

The Linden Centre

School Newsletter

Summer 2022



A message from our Head Teacher

We are on the final stretch now to the end of the school year and what a year it has been we have seen children come and go and some come back and go again, trips out and visitors in to enrich our children's minds. It really has been a manic year but a year full of achievements and memories for our young people memories I hope will stay with them throughout their lives as it will with us. So one last push to the finish line and let us see if we can go out with a bang!

Special Dates

Thursday 7th July 2022 Linden Primary Specialist closed for polling

Monday 18th July 2022 Students break up for the summer holidays.

Tuesday 19th July 2022 PD DAY

Wednesday 20th July 2022 PD DAY

Thursday 21st July 2022 PD DAY

Monday 5th September 2022 Students and staff return from summer break.

'Lady' Lennon

Lady has been keeping herself busy around the centres this month and her presence is seeming to have a calming effect on both students and staff who love having her a around. Some of the students at secondary short stay have enjoyed





taking her for a walk recently and have been amazed by how quick she is when off her lead and causing chaos, that was a very long walk indeed with Miss Bickerton.

Chicken Run!

As I would imagine a lot of you may have heard we now have chickens at two of our centres both secondary specialist and primary short stay are the homes to our new additions.

We have however had some teething problems with the chickens especially at secondary which has seen all 6-chicken escaping and running towards the primary school next door, with Mr Ryder and Mr Paskin in pursuit. You will be pleased to learn that no chickens were injured in this rendition of Chicken run. But as you can imagine this made for hilarious viewing.

Attendance

As a school, we have a target of 95% attendance which is in line with schools nationally.

Our attendance currently is 83.3% and this is mainly due to covid absences but please try to come into school on time every day. Please continue to support us by ensuring that your child is in school every day.

Covid-19

We currently have a few students and colleagues who are isolating. Please be advised that students should be encouraged to take Lateral Flow Tests if they develop symptoms.

Please support us by keeping your child at home if they do develop symptoms the new guidance says 3 days isolation for a positive test or high temperature.

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





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TWITTER

We are on twitter – Follow us!

@LindenCentreTF

Each class also has a twitter account to help you keep up to date with things in the classroom. Follow us!



Parents Support and Welfare

Miss Green is available daily for pastoral support. This extended to students and their parent/carer(s). Her role is 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

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 (at least knee length with black tights)
 - Shirt- White Shirt, Blouse or Polo Shirt
- Sweatshirt- School black sweatshirt with a logo

Those children that are not linked to another school will be expected to wear the full correct school uniform.

New starters

Welcome to all new starters. We are pleased to be welcoming some new children to each of our sites. 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.



Leavers

The Linden Centre This term we have said Goodbye and Good Luck to several our students that have now moved onto their next journey . We wish you all the very best of luck and support and you continue with your education. Please remember everything that you learnt whilst with us at The Linden Centre and come back to visit us to show us how well you are doing.

Summer

We are now fortunate enough to have lots of sun and nice weather. In order that we can ensure your children are safe outside in the sun, please can you ensure that sun cream is applied daily and that water bottles are brought into school (named).

Behaviour points- Lennon's Linden Loot

Children across all sites are continuing to get used to the behaviour system and reap the rewards of their loot. We have had a trip to Alton Towers at secondary specialist , Mc Donald's lunch and few film and popcorn afternoons to name a few rewards being claimed. I have attached the rewards available just to let you know what you could achieve should you work hard and get that loot.

30	Phone Call Home
50	Certificate – Assembly
50	Outdoor break
70	Scooters – 15 Min
100	30 Min Outdoor Session
200	Sweets/Chocolate
250	Treat Box
400	Non-uniform day
500	Film & Popcorn
600	Cooking Activity – 1hr
650	Milkshake
700	McDonald's Food
700	Cat A Trip
900	Cat B Trip
1,300	Cat C Trip
2,000	Cat D Trip

Centre Updates

<p>Primary SS</p>	<p>This term is racing by, we have been busy with our topics Twisted Fairy Tales ` and Linden World Tour 2022` Our guided reading and our foundation work have been based around our topics and we have been able to read lots of amazing books. The children are loving the books so much that they are keen to read stories to others during story time. Julia Donaldson is still a firm favourite author with our younger children. The older children have been loving 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom by Onjali Q Rauf. It has been interesting for us to start to understand how scary it must be for refugees and how hard it would be to join a new class of children where we cannot understand what is being said. The children have been very thoughtful and reflective in their work and really tried to understand how other people feel.</p> <p>Chickens, chickens, and more chickens! Every day we seem to have more chickens appear and all the children are taking our responsibilities very seriously. Every day we make sure they have clean food and water, can exercise, and have clean bedding. We know that we have responsibilities to keep them and ourselves safe and are thinking carefully about our conduct around them.</p>
<p>Primary Specialist</p>	<div data-bbox="347 1227 759 1626" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="762 1227 1184 1626" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Primary Specialist had a great time celebrating the queens platinum jubilee with a garden party.</p> <p>Also at Primary Specialist the children have started to go swimming to wellington each Tuesday and I am very pleased to say they are doing a fantastic job of learning to swim, some developing on to become strong swimmers in the future.</p>
<p>Secondary SS</p>	<p>We are really pleased that some of our pupils have gained places at new schools and have already settled in, we are proud of them.</p> <p>We have new pupils that are taking part in all lessons as well are being focused on the day-to-day academic subjects they have also been</p>



enjoyed outdoor education and PE. In English pupils have been really enjoying writing stories based on the story of Alice and Wonderland and have been proud to share them with staff. As well as enjoying PE (particularly with the lovely weather we have had) pupils have been learning how to talk about sports in Spanish lessons. Pupils have also enjoyed visiting the chickens and looking after the chickens next door.

