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**School News Friday 22nd November 2024**  
**Together we learn, together we thrive**

**W/c 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccines – 2<sup>nd</sup> Session**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Sleeps ‘til Santa – Second recording**

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Mountain workshop Y6 – in school activity**

**W/c 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – School closed**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas carol singing, Chalklands Community Centre - pupils only**

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Generate Christmas assembly – pupils only. Christmas Fair 4.30-6.30pm**

***Inset Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December***

**Please be reminded that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is the next staff training (inset) day. The school will be closed to pupils and no childcare will be available.**

***Christmas Fair***

As a reminder, this year’s Christmas Fair is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4.30-6.30pm. Please bring relatives and friends along, the more the merrier. There will be plenty of mulled wine, a raffle and a special guest in a red suit! All monies raised will go towards furnishing the near complete art room.

***Christmas Carol Concert***

All families are welcome to join us at our St Mary’s Christmas services which are taking place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec for Chilford and Symmons and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec for Granta and Rivey. Both services will start at 9.30am for 45 minutes. We would very much appreciate parents helping to walk with us to and from the church.

***Junior Leadership Team meet the Innovate***



Forever the proactive, members of the Linton Heights Junior Leadership Team (JLT) were keen to give Innovate leadership team their thoughts on school dinners and so arranged a meeting with Ryan Lawrence, a member of the Innovate area team and Coleen Arnold, our school cook on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Our pupils were very professional and asked many clear and carefully considered questions. They praised the quality of food provided by Innovate and were impressed that the food cooked is from sustainable sources. Pupils requested that a wider range of desserts could be made available. Thanks to the JLT, Innovate will deliver a healthy foods assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> December and conduct some more tastings.

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***Healthy Packed Lunches***

Linton Heights prides itself on being a healthy eating school. Innovate provide school meals that are both nutritious and healthy. As a polite reminder, we kindly request that if parents choose to provide their child with a packed lunch, that only healthy, low fat/sugar meals are provided, irrespective of the occasion. Thank you.

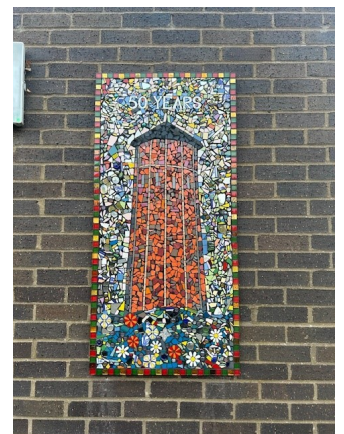
***Sleeps ‘til Santa - Two recordings!***

On Thursday Morning Josh from Star radio came in to record all the children singing “Sleeps ‘til Santa”. Linton Heights have been chosen to sing 30 sleeps and our recording will be played on Star radio on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30, 7.30 & 8.30am on 100.7FM, DAB or you can ask your smart speaker to play Star radio!

As we performed so well, we have been asked to record again for a second day. This time it will be for 5 sleeps ‘til Santa and this recording will go out on the last day of term – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. We will send a reminder with all the details nearer the time.

***50th Birthday Mosaic***

During October, Y5 pupils had the exciting opportunity to collaborate with local artist Jim Anderson on a special project to mark the school’s 50th anniversary. The project culminated in a breathtaking mosaic, designed and led by Jim, that draws inspiration from the local water tower, which is also our school logo. The mosaic now



takes pride of place at the front of the school, visible to parents, visitors and members of the local community. It serves as a lasting reminder of the school’s 50-year journey, combining the children’s collective creativity and the heritage of our school. We are thrilled to have this beautiful mosaic as part of Linton Heights’ legacy, and we look forward to seeing it continue to inspire future generations of pupils and visitors alike.

You can find out more about Jim Anderson’s art at:

[www.jimpanzee-art.co.uk](http://www.jimpanzee-art.co.uk).

## Team Building Event - LVC

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 11 children went to LVC with Miss Farr and Mr Gyford to take part in a variety of different team building challenges. Well done to the children who represented Linton Heights amazingly. A great afternoon was enjoyed by all!



## Harmful WhatsApp Group

We have been made aware of a potentially harmful WhatsApp group that young people are being encouraged to join. Details of this group have been reported on the BBC website: [Clacton school issued warning over 'explicit' WhatsApp group - BBC News](#)

This WhatsApp group could put young people into dangerous and vulnerable situations. To keep your child safe, we recommend that you have a conversation with them explaining the dangers of joining social media groups where the invitation comes from an unknown person and check social media apps regularly.

If you would like any further advice about keeping your child safe online the NSPCC website has a lot of useful advice: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

## Ceilidh Award Winners today!

### Ceilidh Praise Winners!

**Willow (Class 1):** Excellent learning  
**Zoe (Class 1):** Effort & contributions  
**Kai (Class 2):** Great effort  
**Chloe (Class 2):** Positivity  
**Jack (Class 3):** Role model  
**Ajar (Class 3):** Attitude to learning  
**Lilly (Class 4):** Hard working  
**Roman (Class 4):** Enthusiastic learner

### Ceilidh Cup Winners!

Maths cup: **Skyler (Class 1)**  
Writer's cup: **Sophia (Class 2)**  
Handwriting cup: **Vadym (Class 2)**  
Values cup: **Joshua (Class 3)**  
Sports cup: **Harvey (Class 4)**  
Arts cup: **Parker (Class 4)**

## Ceilidh

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Upper school **8:55am**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Lower school **8:55am**

## Forest School sessions

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Class 2  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Class 2

## Recording child absence link

Just a reminder for all parents and carers that any absence for your child must be recorded via our 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>

## 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.

To register for meals - [www.ifg-psm.co.uk](http://www.ifg-psm.co.uk).

For any queries or to make any meal changes email - [primary@impactfood.co.uk](mailto:primary@impactfood.co.uk) or call 0204 542 7211.

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

### Year 6 Residential Trip to Aylmerton – June 2025

The first instalment for the Year 6 residential trip was due on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. The second instalment is due on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please make your payments using MCAS.

### Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

We will be taking the whole school to the pantomime in Bishops Stortford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £17. Please make your payment using MCAS.

### Year 5 Trip to Leicester Space Centre

We will be taking Year 5 to the Leicester Space Centre on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The first instalment of £18 was due on 1<sup>st</sup> November and the second instalment of £18 is due on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please make your payment using MCAS.

### Year 6 Mighty Mountains Workshop

We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 towards the cost of this geography workshop which is taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please make your payment 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 Autumn Term Dates:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Inset day: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept (non-pupil day)**

**Inset day: Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (non-pupil day)**

**Half Term: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**Inset day: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec (non-pupil day)**

Autumn term ends Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**The term dates for 2024/25 academic year are on our website under News and Events, Term Dates**