

# The Linden Centre

## School Newsletter

### February 2021



#### A message from our Head Teacher

Where on earth did that last month go?

I would like to extend my thanks to each of you for your support with regards to home learning and also ensuring that your children are getting the best possible education that we could get them throughout this time of lockdown.

I would also like to also thank to all of the colleagues within school for continuing to provide both remote and live lessons. I know that this term is a difficult one, but together we are working hard to make sure that all children and families are supported.

#### Reading

Reading is key to the education of your child. Please encourage 15 minutes of reading per evening and record this in a reading record or diary.

Reading does not have to stop at a book, try newspapers, websites etc. Please encourage your child to bring their book home and ready together.



#### Books

We are trying to create school libraries in our centres so that children have a range of texts to read and borrow to read at home. If you have any books that you no longer use, please donate them to school.

#### Attendance

Our overall school attendance is 89.9.58% however removing long term absences, our unauthorised absence is only 2.8% which is amazing!



## Centre Updates

<p>Primary SS</p>	<p>Despite lockdown it has been lovely to have children attending each day. We are having an exciting term so far and all the children have been working hard. Year 3 have been finding out all about Fantastic Mr Fox through reading, writing and role play. They have also been working hard in Maths learning times tables through various activities. The year 5 topic of comparing people and places has been interesting. We are proud to say that for the first time ever, the children entered The Linden Centre handwriting competition and are looking forward to receiving prizes for this. Last week we welcomed Mr Hall to the Primary Short Stay team, he is really enjoying getting to know everyone and teaching pupils about kindness this week.</p>
<p>Primary Specialist</p>	<p>M1- We are looking at British values and discovering new stories that relate to our English topic, the wild. This week we will be going around the school grounds to collect creatures and look at different habitats for mini beasts. We are looking forward to an exciting time in the class.</p> <p>M2- The amazing mathematicians in our class have become experts in shape, area and perimeter. After learning all about the Minotaur, Medusa and Zeus, we have really enjoyed learning and creating our own Greek myths. The mini -Einstein's have enjoyed learning about the human body and how they work. I am sure we'll have many future doctors from M2! We cannot wait to carry on our incredible learning!</p> <p>M3 – Some of our Year 5/6 cohort are working hard in class every day, while the others are working from home accessing our remote online lessons. We are enjoying reading, planning and writing 'Spooky Stories'. In Maths, we are converting, adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. We have started comparing people and places, finding similarities and differences between cultures, namely Birmingham and Rio. In these locations, we have been lucky to find many species of animals and their habitats to investigate in our Science lessons.</p>
<p>Secondary SS</p>	<p>S1 tutor group has undergone changes since September. Our original pupils are transitioning back into mainstream school, and we wish them every success in their new schools.</p> <p>We welcome our new tutor group and are very pleased with how they have settled into the group and are developing positive attitudes to their learning.</p> <p>S2 is a wonderful class consisting of 2 year 9 and 2 year 8 students. They are working on developing their English, maths and science skills, as well as Careers Education, Life Skills, Arts and Humanities.</p> <p>The students have gelled well and support each other in all aspects of student life</p>
<p>Secondary Specialist</p>	<p>H1 have settled in well together during our tutor time and are developing strong relationships with each other. All students have a selected book to complement their reading abilities and development. They have shown good resilience during this time of uncertainty regarding Covid19. I look forward to seeing them develop further over the coming.</p> <p>H2 tutor group has undergone some changes since September. Some pupils are transitioning back into mainstream school and others have moved in as their work ethic meets those of these peers. They support one another through the turbulent landscape of teenage years and all that their lives go through. They are open, honest and eager to talk through issues with my guidance and support.</p> <p>H3 This half term students have considering their next steps in education and looking at what they will need to get there. The tutor read this term has been chocolate but the students have been very engaged in this so we have begun to read Coraline instead and this seems to keeps the students more engaged.</p>



## School Diary Dates

### **Term dates:**

#### **SPRING TERM 2021**

Main Term Monday 4th January to Wednesday 31st March

Half Term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Professional Development Day: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 1st April.

#### **EASTER HOLIDAY:**

THURSDAY 1st APRIL TO FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2021

#### **SUMMER TERM 2021**

Main Term Monday 19th April to Monday 19th July

May Day Monday 3rd May

Half Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Professional Development Days Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July

#### **PUPILS' SUMMER HOLIDAY BEGINS Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

## Special Occasions

4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – World Book Day (come into school dressed as your favourite book character)

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - Science Day for British Science Week

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day'. Wear PJs to school day - £1 contribution

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021- St. Georges Day Celebrations

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – International Dance Day (24hrs danceathon)

27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May – National Paddling Week (water based activities)

7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Pride month – celebrate by wearing a colour from the rainbow or rainbow clothing to school. £1 contribution.

14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Celebrating Dementia – Cupcake Day.

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – International Picnic Day

7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – World Chocolate Day



## Website

Our school website has started to be filled with information. Keep checking the pages for updated information. Find it here: [www.lindencentre.co.uk](http://www.lindencentre.co.uk)

## Leavers 2021

We have a student that has been with us a long time complete his time with us this week. He has now moved on to his mainstream school and we wish him all the best for his future.

Remember where we are – we would love to still hear from you.

#LindenLeavers2021

## Parents Support and Welfare

Miss Green has started with us this month and has been a fabulous new addition. Her role will be to support Pupils, Parents and Colleagues with Pastoral and Welfare. For more information of any available support, please contact Miss Green via her email [Shara.Green@taw.org.uk](mailto:Shara.Green@taw.org.uk)

## Uniform

Wearing a school uniform is very important to us.

School uniform is as follows:

Shoes- Formal Black Shoes (No trainers)

Trousers- School black trousers / Skirt (atleast knee length with black tights)

Shirt- White Shirt, Blouse or Polo Shirt

Sweatshirt- School black sweatshirt with a logo

Those children remaining with us in January that are not linked to another school will be expected to wear the full correct school uniform.



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Wednesday is PE day. On this day, children may come to school dressed in PE/Sports gear. Please be mindful that they will be wearing this outfit for the day and so a tracksuit would be preferred. Please also consider the PE topic and the weather on the day and come to school dressed appropriately for this.

## PE Kits



## New starters

We are pleased to be welcoming some new children to each of our sites after half term. Please familiarise yourselves with 'New Starters' tab on our Website and we hope that you all enjoy our schools as much as everyone else. We look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you.

## Behaviour points- Lennon's Linden Loot

In September we launched our new Behaviour Points system 'Lennon's Linden Loot'. Students earn points throughout the day based on general behaviour, learning, engagement, quality of work, homework, respecting our values and being positive. Each of these points get collected virtually and on a Monday, students are given their weekly tokens (known as 'Lennon's Linden Loot').

Students can spend Lennon's Linden Loot as if it were currency in our 'Kiosk' or they can choose to keep some to save for bigger items (such as a visit or a half termly trip). We are hoping that students will learn the value of saving however for those that would prefer instant gratification, this is also available.

## Home Learning

A big thankyou to all learners that are completing their remote learning packs. Please understand that a lopt of time is being put into creating and delivering packs of work in addition to teaching live lessons.

Please could parents ensure that the work provided is being completed by children remaining at home and ready for collection.

Thank you.



## Half Term

We would like to wish you all a lovely and restful half term break. The school office will be closed for this week and teachers have been asked not to monitor their emails over time and instead, spend time with their families.

Please remind children to continue to follow Government guidance around Covid-19 and Lockdown and to stay safe.

We will see you all back on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.