



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

### NEWSLETTER MAY 2021



May has provided another positive month of learning for all of the children and as we always are, we have been so impressed with all of the children and their desire to be the best. The return to school continues to be a positive one and the gradual shift to a more normal world can really be felt at Ling Moor. Throughout the Academy, the children continue to be focused, engaged in their learning and most importantly smiling!

After the May half term break, the focus of the teaching staff will continue to be ensuring all of the children are secure in the knowledge they need to move to their new year group in September.

We are still awaiting updated guidance from the Department for Education as to whether we can change any of the procedures we have in place for COVID-19. As soon as we know any information, we will be sure to let you know.

## St Barnabas and The Imp!

Thanks to your incredible donations for our Rudy's Run and Easter Hop events (that raised an incredible £4500), we were given a wonderful gift by St Barnabas – the opportunity to decorate their Imp. The Imp will be on display in the Waterside shopping center as part of this summer's Imp trail. To thank them, we have decided to make St Barnabas (a charity that does so much for our community) our official charity partner. Learning about St Barnabas, the work it does and planning a year of fundraising will become part of our Year 6 curriculum.

## Year 4 and 5 Outdoor Learning and Our Environment

We continue to be really impressed with Mr Small and the work that he does in our outdoor classroom. Year 5 have had the opportunity this term to learn how to use flints and other techniques to safely start a fire. The skills, perseverance and focus our Year 5s showed are remarkable and their connection with the Earth is really tangible.

Year 4 have also had great fun in the 'wild outdoors' learning how to create shelters using natural resources. The team work, creativity and collaboration was so impressive.

The learning over May has not just been about surviving in the environment, there has also been lots of learning about the how things grow. Year 2 have been involved in lots of planting and our EYFS children have been learning all about the lifecycles of tadpoles.

## Scrumdiddlyumptious

Year 3 had a wonderful day learning, tasting and experimenting with all things chocolate as part of their wow day. Needless to say, lots of fun was had and lots of learning took place.

## DNA Day

This year's Year 6 continue to really impress us each and every day. One of the highlights of this month was their DNA day, where the children dressed as famous scientists and spent the day launching their summer science based learning. The inspirational figures that they chose to represent captured the full breadth of science with the children being able to articulate wonderfully the impact science has made on their lives.

## Chrome Books

Over the Easter holidays our IT upgrade was completed. The new chrome books we have in school will give the children to lots of exciting cloud based learning so that they can develop the necessary computing knowledge and skills. Miss Platt (our Computing lead) and her class have been testing the new system and engaging in some really positive experiences.

## Online Safety

Online safety continues to be one of our key safeguarding priorities. We hope that you enjoyed the first edition of our online safety newsletter. This will become something that is part of our regular communication with you. Alongside this, we are currently recruiting for our e-safety champions from our Y5 pupils. As Year 6's, they will be sharing key information with the rest of the children to help keep them safe online. The Academy is always available should you have any questions about online safety.

## Parent's Evening

Thank you to the many of you who engaged in parent's evening. The teachers have all said that it has been lovely to speak to you all and share information about the children. This partnership is really important to us and we have missed this through lockdown. The technology seems to have worked well and many of you have reported that you prefer the online experience to the one in school. Our current thinking is that next year, we will offer a blended approach with online meetings being the preference. If you have any thoughts on this, please do let us know.

As always, please do ask if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher.

## Uniform

As many of you turn to the preparations for September, we would like to remind everyone to the changes to uniform for next year Ling Moor Primary School - Uniform ([lingmooracademy.co.uk](http://lingmooracademy.co.uk)). The key change is the shift to navy PE shorts/jogging bottoms rather than royal blue.

As the Academy has returned to normal ways of working through lockdown, we have been a little more relaxed with our expectations around uniform. From September, we will be returning to our very high expectations. Please do follow the guidance.

We recognise that new uniform can be expensive so we have a very well stocked thrift shop that has lots of high quality and almost new items. All we ask is for a donation for any uniform items that goes straight back to the children's playtime resources. Thank you to those of you who continue to donate uniform that your child has grown out of. The thrift shop will be open on numerous occasions through the summer.

## Tree Work

Some of you will have noticed that the trees running alongside the beck have had a trim. This work has been completed in response to a tree survey that we have carried out and to enable us to be ready for some exciting work on the Key Stage 1 playground that will begin in September.

