



## Newsletter 15 – Friday 25th April 2025

**Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you had a sunny, restful and enjoyable Easter break!**

### Looking Back and Looking Forward

**With the end of last term involving so many highlights, we wanted to start this new term with a quick look back over what fun we had in the Spring, as well as what we have to look forward to this Summer!**

**EYFS** - What a busy Spring Term it was in Early Years! We wowed our teachers with our vehicle making which we proudly presented to our families during our vehicle exhibition event and we put our super whizzy skills to the test on scooter day completing the obstacle course brilliantly. What Super Stars of Success! This term we have already had an eggciting delivery! We can't wait to see what happens next...

**Year 1** - In Spring, Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed our space topic! We were visited by the Planetarium and got to experience being in space and seeing the planets up close. We also had a fantastic Space Day with Year 5, where we worked together to complete lots of fun, space-themed activities. This term we are delving into our Woodland Wonders topic and have a fabulous school trip to the British Wildlife Centre to look forward to.

**Year 2** - Year 2 enjoyed an exciting Spring Term learning all about dragons. We had a mysterious egg laid in our classroom and we read so many brilliant stories about dragons. We had an interesting trip to the local mosque and learnt all about Islam. The excitement for the term was rounded off with medieval themed activities as part of Castles and Knights Day. This term we can't wait to make smoothies and visit the Sea Life Centre!

**Year 3** - Year 3 enjoyed learning all about dinosaurs and volcanoes in Spring. In science we recreated a volcanic eruption and made fossils using bread and dinosaur gummies. We have spent lots of time looking at fractions this term and made brilliant progress at this tricky maths concept! Now we are in Summer, we can't wait for our Egyptian workshop and swimming sessions which started for two classes this week!

**Year 4** - In Spring, Year 4 enjoyed learning about all things pre-historic in their Stones 'n Bones topic, including the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Stonehenge, animals, how people have changed from nomads to farmers and what houses were like. We really enjoyed a special workshop, where we even got to hold a real life Woolly Mammoth tooth! This term is all about Amazon Adventures, learning more about rivers and rainforests!

**Year 5** - In the Spring Term, Year 5 started off our Groovy Greeks topic with a brilliant 'Greek Day' before moving onto our 'Out of this world topic'. We had a great time on Space Day where we could be role models and show off our knowledge of space! A highlight for us was taking part in the Anti-Racist Kids club (ARK) training where we learnt all about how we can be allies and what we can do to challenge racism. This term we have A LOT to look forward to including Bikeability, Business Week and Mid Sussex Science Week!

**Year 6** - Our big Spring Term highlights included our trip to Warner Brother Studios as part of our Magical Mysteries unit of work, as well as our Harry Potter themed day. We have represented the school in numerous events and we have even been crowned Mid-Sussex Champions in both netball and indoor cricket! In this, our final term at LPA, we look forward with our legacy topic and we will complete our SATs, go to the IOW and take part in our very own end of year production!

### **Spring Term Attendance Trophies:**

KS1 – **Cherry** (Year 1)

KS2 – **Ash** (Year 6)

### **Spring Term House Cup:**

The **Blue** Team were successful in winning the most number of weeks. However, they didn't quite do enough to win the trophy for the Spring Term with the final points totals crazily close!

Tied 3rd: **Green**—2,845 points

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2nd: **Blue**—2,932 points

1st: **Yellow**: 2,984 points

### Parent Survey Results

You will be aware that we previously asked for your feedback on how the academy is performing for your children. We received responses from across our parent community with around a 45% response rate.

Here are the main headlines:

- ◆ 95% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their child was happy at Lindfield.
- ◆ 96% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed their child was safe at Lindfield. This supports last year's Year 6 exit survey data which stated 100% of children felt safe at LPA .
- ◆ 93% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that behaviour at Lindfield was good.
- ◆ 93% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the academy informs them about their child's learning.
- ◆ 84% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the academy dealt with their concerns properly.
- ◆ 89% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the academy shares their child's progress with parents.
- ◆ 89% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their child can take part in clubs and activities.
- ◆ 85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the academy supports their child's wider personal development.
- ◆ 94% of respondents said they would recommend LPA to another parent.

Amongst a range of positive comments, we were very pleased to read about our fantastic staff, how parents feel the academy is a close-knit community and how they believe their children to be safe and happy at LPA.

We also recognise there are things to work on, with parents identifying the lunchtime food provision, some children's behaviour and the potential mixing of classes as things we could improve on.

Overall, we are very pleased with the survey results. The Senior Leadership Team have already begun discussing next steps and the Governors will be digesting the results at their meeting in May.

### Sun Safety

With the improving weather and strengthening sun, please remember to provide your child with a **water bottle** and **sun hat** each day. **Suncream** should be administered before your child arrives in the morning. Staff will take sensible precautions around how much time children spend out and about on particularly hot days.

### Awesome Athletes!

Our Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics team attended the County Final at the Triangle on Thursday morning where they took on the best schools in the whole of Sussex. Throughout the morning the children took part in twenty four different events, including speed bounce, vertical jump, javelin, triple jump and a variety of different relays. All the team performed amazingly and Lindfield finished the competition in third place, taking home a bronze medal. An amazing achievement at such a prestigious event! Well done!



### Aiming (and Climbing) High!

Huge congratulations to Lindfield Primary Academy pupil Isabelle Hickey (Year 5 Palm Class) who has successfully passed her Level 3 NICAS Technical Climber Award (indoor climbing qualification). Gaining this qualification is the equivalent to a GCSE!! Well done Isabelle!



### Swimming Stars of Success!

Two teams from Lindfield Primary Academy entered the Lions Club Swimarathon at the Dolphin Leisure Centre on Easter Friday.

A team from Cedar Class in Year 5 (plus a sub from Molly King in Year 3!) managed 87 lengths and a team from Silver Birch in Year 3 managed 81 lengths - they were the youngest team in their slot! Both have raised hundreds of pounds for charity already.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 28th April: Year 3 Egyptian Workshop  
Weds 30th April: Year 1 Phonics Pop In (9am)  
Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd May: Year 5 Bikeability  
Tues 6th May: PTA Meeting 8pm  
Weds 7th - Fri 16th May: Year 6 SATS Breakfast Club