

Dear Parents, Carers & Families,

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of our second week with the children - time flies when you are having fun! This week we have really started to see the children settle into their routines which is fantastic to see. There have been some more firsts with the children visiting the courtyard at for their lunch break - we have seen teddy bear rolls and forward rolls as well as snakes and ladders and races. It has been a delight to share some of this time with them!

This week we have welcomed even more visitors. Our Chair of Governors popped by to say Hello as well as our Trust Director of Education and the team of Headteachers from our schools in the Trust - they were delighted to see our school and visit the children in class too. PC Compton & PC Laing dropped by to meet the children and Reverend Harris-Faulkner from Christchurch Church also came and said Hello!

We have launched Showbie this week - we hope you are looking forward to seeing your child's learning in action. In addition, Mrs Holdsworth has shared information about Home Learning with a focus on Reading.

Today we also launch our class mascots - Forest the Fox and Winnie the Pooh - who will be visiting your homes over the course of the year. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Next week, we will be filming our new video to showcase our school - thank you for confirming your permission preferences for participation. We look forward to sharing the video with you upon completion.

We also write to invite you to come and spend some time in class with your child/ren next Friday (29th September). Come along at 3pm and get involved with their learning! After school, you are also invited to come and visit the atrium for cakes and juice in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Cake donations welcome!

Finally, we look forward to receiving your recommendations for our school values - we really do appreciate your anticipated feedback. Please hand them in to Lida in the front office or to your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Ingrams & the Lime Wood Team



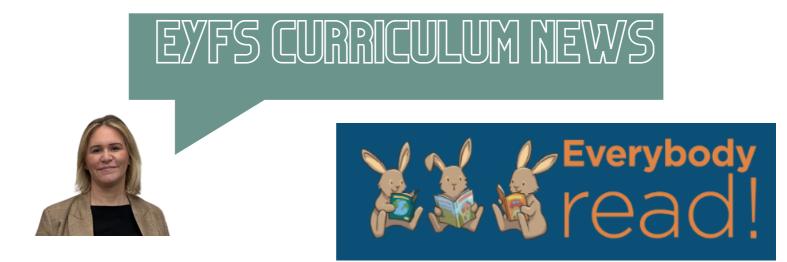
WE LOVE LEARNING



The children have been amazing at settling into big school life. They are beginning to learn the three rules - **READY**, **RESPECTFUL**, **SAFE** as well as our daily routines.

They are beginning to get to know each other and build the foundations to new friendships. We are so proud of all of them as they take this big step in their lives and we are sure you feel the same way too.

Have you submitted your ideas for our school values yet?



At Lime Wood Primary School we value reading for pleasure. This week the children will bring home a class library book. The class library book is for you to read to your child in order to share a love of reading for pleasure. This will be changed weekly so please keep books in your child's book bag. There will be a separate letter explaining home learning in more detail.

At Lime Wood Primary School we have chosen Little Wandle Letters and Sounds as our approach to teaching Phonics into Early Reading. Phonics is taught as a discrete lesson on a daily basis - you can find more information about the scheme on our website, please click <u>here</u>

I will be hosting a parent phonics workshop on Tuesday 10th October. Look out for the email invitation.

As we have begun teaching phonics to your children, they will begin to bring phonic reading books home. The phonic reading book is for your child to read to you. Please record the date and initial with comments of how they got on with their phonic book. Look out for our letter about home reading for more information.

This Friday is very exciting for the children as one child from each class will be chosen to bring home and look after our class mascot. Neverwood Forest Class mascot is Forest the Fox and Hundred Acre Wood mascot is Winnie the Pooh. Please help your child by adding a photo or drawing to the book along with a few sentences about their weekend adventures together. Please return to school on Mondays ready for the class mascots next adventure with another child.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed ideas for our school values so far!

VALUES IN ACTION



Thank you to everyone for your contributions and ideas so far!

ATTENDANCE

We strive for 96%+ attendance for all our children

Hundred Acre Wood Class 92.31% Neverwood Forest Class 96.44% Whole school - 96.4%



Please speak to us if we can help with any attendance matters. We are here to help.

GOLDEN BOOK 🖌

Isla Mai - always helping others and great at finding solutions!

> Aslan - showing great enthusiasm for learning and always asking questions to find out more!

KEY DATES 📖

27th September - PC Ryan visiting for Clever Never Goes workshops (Stranger Danger)
28th September - Filming for our marketing video, thank you all for notifying us of your permission to take part preferences
29th September - Admissions open morning for new families (10-11am)
2nd October - Gary Drostle (Sculptor) will be visiting the classes as part of our art project

SAFEGUARDING

Online Safety is a vital part of our work in school. Take a look at the link below which includes lots of information about keeping children safe online at home and information for families.

https://bexleysafeguardingpartnership.co.uk/families/e-sfaetyhow-to-keep-your-child-safe-online/









Don't forget we need your fabrics for our community art project with Gary Drostle. Drop them at the front office! Deadline 6th October 2023.





Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in being part of our Parents, Teacher & Friends Association. Register of interest closes on 13th October, 2023 so there is still time to let us know you would like to take part. Email LWPoffice@watschools.org.uk



Thankyou for your continued donations for a worthy cause. The donation box can be found in our visitor lobby.

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Miss Ingrams met with Emily from Age UK - Men in Sheds this week to discuss ideas for a project and intergenerational working together. We will share more information later in the term.



Miss Ingrams has been liaising with our local Fire Station - Erith (White Watch) to arrange for the fire officers to come and visit our school and the children. They hope to be visiting in a few weeks time!