

LCPS Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another excellent week of learning this week, with many notable, memorable experiences for our wonderful children. Thank you to parents this week for adhering to safe drop off and pick up procedures, with no complaints received from residents in relation to unsafe drop-off practices.

Here are the highlights of this week's learning:

Nursery: our Nursery children have been exploring the wonderful world of friendship through the story "Pip and Posy: One Snowy Day." During circle time we discussed why saying sorry is important when things go wrong and how it helps our friends feel better. The children have also been practicing how to stop, listen, and include their friend's ideas when building together in their play.

Reception: have had a busy week starting our new topic of Julia Donaldson and have enjoyed engaging with the story of Stickman. In Maths we have started our new topic 'Alive in 5' which has involved subitising and finding one more/ one less than a given number or quantity of objects.

Year 1: This week year 1 has been busy learning new sounds where we discovered ow and oe can make the oa sound. The children have been able to use their knowledge to segment, blend and write words containing these sounds. In Literacy, the children have continued using the model text Tell me a dragon by Jackie Morris to plan a poem using their 5 senses to describe their own dragon character. We have been mastering the use of similes to expand our descriptive language! Within history we continued to explore Christopher Columbus and his explorations around the world, Science included an introduction to plants and the similarities and differences between plants we find in the garden and the wild. The children have worked incredibly hard this week as we complete the first full week of our spring term. Well done Year 1!

Year 2: have had a great week. They have written some fantastic complaint letters to Mr Hacking and have continued their unit on Money, focusing on finding the correct coins. In computing, they looked at digital photos and explored which devices can create different types of photos.

Year 3: have delved further into their topic on Scandinavia, utilising historical and geographical sources to further develop their understanding. In maths, the children built on prior skills in multiplying and dividing to tackle more challenging problems. In computing, the children decided whether images, text or both combined are more powerful in communicating messages, as part of their first lesson on desktop publishing. Another great week of effort and attitude!

Year 4: In Science, pupils worked in groups to organise and classify living things into different categories using tables such as Venn and Carroll diagrams. Pupils particularly enjoyed creating their own ways to group living things, for example by mammals, predators, animals with four legs, or those that live in water. On Wednesday, Laura from the Chiltern Chalk Stream Project visited the class and spoke to the pupils about chalk streams and trout. Pupils then had the exciting opportunity to see the actual trout eggs that were then placed into our class tank. I know the pupils are very much looking forward to looking after, monitoring and even feeding the trout once they all hatch!

Year 5: have explored the artist 'Roy Lichtenstein' this week, who was a famous Pop Artist. The children explored his life and imitated 3 of his pieces. Year 5 also explored the life of Native Americans in Geography, investigating where they settled in the USA.

Year 6: This week, Year 6 have been exploring their new History topic on the Victorians. They have been learning about the impact of industrialisation on British life and what life was like in Victorian towns and cities.

To do this week ...

- Continue to read with your child daily—KS2 children use [Sparx Reader](#)
- Author visit Yr 3-6 (21st) check emails to pre order the signed book!
- There has been a lot of sickness in KS1 this week. Any signs of sickness or fever please keep your child at home that day.

Looking Ahead...

[Click here for the full calendar.](#)

- 22nd Jan Reception height and weight check (in school)
- 2nd Feb Yr 5 visiting Hare Krishna Temple
- 6th Feb NSPCC Number Day (in school)
- 9th Feb Yr 5/6 VIAM workshop (in school)
- 12th Feb Author Rashmi Sirdeshpande visit Yrs 3-6
- 13th Feb half term
- 23rd Feb children back from half term holiday
- 24th Feb Yr 6 HoTP Victorian Day (in school)
- 25th and 26th Feb Yrs 2-6 Chinese New Year dance workshop
- 4th March Yr 2 Roald Dahl museum trip
- 5th March World Book Day workshops (all children—in school)
- 9th March Rec-Yr 1 Science week workshops (in school)
- 10th March Yrs 2-6 Science workshops (in school)

Premier Education update:

Please [click here](#) for the weekly announcement from Premier Education.

Premier also run local holiday clubs—further info can be found by following [this link](#).

Hot Chocolate with the Head: Well done to Krish (Rec), Amaaya (Yr 1), Anna (Yr 2), Anika (Yr 3), Rahyl (Yr 4), Ariana (Yr 5) and Isabel (Yr 6) who were recognised in Celebration Assembly this week for going above and beyond in displaying our school values this week.



Weekly Winners

Year 2	83%
Year 1, 5 and 6	82%
Year 4	81%
Year 3	78%
Year Rec	77%

Travel tracker: It's been an excellent week for active journeys this week with all classes achieving over 77%. Well done to Year 2 for topping the leader board this week with an impressive 82% of active journeys. An active journey can be walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride. Active journeys set your child up for a productive and focused day.

Attendance: With lots of bugs at this time of year some of our classes, understandably, have not been as high as our usual standard. Well done to Year 5 for achieving the best attendance this week. Strong attendance is a legal requirement as well as crucial to obtain strong academic and social progress. Thank you to all our families for their assistance in this important matter this week.

Attendance Last Week:

16th Jan

Year 5	96.9%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2 and Rec	96.0%
Year 6	95.9%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 3	95.1%

Whole School: 95.1%

Dojo Points

(house points are awarded at the end of each half term: 1st = 5, 2nd = 3, 3rd = 2, 4th = 1)

865	650	776	803
1st= Burton 6 pts	1st= Loudham 6 pts	1st= Bendrose 6 pts	4th Coleman 0 pts

CIF (Condition Improvement Funding) update: We've really enjoyed having Hopkins Young contractors being on the school site every night undertaking the start of the electrical rewiring. The children have arrived at school seeing some changes so far. Once the rewiring is complete, the contractors will be installing new ceilings and LED lighting throughout, as well as replacing all the internal doors. As you can see from the photos, already a lot of progress in the 2.5 months they have been working with us.



Thank you for all your support to the start of this term. Mrs Tate has been away on jury service this week and next so the gardening update will appear from 2 weeks time. We look forward to another enriched week of learning next week.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Grateful and undaunted

Mr Hacking

Do you have concerns about a child?

LCPS SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr Hacking
DSL & Headteacher



Mrs Abadee
Deputy DSL & SENCo



Mrs West
Deputy DSL & AHT

If the team are unavailable, contact First Response on 01296 383962
If your concern involves a DSL, contact Chair of Governors, Simon Barrett or the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on 01296 382070
In danger is imminent, contact the police on 101 (999 for an emergency)



No mobile phones
No photography

Please keep phones out of sight whilst on school property

