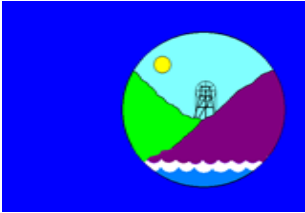




Lingdale Letterbox

Friday 17th December 2021



Working together to be the best we can be

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

Christmas in Lingdale has certainly not been as we planned this year -but we hope you agree -just as special. The outdoor Xmas Carol Concert was fabulous and we really appreciate how many of our families came along to support. 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. We made just under £500 profit from our Xmas Fayre and raffle all which will go straight back in to supporting future trips and events. Special thanks to Greggs who have continued to fund our fabulous FREE breakfast club. We would also like to mention a special thanks to Marks and Spencers in Guisborough who sent a car full of amazing toys, games and gifts for EVERY child at school this week. The Play Factory also sent some fresh fruit, veg and other food items for our nominated families in need. They also provided the school with £200 worth of Play Factory vouchers which will be used as prizes in the Spring term. On behalf of myself and all the staff, I wish you all a peaceful and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2022.

Here are a few highlights of Autumn term

Little Explorers

This half term Lingdale's Little Explorers have been discovering autumn. We have been on autumn walks, experienced the changes in the weather, and celebrated Halloween and Bonfire Night. We used autumn materials to create lots of artwork and baked weekly including making our own hedgehog bread and flapjacks. We enjoyed our Christmas trip to the Play Factory where we got to meet Santa in his grotto! We hope all our Little Explorers have a happy Christmas and we look forward to more fun next year!



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MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Year 5/6: 93.8% Below

Year 3/4: 97% Good

Year 1/2: 97% Good

Reception: 96% Below

Nursery: 82.9% Below

This week's whole school attendance 95.7%

Yearly school attendance to date: 94% Below

Target 96.6%

This is the expected standard for all schools.

EYFS

What a busy half term Nursery and Reception have had! They have taken part in nursery rhyme themed activities to celebrate 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. They enjoyed learning about Diwali and creating milk bottle Indian elephants. The children have also been learning the story 'Owl Babies' and retelling it using story language. Reception children have also started learning basic hockey skills in P.E. They have really enjoyed these sessions and are keen to practise in our outdoor area!



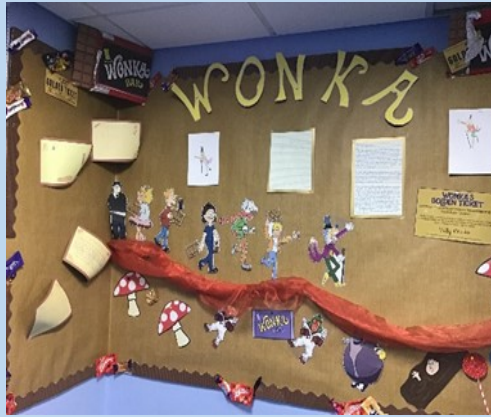
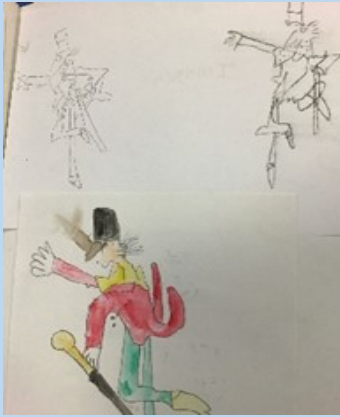
Year 1 and 2

Years 1 & 2 have had a very busy half term! They have investigated how toys have changed from the Victorian Era to modern day, worked scientifically to compare and classify materials in science, learnt how to add and subtract using number lines, used commas to write a list and designed and created a moving vehicle using wheels and axels. The perfect ending to the half had to be our Christmas party- the children thoroughly enjoyed letting their hair down and dancing the morning away. Phew! I think it's safe to say they deserve a well-earned break!



Life in Upper School 3/4

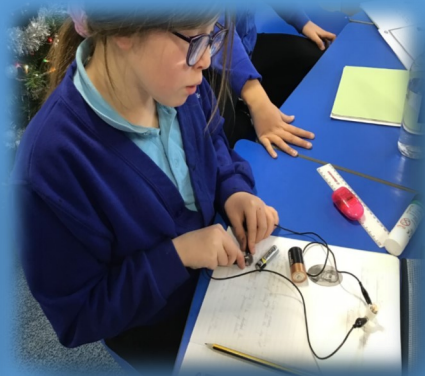
The children in Years 3 and 4 have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl this half term. They have been exploring the descriptive vocabulary in the story, using it to write their own character and setting descriptions. Children have also designed and made their own Golden ticket to develop their word processing skills during their computing lessons. In Art, they have been developing their sketching skills in the style of Quentin Blake. We are sure you will agree the highlight has to be the progress of children's artwork. They have created some amazing sketches of the characters from the story using pencils, charcoal and watercolours.



Life in Upper School 5/6

Years Five and Six have certainly had a jam-packed half term! Apart from sitting their tests for us to assess how best to support them in the next term, they have participated in a multitude of learning experiences. It has been a very musical and creative seven weeks; as well as learning how to play the "Toot Flute", the children have been appreciating a wide range of music from great composers and musicians. They have been working scientifically to explore electrical circuits and question how components function. The children have continued to impress us with their determination and resilience during their swimming lessons with so many of them now confident enough to swim in the "big pool!"

We were delighted to be able to take the oldest children to the theatre to watch A Christmas Carol- they have certainly brought the awe and wonder back into the classroom and their version of A Christmas Truce. We definitely have some budding actors in our midst!



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 Wednesday 5th January 2022. Paid breakfast club will start this day but after school clubs start and the FREE breakfast club week beginning 10th January 2022.

