



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

### NEWSLETTER March 2021



The start of Spring coincided with the return to the Academy for all of the pupils and it really has been wonderful to have all of the children back with us. When we talk about our Ling Moor Family and Ling Moor learning, we really are talking about expectations of the highest standards with no ceiling ever put on what our wonderful young people and their families can achieve. It is this ambition and hope that fills us with confidence that the children will be successful despite a period of time away from Ling Moor whilst it has been closed to the majority of pupils.

When the children returned in March, we felt very confident that any 'missed' learning would soon be caught up with and the children have proved that this is the case. They have all been so impressive in their attitude to their learning. For those children who continue to have gaps in their learning, the clear plans that we have in place are already in action and will continue for as long as they are required.

At Ling Moor we are being very cautious around the negative language of learning loss. We get to work with wonderful children who have an enormous capacity to learn. When the high expectations of the Academy are combined with your partnership and high aspirations for your young people, as our Trust motto *sic itur ad astra (to the stars)* implies, the future is very exciting.

Year 1 and Year 4 have demonstrated wonderful outdoor learning and scientific understanding with the construction of some dazzling bug hotels. The guests are already being booked in, making themselves comfortable and meeting their new neighbours. The opportunities for the children to see and learn about nature in and around the Academy are really growing – such an important connection for the future.

Fantastic construction skills have also been evident in Year 2 with drills, saws and glue used to great effect during the Design and Technology projects.

The Design and Technology in Year 5 has been great as well – superb use of recycled materials to construct reusable shopping bags.

Another highlight of this month's learning has been the Victorian day experienced by Year 6. Mr Summersall really does thrive in the role as a Victorian teacher - we think he is influenced by his own school days! The commitment from the children and their families to provide such wonderful costumes was really impressive.

Alongside our whole class success it is also important to recognise individual acts. Generosity is one of the Academy's core values and we were so impressed with the generosity of Holly in Year 5 who brought in a collection of books for other children to read after she had read them. This thoughtfulness really captures the definition of friendship at Ling Moor – helping others to be the best that they can. If your child has any books that they have read and you need to make space on the bookshelves, any donations would be most welcome.

## IT changes

Our long planned work to improve the IT infrastructure at the Academy is now nearing completion with the majority of the work to be completed over the Easter break. This will see the Academy move to the Trust IT systems using cloud based technology. Over the summer term, the IT equipment the children access will be upgraded so that they are learning the most up to date curriculum with the most up to date devices. This forms a key element of our work with the regional Computing Hub.

One key change for the Academy is that the email addresses you need to use will change following the Easter

break. The key email address change is for any general enquiries. The new address from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 is [generalenquiries@lingmooracademy.co.uk](mailto:generalenquiries@lingmooracademy.co.uk)

## Parent's evening and reports

We have decided to hold a parent's evening towards the end of May. We felt this was the right time to meet with parents and share important information about progress, attainment and next steps. Meetings are likely to take place online with further details nearer the time. If you do have any questions for your child's class teacher, please do email them to our enquiries address.

## Covid changes

As we move through the government roadmap of re-opening, we will keep you informed of any changes in how the Academy day is organised. It may mean for example that we can welcome parents into school for sports days or other events. It may mean that we can change the organisation of the day so we return to our normal drop off and collection times. As soon as we know, we will communicate this with you.

## Survey

It is vital that we capture the views of our whole Ling Moor Family in order to shape what we do and what we provide. Please keep your eyes peeled for this year's survey and please do take some time to respond. It will be with you after the Easter break.

## Parking

Please do continue to be sensitive to our neighbours when parking. They are an important part of our community. Please also refrain from parking in the Academy car park and on the bridge (in front of the gates).

## Uniform

The thrift shop will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday straight after school next week should you need any items. Your support with uniform is much appreciated. When planning for September, please do make sure that you read the uniform list on the website as the expectations will return to normal from September. Please do ensure that from September you are aware of the PE elements of the uniform.

## Ling Moor Kitchen

Thank you for continuing to complete the kitchen process so efficiently. All of the ordering is now done online so please do contact the admin team if you need a link to the menu. The kitchen team are now working on our summer menus and would welcome any suggestions for the menu. Please do email any ideas through to the Academy.

