



Lingdale Letterbox

Friday 18th December 2020



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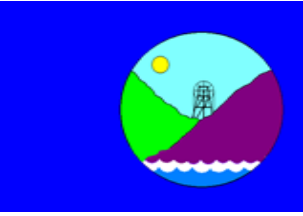
Dear Parents, Welcome to this week's news.....

Today finds us wondering where the autumn term has gone..! Fifteen hard- working weeks have flown by; we have made so many strange but wonderful memories. It has been a difficult time and Christmas in Lingdale has certainly been different -but we hope you agree -just as special. The community spirit shown this term has been overwhelming and we are truly grateful for all the support we have received from parents and the wider community. Special thanks to MFC Foundation, Greggs, Morrisons, Stonehouse Chippy, M&S and Jodie Brown (from the local shop) who have all gone above and beyond for our school. On behalf of myself and all the staff, I wish you all a peaceful and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Here are a few highlights of 2020.....

Little Explorers

Little explorers started this term exploring colours, which then lead to discovering Autumn changes. We have enjoyed the outdoors, going for walks, finding leaves and best of all jumping in puddles. Our children also loved doing lots of Halloween activities such as pumpkin picking and decorating. All the children have grown in confidence so much this term!



Year 5/6: 95.9% Below
Year 3/4: 100% Wow!
Year 1/2: 94.8% Below
Reception: 91.1% Below
Nursery: 94.2% Below

This week's whole school attendance

Yearly school attendance to date:

Target 96.6%

This is the expected standard for all schools.

Poor attendance impacts negatively on your child's potential and life chances.

EYFS

This half term the children in EYFS have enjoyed reading Whatever Next. We used boxes and props to act out the story. We made moon sand and investigated how craters were made. We also made starry sky pictures and colour mixed different shades of blue. However, a highlight of this half term was having our very own picnic on the moon!

Firstly, we made sandwiches and cut them into different shapes. The children carefully used the knives to spread the butter and cut their bread. Later we climbed in to our own rockets and watched a rocket launch. The children joined in with the count down. 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 BLAST OFF!

The children were very excited to have their own picnic on the moon like the bear in the story...



Year 1 and 2

What an incredible term it has been for year 1 & 2 after a very rocky start to 2020!

The children were eager and more than ready to be back in class in September. Showing such willingness, they have made excellent progress across all subject areas- we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

At the beginning of the term, the children were left a mysterious suitcase from 'The Lady with the Lamp'. Left wondering who that suitcase belonged to, the children soon got their teeth into the investigation and discovered it was owned by Florence Nightingale. Other highlights of Autumn were our sports morning, which helped develop team work and wellbeing, and the discovery of aliens in our classroom.



Life in Upper School 3/4

We have had a great first term in Years 3 & 4. New friendships have been formed and old friends have been reacquainted. All of the children have worked hard to develop their skills and everyone has made progress. The highlight of this term has been our visit from the North Yorkshire Moors Centre. The children were able to experience first hand what life might have been like during the Stone Age. They handled different artefacts, learnt how to build a shelter and how different trees were used. The children have also been learning ukulele and can even play short tunes.



Life in Upper School 5/6

While we may have been confined to the classroom over the past fifteen weeks, all pupils in years five and six have still participated in a wide range of learning experiences. Moving on from the exploits of Joey and Albert in Warhorse, we have now explored how the lives of British and Jewish children were affected in WW2 and how they showed resilience and determination in their dark days. We have designed and built our own Anderson shelters and written a diary from the perspective of Anne Frank.

We had great fun carrying out experiments to test how the forces of friction and gravity work Mrs Bell has put us through our paces in P.E, we have finely - tuned our guitar skills and practised the calming techniques of Tai Chi.



A message from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank all the staff for their outstanding hard work during the past year. The staff have really gone above and beyond for everyone. I hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

John Whitehead—Chair of Governors.

We would like wish all our families a safe and healthy Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year. We return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. Paid breakfast club will start this day but after school clubs start week beginning 11th January 2021. Art club will remain the same for the Y3/4 group and the sports clubs will be the same as the autumn term. Any child that develops covid symptoms up to and including **Sunday 20th Dec**, please email the school office on office@lingdale.org. Any child that develops covid symptoms after this date does not need to contact the school during the holidays. Finally, a HUGE thank you to all our families who helped raise a profit of over **£1200** from our Xmas fundraising. Well done everyone!

