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Welcome to our newsletter. What a busy first week back it has been!

Year 2 Castles and Knights Day

In the week before Easter, Year 2 finished their spring term with an epic Castles and Knights Day! There were shields, helmets, dragons, princesses and lots of excitement, learning all about the legend of Lindfield Castle.

The creativity flowed as the children crafted their very own dragon bookmarks, folding and shaping colourful origami to bring their fiery creations to life. In the hall, the children stepped back in time to learn a selection of medieval dances, which they confidently continued to perform out on the playground!

To top off the day, the children rolled up their sleeves for some delicious biscuit making, using traditional spelt flour and treasured medieval spices like cinnamon and ginger. The flavours of medieval England were enjoyed by everyone.



Cricket Stars



Our Year 5/6 girls' cricket team travelled down to Brighton this week having qualified for the indoor cricket county final earlier this year. They performed fantastically well with some disciplined bowling and some great hitting from Chloe H in particular. Unfortunately they were on the end of two very close defeats, losing by 5 runs and 1 run respectively which meant they missed out on a place in the final. Despite this, 4th place in the whole of Sussex is still a brilliant achievement! Well done girls.

Year 6 Harry Potter Day

On the last day before Easter, Year 6 held a 'Harry Potter Day'. Here is a recount from Jasmine T (Ash): "When we came into school, rather than lots of children, the classroom was filled with witches and wizards! Left on our tables were a variety of tasks to complete related to spells and potions. Throughout the day we tried to solve various riddles and spells. In the afternoon, we hoped to go outside to play quidditch but sadly the weather was not on our side so we practised our wand techniques instead. It was a great end to the term!"



STARS of the Newsletter

On Good Friday, 3 teams from LPA took part in the annual Swimarathon. The teams included a group of boys from Elm Class (Year 6), a team from Lime Class (Year 4) with Jude joining them from Year 2 and a team from Elder (also Year 4).

Between them they swam a total of 307 lengths of the main swimming pool at the Dolphin Leisure Centre. In doing so they raised over £1100 for Kangaroos, a fantastic local charity that provides life-changing recreational activities for children and young adults with learning disabilities. What an incredible effort for a wonderful cause. Well done to all of these sensational swimmers!



Easter Reading Challenge

Amazing author Katherine Rundell once said, "If there is a silver bullet for ordinary, everyday childhood happiness, it is reading for pleasure."

Thank you to the parents who have already shared their positive experiences of reading for pleasure at LPA. We are currently working towards achieving a quality mark in reading for pleasure through the Open University and the UK Literacy Association. If your child has developed a passion for reading inspired by our reading for pleasure initiatives, please do share your stories or insights. With your permission, these may be included as part of our portfolio of evidence.

Please send your contributions to:
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The Skylarks Choir wows audiences

The Skylarks Choir and Bolnore Choir enjoyed a wonderful experience singing together at the very first annual Hurst Education Trust Music Concert.



Eight schools took part showcasing and celebrating an amazing array of incredible talent. Our accomplished choir sang 'It's a Hard Knock Life', 'Tomorrow' and 'He Lives in You'. The choir performed brilliantly and the breath-taking acoustics in the Hurst Chapel made the occasion even more special. Special thanks to Sarah Rolph for leading the children with passion and expertise.

STEM Author

During our British Science Week sessions before Easter, Year 4 were treated to an author visit from Matt Newman who shared some of his book and demonstrated how and why cakes rise when put in the oven. Families can purchase his books at discounted prices using this QR code and the password Lindfield2026.



Year 3 go back to Ancient Egypt

On Wednesday morning Year 3 had a visit from Paneb (Mr Dilly). They travelled over to the Valley of the Kings and found a body to mummify! They learnt about the process of mummification and even got to help out removing all the organs and placing them in Canopic jars. Finally they met some Egyptian gods and learnt all about how Ra created lots of them with some fantastic acting from the children and story telling.

LPA Over and Above

Harley G (Willow)	Matilda K (Sycamore)
Clara S (Hazel)	Josh N (Elder)
Chloe S (Walnut)	Fleur B (Juniper)
Posy K (Pear)	Millie P (Pine)
Jack S (Apple)	Thea M-S (Lime)
Leah J (Cherry)	Rose F (Laurel)
Eleanor P (Maple)	Amber S (Cedar)
Elle H (Rowan)	Nate F (Palm)
Florence T (Holly)	Amy R (Ash)
Ralphy A (C Beech)	Sebbie R (Elm)
Archie D (S Birch)	Esme B (Oak)

Continuing to embed our academy qualities

As part of our continued commitment to celebrating diversity and promoting equality, we feel very lucky to have again welcomed Afrori books into our academy to run Anti Racist Kids Club (ARK) with our Year 5 cohort. This is the third time we have been able to run the sessions thanks to the support from our wonderful PTA who have continued to raise the funds to make these inspirational sessions possible. The transformative weekly workshops have been designed to empower young children with the language, knowledge and understanding necessary to actively combat racism.

Wizzie said, 'I loved the ARK sessions. Everyone looked forward to the sessions and Carolynn taught us something important. I feel like it's filled Year 5 with confidence to spot and stop racism.'

Isabel added, 'Carolynn taught us in a really fun way. We learnt that being anti racist is being against racism and it means you are doing something to stop racism.'

Riley and Izzy both said they enjoyed the advantages and disadvantages lesson and feel more aware of the disadvantages some groups in society have to face.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 20th Apr - Earth Week
Tue 21st Apr - CommuniTea Event
Wed 22nd Apr - Fairtrade Assembly
Thu 23rd Apr - Willow Class trip to Oathall Farm
Thu 23rd Apr - Year 1 Phonics Parent Pop In
Fri 24th Apr - Hazel Class trip to Oathall Farm
Fri 24th Apr - Switch Off Friday
Fri 1st May - Walnut Class trip to Oathall Farm