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# Newsletter

Lisle Marsden Church of England Primary Academy



## Walk to School

Next week is 'Walk to School Week', where all of our children will be taking part in a special one-off challenge. The five-day walking challenge will be taking place nationally from 20th - 24th May, when Lisle Marsden will be joining the thousands of schools taking part to help promote and feel the benefits of walking. Due to our school May half term holidays starting a day earlier – our challenge will begin on the 17th of May and run until the 23rd, to enable the children to receive their special walk to school badge.

## People's Park Clean Up

This week, the School Councillors went to the park to see how they could support Park Care, a group of volunteers who look after the upkeep of the park; and do some cleaning of their own. This local community action was inspired by one of our own school councillors, Yaela Crane, who spent time in the holidays cleaning up the park with her cousins; the school council wanted to support Yaela with her fantastic efforts and help make a positive difference to the park that many of them enjoy visiting and playing in. They headed to the small play area and began filling their bin bags using litter pickers and gloves. They were able to dispose of 2 full bin bags of debris, which included a full bottle of medicine as well as a household dinner knife!

Following the litter pick, our school councillors will now work with the volunteers after half term to do some planting in the park, which will include a range of plants that the children from school can watch flourish and grow over the coming years. If you feel you would like to get involved with the volunteers of Park Care, please contact Bill Phillipson via the Park Care Facebook page.

## A few reminders to keep the children safe

Help us to keep your child safe on the playgrounds at the start and end of each school day by reminding them not to ride bikes or scoot scooters on the playground. With so many school children, adults, toddlers and push chairs around, the chances of an accident/collision occurring can significantly rise. With the warmer drier weather, many more children are choosing to bring bikes and scooters to school. We are happy for the children to do this but naturally wish to avoid problems. Staff will again be reminding the children in school, and reinforcing this on the playgrounds.

We've had a few parents wanting to know why we don't allow children to play football on the playground before and after school. This policy has been in place for many years at the school and is in place to keep the children safe whilst unsupervised after arriving at school before 8.50 am, as well as to prevent unwanted accidents and injuries occurring at a time when there are large numbers of people and young children entering and leaving the site.

We've written to you many times over the years to draw attention to the dangers caused by motorists who park on the yellow zig zags or exceed the 20mph advisory speed limit in the busiest areas around school. Parents will all be aware that the avenues around school become significantly congested and narrowed by the large volume of traffic as part of the twice daily school run. With over 600 children making the journey to and from school each day, including many young children with little or developing road sense to consider, as well as restricted vision due to parked cars; it is essential drivers are extremely vigilant, avoid taking risks and drive well below the 30mph speed limit! The academy has no jurisdiction beyond the school gate to enforce the highway code but would ask all parents to both observe and respect the parking restrictions – zigzag lines, double yellow lines and remember that local residents need access to their driveways. That being said, our school council will be out and about next week, drawing attention to these problems. Their safety and the safety of their friends is something they all take very seriously. Let's all make sure we keep all our children safe from harm!

Why not leave the car at home next week and walk to school as part of our Living Streets Healthy Walk to School Week!

For more information, visit our website at [www.lisle.nelincs.sch.uk/](http://www.lisle.nelincs.sch.uk/)

## Blundell Park Football Final

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Lisle Girls' Football team took part in the Ramsdens Home Interiors Schools Football finals at Blundell Park. They had won a previous tournament in April at St James, which enabled them to play against Scartho in the final at Blundell Park. The girls enjoyed running out of the tunnel with the Referee, linesmen and the other team. They ran out onto the pitch in front of a crowd of people in the stands – a great atmosphere! Unfortunately, even though Lisle played with determination and effort, they were unable to win.

There were some great shots at goal from both teams as well as some good defensive play. An excellent effort and experience. Well done for getting to the final girls! You did yourselves proud!

**Check the website for the professional photos!**

## Lost Property Mountain

The lost property bin is again overflowing with jumpers, plimsolls as well as PE kit. This hasn't been helped by the onset of warmer weather, which often results in the children leaving jumpers lying around. We will always endeavour to return clothing and possessions if they are named, sadly many items aren't, and consequently never get reunited with their owner.

Please take a few moments over the May half term holiday to check your child's PE kit to see if they don't have any plimsolls. Please buy new ones if they are missing and name them. Please take a few moments to write names on labels in permanent marker pen, or sew in/ stick in identity labels. This will save you money, not having to replace lost uniform, and help us to return clothing to the children.

