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School News Friday 19th January 2024
Together we learn, together we thrive.

W/c 22nd January

Monday 22nd – Movie Night – “Trolls Band Together” 3-4.45pm
Tuesday 23rd – NCMP – Y6 Weight and Measurement

W/c 29th January

Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd: Wellbeing/poetry days

Recording child absence link

Thank you to all the parents who have been recording their child's absence via the online form. If you have recorded via the link, you do not need to phone or email as well as we will check the online form at morning registration every day. Please ensure you complete the absence log by 9am on each day of your child's absence. Please see the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/gdN0pAh1Ts>

Attendance Counts

The Government are currently running a campaign to boost school attendance. Did you know:-

- Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.
- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

The Education Welfare Officers are running frequent checks on school attendance. Attendance counts - please make sure that your child attends regularly.

Parent Working Party – Sat 27th Jan

The termly parent working party is scheduled to take place on Saturday 27th January at 9-12pm. Some paint work in the classes is in need of attention and for the brave, some of the woodwork outside needs re-staining. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to attend, please let either the office or myself know. There will be the usual bacon sandwiches on offer and as much tea and coffee as required. Children are definitely welcome!

Parent Entry into School

Concerningly, it has come to my attention that a very small minority of parents are choosing to come into the classrooms/school corridors at the end of the school day, without having been granted permission by a staff member. As all parents must appreciate, this goes against the school's safeguarding policy and must not happen going forward. I appreciate your support in this matter

Skipping Event – Fri 9th February

On Friday 9th February we will be holding a sponsored skipping event to raise funds for much needed school resources and also to make a donation to a charity that pupils select. Whilst we have a supply of skipping ropes in school for the children to use for the challenge, they will also the opportunity to buy their own rope in school if they would like to. These will be on sale from Monday 5th February priced at £3 for the wooden type and £5 for the ropes which include a skip counter. Skipping ropes can be ordered and paid for via MCAS. These can be found in the MCAS menu under 'Products'. When you click on 'add to basket' one skipping rope will be added. To purchase multiple skipping ropes click on 'add to basket' as required.

The children will be bringing home sponsorship forms today. All sponsorship money can be paid via your MCAS account - under trips.

Many thanks as always for your support.

Y4 Times Table workshop – Weds 7th Feb

On Wednesday 7th February, Mrs Ball, Mrs Taylor and Mr Gracie will be running an informative training session focused on how to prepare your Y4 child for the summer times tables assessment. The training will be via Teams 5.30-6pm. The Teams link will follow nearer the time.

Mrs Komodromos

It is with great sadness but a sense of happiness for her, that our wonderful Mrs Komodromos will be leaving Linton Heights at Easter. Mrs Komodromos is an outstanding teacher and has unsurprisingly gained a thoroughly well-deserved Assistant Headteacher position at another school in Cambridgeshire. Mrs Komodromos has been with Linton Heights for eight years and has been a decisive driving force in school improvements, most notably art and English - not just at this school but across the Trust - she is also one of the most caring, child-centric teachers that I have ever had the privilege of working with. Mrs Komodromos will be sorely missed by pupils and staff alike. The school leadership team have plans in place to ensure the continuity of education in Class 8. Details to follow.

Young Voices – O2

Yesterday, our Linton Heights Choir performed at Young Voices 2024 at the London O2 Arena, and it was just as fabulous as ever! 39 LHJS pupils sang with over 8,400 children, coming together as a massed choir to perform to a sold out audience. We also saw performances from the fantastic Urban Strides, MC Grammar, Natalie Williams plus the talented young percussionist Nandi Bushell - and a surprise visit from Lydia White who is the current 'Miss Honey' in the West End musical Matilda.

"It was a really exciting day!" Oliver B

"Our favourite bits were the Matilda Medley and also drums. They were both amazing." Hazel & Phoebe

"It was the best day ever!" Oliver W

A sincere thank you to the adults and staff who came with us and helped us all enjoy the day! We were so proud of the behaviour from everyone in the choir - they are a credit to you and represented our school brilliantly!

Mrs Mason and Mr Wilson



Ceilidh Award Winners for today:

Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Values cup: Lidia (Class 1)

Sports cup: Carys (Class 2)

Arts cup: Lilly (Class 2)

Maths cup: Anna (Class 3)

Writer's cup: Evie (Class 4)

Handwriting cup: Emma (Class 4)

Ceilidh Praise Winners!

Lottie (Class 1): Resilience & bravery

Henry (Class 1): Attitude to learning

Emilio (Class 2): Great start to the term

Bella (Class 2): Great effort & helpful

Katie (Class 3): Growing in confidence

Edith (Class 3): Responsible

Sonni (Class 4): Gaining confidence

Charlotte (Class 4): Positive attitude

Thank You - Linton Fire Fighters

A huge thank you to the Linton Fire Fighters for their very generous donation of £314.50 that was collected on their Christmas tour of the village. These funds will be used towards decodable books that match our phonics scheme.

Ceilidh

Friday 26th January – Upper School

Friday 2nd February – Lower School

Forest School sessions

Friday 26th January – Class 4

Friday 2nd February – Class 7

Reminders

School Lunches

Please ensure that you pre order your child's school lunches for the forthcoming school week by midnight on Saturday, at the latest.

Innovate will not be able to supply school lunches if you have not pre ordered your child's meals.

Forest School

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to cover the cost of Forest School resources.

Each class will have at least four Forest School sessions during the school year. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Aylmerton

The next payment is due today, Friday 19th January. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Residential Trip to Woodrow House

The first instalment for the Year 5 residential is due on Friday 16th February. Please make your payment using MCAS.

Year 5 Trip to Leicester Space Centre

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £34 towards the cost of this trip which is taking place on 15th March. This can be paid in full or two instalments of £17 due on 2nd February and 1st March. Please make your payments using MCAS.

GDPR Policies

Do you have a data query? If so, please see the Anglian Learning GDPR policies:

<https://anglianlearning.org/gdpr-policies/>

Term Dates:

2024 Spring Term Dates

Thursday 4th January – Thurs 28th March 2024

Inset day: Thurs 4th January (non-pupil day)

Half Term: Mon 19th – Fri 23rd February

Spring term ends Thursday 28th March

The term dates for 2023/24 academic year are on our school website under parents – term dates