get everyone in the Christmas sporty spirit, our enthusiastic Sports Crew have been busy filming 'Active Advent' for all year groups to enjoy! These involve daily quick activities such as press ups, squats (picking presents from under the tree) and many more!

Recently, they have been running the Challenge Area at lunchtimes for KS2. Each day they find three people who have shown great skill, perseverance and determination within the activities and reward these pupils with a certificate.

Get Festive with our Christmas Reading Challenges

As is Lindfield Primary Academy tradition, we will be running our festive reading challenges over the Christmas holidays. All entries to the challenges will receive a certificate of participation and be put into a prize draw to win a Waterstones voucher! Classes who have the most completed challenges in school by the 13th January stand a chance to win a trophy and be crowned LPA Reading Champions! We would love to see pictures of the children completing the challenges; you can send these via Seesaw, PurpleMash or email in the first week of term. KS2 children can get creative with how they do the challenges in their reading journals.

Keep a look out for the challenges coming home soon.

Don't miss the West Sussex Libraries Winter Mini Reading Challenge. Taking part is simple! Children read three or more books (anything they like - audiobooks count too) between **1 December 2024 - 20 February 2025** and add them to their profile. Reaching their reading goal will unlock an adorable limited-edition online badge and a new certificate of achievement to print off and treasure! <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/about-the-challenge>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 10th & Weds 11th Dec: Year 1 Nativity
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Dec: Year 2 Nativity
Mon 16th Dec: Christmas Lunch Day
Weds 18th & Thurs 19th Dec: KS2 Carol Concerts
Fri 20th Dec: End of Autumn term
Mon 6th Jan: Beginning of Spring term