Secondary Specialist

The Secondary Specialist pupils have had a very productive summer term, with trips and exams.

Pupils were invited to Stratford-upon-Avon to fully immerse themselves into the life of William Shakespeare.

They were able to visit the birthplace of Shakespeare and see what life was like in Elizabethan times for a family that raised their money from farming and glove making. Being able to appreciate the harsh realities of life back then, and see relics and Shakespeare's timeline, brought those realities to life.

From there, the pupils visited Shakespeare's town house, the final property he owned before passing away. The pupils were flabbergasted by the difference from his birthplace – the retail value alone of his property reached millions in today's terms.

From there, the pupils were taken to Shakespeare's mother's estate, which is now a tourist centre. The incredible low ceilings and tiny rooms with floorboards that could be seen through, unnerved many of the pupils.

We were offered the opportunity to look around the Royal Shakespeare Company's theatre, where the pupils were allowed up to the dizzying heights of the turret that looks over the majority of Stratford – they even dared each other to then take the hundreds of steps back to ground level afterwards.

Overall, the pupils were incredibly well behaved and enjoyed the opportunity to see Stratford in all its glory.

The year 11 pupils have had the opportunity to sit exams these last few weeks. The anxiety has been very real, and they have taken every chance to revise and prepare. We wish them all the best with their upcoming results.

ALTON TOWERS TRIP

A few students from secondary specialist had the opportunity to go on the trip to Alton Towers on Tuesday 21st June organised by our deputy head Mrs Bowen. The children were an absolute credit to us as a school. The maturity shown by all our students was breath taking they really have come a long way in the years we have known them all. And I must say that some of our students have shocked me with their courage to face their fears of heights and of rides in general they took this in their stride and really went for it. I do believe that there were memories made that will stay with some of them for a lifetime which is fantastic. We went from singing in



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the car to riding the smiler at speeds I literally cannot comprehend what a day! There were certainly some very tired children by the end who still attended school the next day , so here is to the next trip it seems the possibilities are endless so watch this space.

From A very proud
Mrs Jones , Mr Paskin, Mr Ryder & Mrs Bowen

Mental Health

With the summer holidays fast approaching some of our children may need extra emotional support below are some links to access such support.

General mental health support for young people

- [Kooth:](#)(online counselling for young people)
- [BEAM:](#) this is a telephone-based service for people aged under 25. Please email AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk in the first instance
- [Childline](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Young Minds](#)
- [Cruse:](#) Bereavement Support
- [BEAT:](#)Support around eating disorders
- [BeeU](#)
- [The Mix:](#) or telephone 0808 808 4994
- PRISM: Free local grief support for young people and adults. Request a referral form by emailing prismtelford@gmail.com
- [Winstons Wish: Support for children and young people after the death of a sibling or parent](#)
- [Samaritans](#)
- [Hopeline U.K: Support for people who have concerns over suicide. You can also telephone 0800 068 4141](#)

Services available for support include Kooth and BEAM.



Kooth is a free online mental wellbeing community, that provides safe and anonymous support. They can be contacted via their website: <https://www.kooth.com/>



**SHROPSHIRE TELFORD & WREKIN BEAM
LUDLOW BEAM**
Coronavirus Covid-19 information and support



We will be providing a call-back telephone service from 2nd April 2020.

If you would like to speak to someone, please send an email to:
AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

Once you have emailed, an automatic response will ask for some more information. A member of the team will then contact you to discuss what help you need and look at the best time for a practitioner to call you.

Our inbox is regularly monitored, but please note this is not a crisis or instant response service.

Visit our website for more information, as well as links to our online resources:
<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/beam/coronavirus>

Kooth.com

Online support for young people

We would like to remind you of the availability of our online service to support the **wellbeing** and **resilience** of your students.

Kooth is a web based confidential support service available to young people. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people.

Kooth offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10 pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. Young people can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed. Outside counselling hours' young people can message our team and get support by the next day.

When students register with Kooth they will have support available to them now and in the future. Support can be gained not only through counselling but articles, forums and discussion boards. All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated.

To find out more visit [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) where young people can register and others can find out more about the service.

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Shining Stars

Special needs group for 0-5s

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NEW VENUE

The Linden Centre,
Oak Rd, Overdale,
TF3 5BT

Between
Ketley and
Newdale.
No 13 & 16
buses go
nearby

NEW DAY

Tuesday
10-11.30am

**Come along and join us
while your child plays**

Email shiningstars2017@hotmail.com

A group with a range of play activities for children who have an additional need. Eligible for families prior, during or after diagnosis. Children must be supervised. Two children per adult. Siblings without an additional need are also welcome to attend.

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