Thank you

## Notification of Building Works

We are giving notice to all parents, that very soon, a period of building work will again begin at Lisle to improve a large area of the academy's roof. The work will focus mainly on the junior school building. Parents may recall that in 2018, the Infant building, Child Care Centre and both halls had their roofs replaced and upgraded as part of a successful bid to government to improve the site.

Thankfully, the academy was again able to prove to the DFE that we were worthy of a further 'Condition Improvement Fund' (CIF) bid and consequently have secured another £350,000 of government grant revenue to renew the remainder of the site with a modern water tight maintenance free roofing system, that will last for 30+ years!

This is great news for the academy, in an increasingly challenging financial climate with significant cuts to school funding we are now able to continue to focus our own finite financial resources directly on the pupils' needs rather than on the roof.

We were one of only a handful of academies to benefit from the grant in NE Lincs. The bid was secured due to the expertise of our very experienced Academy Business Manager who has secured CIF funding over the last four years to replace classroom windows, insulation and our hot water system.

The success of such projects ensures we are able to provide the best possible learning environment for our growing school as well as directing our resources on teaching and learning.

Access to the academy site for families should not be affected for the duration of the works. A section of the grass near the KS2 Junior playground entrance to school will be used as a compound for the builders, scaffolding will be erected around the junior section of the building site and fencing established to protect the children.

The work is a major project and will take approximately four months to complete.

## Year 3 Spelling Champions!

Eight children from Year 3 visited Bursar Primary Academy to take part in a Spelling Bee with two other local schools. There were 5 rounds of tough spellings for each team. The children worked together to guess the correct spelling of each word using their knowledge of the spelling rules they have been learning. It was a tough competition!

Lisle had two teams in the competition.

Team 1: Lily Turrell, Oliver Douglas, Sophia Coultas, Tyler Parkin

Team 2: Ivy Savage, Billy Wilson, Ethan McUrich, Lewis Holland

We are very pleased and proud to announce that Team 2 came 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Team 1 came 1<sup>st</sup>; with a very impressive score of 49/50! Team 1 won the competition with only one incorrect spelling throughout the entire contest!!!

Well done Lisle!

## Year 4 Rocked at Wrangle

Learning times tables is an area of maths learning that children have undertaken at school for many years. The National Curriculum states that all children working at the expected standard for their age are expected to learn and know all their times tables from 2 to 12 by the end of Year 4! This is challenging and a lot to both learn and remember. To help them to do this, we employ lots of modern and exciting strategies to make learning times tables engaging and fun, one being TT Rockstars.

Last week, Year four competed in our first Lisle Marsden TT Rockstars Rock Wrangle; they certainly got into the spirit of things with their fantastic rock outfits.

It was an awesome afternoon of puzzles, games, air guitar and times tables competitions.

4H gained the overall title of 'Year 4 ultimate Rock Heroes' and now have star status and everlasting fame for all of eternity (plus a medal for their efforts).

The photographs, from the day, are on the website.

## Kingswood 2019

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 55 Year 5 children set off for an adventure holiday in Norfolk. They had a great week, although some weren't particularly thrilled with the new 'Healthy Eating' menu. They were able to experience the following activities during their week: aeroball, archery, climbing, abseiling, Jacob's ladder, orienteering, team challenge, pond dipping, mini beast hunt, leap of faith, laser quest, frisbee golf, indoor initiatives, nightline and buggy build. They even managed to fit in an afternoon at the beach. The children achieved their objectives of challenging themselves, developing team building skills and having fun. A great week full of new experiences, excitement and challenge!

## Year 6 SAT Super Stars!

I would like to take this opportunity to say well-done to all our Year 6 children who have worked so hard in the run up to their SAT tests, which they all sat earlier this week. Parents will know that for the last three years, academic standards at Lisle have consistently been amongst the highest in NE Lincs; we are again hoping this year that our fantastic Year 6 children will also have done well. The new harder tests challenge all pupils, focusing on the extensive and challenging content of the National Curriculum. Whatever the outcomes in July, we know that all the children have tried their very best and should be proud of this and their achievements throughout the year. Today, the children took a well-earned rest from the test grind, with a visit to the Grimsby Ice Rink, followed by an afternoon spent chillaxing at the beach!

## Academy Half Term Closure

A reminder to all parents that the academy closes to all children and families after school hours on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**. School will be closed on Friday and **will re-open to everyone on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**