



## Newsletter 13 – Friday 14th March 2025

Welcome to our newsletter. We've been enjoying all things science this British Science Week!

### Book Week

Last week was a fantastic celebration of books!

Amongst plenty of reading and dressing up fun, the children were treated to author / illustrator visits from Adam Stower and Ifeoma Onyefulu, talks from Afrori books and visits from parent readers! The Junior Librarians also took a trip to Waterstones to find out about the latest titles and what books they can recommend to their peers.

Seeing the children and staff all dressed up on World Book Day was a real highlight and showed how much enthusiasm we all have for reading. Thank you for the huge amount of effort that went into creating those costumes!

Children in Years 1 to 6 were inspired to write short stories with Ifeoma, author of 'A is for Africa' whilst Adam, author and illustrator of the 'Murray and Bun' books, enthused children in Years 1 to 4 to become illustrators in a draw along workshop.

All children took part in World Book Day assemblies where we spoke about the importance of 'Reading Your Own Way'. Children were encouraged to celebrate the joy of reading for pleasure and take part in sharing the books they love.

We hope you enjoy the books many of you purchased at the book sales. Keep reading everyone!



### PTA News

We had an excellent PTA meeting this week, please look out for the minutes to hear everything we got up to and decided upon.

#### **Thanks:**

Huge thanks go to Carrie and our amazing readers last week for World Book Day. It is always so lovely for our parents to have a chance to read to the children and they love it so much.

A massive thanks and applause must also go to Lyndsey and Nathan for an incredible quiz. The room was absolutely buzzing all night.

#### **Upcoming events:**

**Eastern Road Nature Reserve Celebration –**

10th May 11-4pm

**May Fair – 17th May**

**Village Day – 31st May**

### Sporting Success

We have had some extremely exciting and successful sporting action over the past few weeks.

We have had many Year 5 and 6 girls represent our school in two netball tournaments with both teams showing determination and brilliant team work.

Good luck to the girls who have made it through to the next round - the Mid Sussex Finals tournament - to be held next Tuesday.

The Boys Indoor Cricket team played incredibly well to reach the final of the Sussex Finals earlier this week. Despite losing, the team should be hugely proud of being ranked the 2nd best primary school indoor cricket team in the whole of Sussex!

Another big well done to our sports crew who helped facilitate the celebration of 'The Biggest Football Session Ever' that coincided with International Women's Day. Our event saw many girls across the school have the opportunity to get involved in football drills, penalties and games! The Sports Crew look forward to running a session for EYFS in the coming weeks.

On a separate note, children in Year 4 have attended a Handball Festival recently. This event was non-competitive and gave pupils the chance to try out a new sport in a safe and supportive environment.

We are looking forward to sport festivals that are coming up for Year 2 and Year 3 in the next few weeks too so watch this space for more updates!



### **LPA**

#### **Over and Above**

Roman Lewry	Lexi Norton
Lachlan Morley-Smith	Jack Skillicorn
Jasper Kent Bending	Nicola Ahouansou
Clara Bohrer	Indie Parry
Etta Baker	Alice Pile
William Lanigan	Jacob Paterson
Rosie Salvage	Freyja Codd
Josephine Pembrey	Ruby Sharpless
Jago Tischendorf	Maddy Bohrer
Boere	Pippa Douthwaite
Emily Morton	Toby Alway
	Berry Crow

### MP Visit

Alison Bennett, the local MP for Mid Sussex, visited LPA last week to meet with Mr Still and Mrs Newton (Academy Business Manager).

Alison reiterated her continuing support and lobbying as our school transitions from one Trust to another.

We are very thankful to have strong local voices supporting us at this time of change.



### Parent/Carer Survey

We wrote to you recently requesting feedback on how our parent community feel the academy is supporting its children.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey so far. It would be great to hear from as many people as possible so we can celebrate our successes with the staff and set up action plans to work on areas parents feel we could be even better at.

The survey can be completed here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVX7855> and closes on Friday 21st March.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tues 18th March: Year 4 Synagogue Trip  
Weds 19th March: Planetarium Workshop Years 1 & 5  
Thurs 20th March: Year 6 SATS + Homework Meetings  
Tue 25th March: Year 4 Synagogue Trip  
Fri 28th March: CommuniTEA Event 9am  
Fri 4th April: End of Term  
Tue 22nd April: Inset Day