



LIME WOOD PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers & Families,



TEAMWORK



CURIOSITY



RESPECT



PRIDE



KINDNESS

Our first full week of the new year and it has been, once again, jam-packed full of learning! The children have been enjoying their new core text, Owl Babies and have been learning the story. Ask them to re-tell the story to you and find out about the main characters; Sarah, Percy and Bill!

The children enjoyed the Children's University launch and enjoyed participating in a drama and dance session with Theatre Box - take a look at the information provided further along in the newsletter. We hope that you will sign up as families!

Finally, the children had an informative experience this afternoon with their Knife and Fork workshop with The Pantry this afternoon which has helped them to further build their skills!

Have a wonderful weekend,



Miss Ingrams and the Lime Wood Primary team.

Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone that completed the survey - we had **29** responses. Each week, we will feedback your responses and update you with the school's response.

My child is happy at this school

All **29** responses agreed or strongly agreed with this statement

We are delighted with this response and certainly agree as this is line with our own experiences of your children.

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

27 responses agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. **2** selected 'don't know'

Behaviour and Relationships is a core focus of our PSED learning also. We routinely speak to the children about our three rules: Ready, Respectful & Safe as well as expectations for behaviour in and around the school. Our policy and approach can also be found on the school website.

My child feels safe at this school

25 responses agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. **4** selected 'don't know'.

As a school we include a focus on feeling safe within our PSED (Personal, Social, Emotional Development) sessions as well as how to keep ourselves safe. This might be something you would like to talk to your children about to find out their views.

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WE LOVE LEARNING FOREST SCHOOL



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#teamwork

Forest School offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence, resilience, self-esteem and teamwork through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.



The children enjoyed making bird feeders in Forest School this week - they discussed how they can encourage wildlife to our growing Forest School area and how they can show #kindness to the natural environment around us.



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VALUES IN ACTION

Kindness - Turn-taking during child initiated learning has been a strength shown by the children this week - well done!

Teamwork - Children showed great working together during the launch of Children's University and working with the Theatre Box learning destination.

Respect - Last week, the children showed great respect to their visitors when listening to Time Capsule during their session focused on Fairy Tales.

Curiosity - Children loved exploring Forest School in their first session since returning. They explored the trees that have grown since their last visit, taking photos using IPADS.

Pride - We have all been very impressed with the way that the children have returned to school after the festive break - they have all settled back to routines and learning extremely well! Well done.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Odin, Isabella, Harvey &

Olivia

GOLDEN BOOK

Tiyan, Sofiya,
Poppy & Aarav



ATTENDANCE

We strive for 96%+ attendance for all our children w/c 8.1.24

Hundred Acre Wood Class

98.75%

Neverwood Forest Class

95.86%

Whole school, Year to date: 98.3%



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

KEY DATES



Next week is

National Storytelling Week - all members of staff will be sharing books with groups of children on **Monday**.

17th January - Parent Workshop, Maths in EYFS, 9am. Come and join us!

SAFEGUARDING

A key focus within the Personal, Social and Emotional Development part of the EYFS curriculum is on how we keep ourselves and others safe. With that in mind we are delighted to share that Reception will be taking part in First Aid training later in the term. They will learn how and why to call 999, CPR training on Betty & Bobby (child friendly manikins), burns, bumps and bleeding, choking, bandaging, defibrillator and a few more little tips. We will share more information nearer the time.





COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone that attended the Children's University launch this week - we really believe that this is an excellent opportunity for your child to become involved in and we look forward to celebrating with them at the end of year graduation! If you could not attend, please check out the presentation shared with this newsletter as well as following the link in the QR code which will take you through to the CU Google Drive which details everything you need to know! All links can be found on the school website too (Partnerships page).



Come and join Erith Town FC on 20th January 2024 - they have a great deal planned including half time games, family activities and a chance for your child to be a mascot as well as a chance to meet the team! See you there...





Erith Town vs. Tunbridge Wells FC
SCEFL Premier Division
Saturday 20th January 2024
3:00pm Kick-Off




All pupils from Lime Wood Primary School with season tickets are granted **FREE ENTRY**, and a reduced fee of just £5 for accompanying adults.

Fun activities for all the family, including matchday mascots, half-time fun and games, exciting football and the chance to meet the Erith Town squad and management!



We have all been waiting to hear when the new local Sainsburys by the school will be opening and we are pleased to share that the grand opening will be on 25th January! The new manager and team visited us to discuss ways that we can work together and they have invited a register of interest from parents/carers who would be happy for their child to take part in the opening and helping to cut the ribbon! We will write to you separately to invite you to let us know if you would like to take part!

Support our local community by parking with care. Please use the school car park for morning drop off and afternoon collection to support our local residents.



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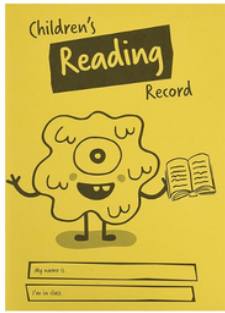
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HOME READING

Children come home with two books; the first being a phonically decodable text linked to your child's phonic ability. This book is your child's text that they read in class with their class teacher and provides them with the opportunity to re-read and embed the text and sounds/words. They also come home with a 'reading for pleasure' text which is a book that your child has selected. This book provides them with an opportunity to simply enjoy the pleasure of reading - sharing their inferences from pictures as well as attempting to read words.

Please can you make a note in your child's reading record each time you read with your child - just sign and make a short comment if you would like.



READING FOR PLEASURE

The National Curriculum for English emphasises 'reading for pleasure' and research shows that children who choose to read, enjoy reading and read regularly reap the benefits in many areas:

- academically: language acquisition; vocabulary growth; reading proficiency; improved comprehension and understanding; greater cognitive development; ability to absorb and understand information in all subjects
- socially: gaining an understanding of people, the world, life experiences (and thereby improving relationships and creating connections with the wider world); ability to empathise; sense of humour; ability to interpret situations; making links between content of books and personal life
- areas of health: self-confidence and self-esteem; understanding emotions; develop emotional vocabulary.

Check out the UKLA (United Kingdom Literacy Association) advice and resources regarding promoting reading for pleasure by clicking on the QR code.



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