



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

### NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021



The start to the academic year has been wonderful. Throughout September, the children's energy, enthusiasm and commitment to their learning has shone through. We have witnessed excellent learning, tremendous thinking and some super progress. Thank you to all of you for having those high expectations for your children and supporting them with their learning.

Reading continues to be of the highest priority for the Academy and all of the children should be reading the right levels of challenge in their books, working through our reading programmes and enjoying the books they read. If you have any questions about your child's reading, please do talk to their class teacher. Each moment of reading, sharing a story

and challenging your child to read, really does make a difference to the whole of their Ling Moor Learning.

Prior to the pandemic, we did have lots of parents in school listening to children read. If you can volunteer any time, please do send us an email as we would love to have helpers back in school.

Bookblog is one of our key reading systems with the children progressing onto this once they have the required fluency. We are delighted that so many children are now reading through the Bookblog system and this has led to us launching 'Beyond Bookblog'. We are spending several thousands of pounds on stocking the library with rich and exciting texts for the children to read. This started with a

visit to Waterstones in town where a group of children were able to look through the titles on offer, pick a book and add it to the academy library. We are looking forward to taking many more children on this visit so that we can purchase the books that they want.

Another visit (our first in almost two years) took place this week with our Y6 children visiting the National Holocaust Centre. The visit is such an important one for the children as they consider and learn about the journey of a young boy and his experiences of World War 2. It certainly is powerful and it requires a great deal of maturity and empathy. We are all so proud of our current Y6 children who displayed this, alongside a depth of knowledge, throughout the visit.

Visits such as this marry so well with our values of courage, wisdom and generosity and ensures that the members of our Ling Moor Family leave Ling Moor with a knowledge that will make the world a better, safer place.

Our newest and youngest children in our Reception class continue to explore and thrive in their new learning environment. They have made a great start and they are already growing into amazing Ling Moor Learners.

Throughout the rest of the school:

-We have seen the Y5s exploring trees, being philosophers, musicians (as they get their own instrument) and producing high quality learning.

-Our Y4s have explored trees, written scary stories of fear and have been engrossed in their maths problem solving.

-Y3 have produced stunning lion inspired sketches, explored the Stone Age and read one of the greatest stories ever written – Iron Man.

-The Y2s had an awesome pirate day, they have painted beautiful Van Gogh style pictures and started on an exciting new maths programme – Mastering Number.

-Y1 have had their first taste of being explorers by investigating geographical equipment and images. They have produced the most beautiful collages and explored the bones that make the human skeleton!

There has been so much amazing learning. To keep up to date with the latest learning, please check out the [curriculum links](#) on the website and follow @LingMoorAcademy on twitter.

## Clubs

Our club offer continues to grow and we are delighted with the positive feedback about the clubs on offer. We will be sending out a new club menu prior to half term. It has been great to see so many children involved in the clubs. In order to make the management of clubs easier, we would ask that once you select a club for your child, you encourage them to stick with it for the time they are booked for as we have had places allocated to children who then stop, meaning that another child has potentially missed out.

## Tree planting

A massive thank you to the Lindum Group for donating another fruit tree to our orchard. Alongside the huge environmental benefits, there is also the benefit of home grown fruit going into home-made crumble at lunchtime! Lindum Group have been an integral part of the Academy success over the last few years completing lots of upgrades alongside the building of our new learning space.

## KS1 Playground

Thank you for bearing with us as the KS1 playground improvements take place. Whilst the disruption is awkward, the outcome will be amazing. If you have any concerns or

worries, please do let me know. If your child is worried, do reassure them that there will still be a pirate ship!

## Open evening

We have our annual open afternoon and evening for prospective parents on Thursday 11th November. We would be grateful if you could signpost any families with children starting school in September 2022 to the Academy website where they will find all of the details. For those of you who have children in school but also have siblings starting in September 2022, please do ask us if you have any questions.

## Attendance

Our current levels of attendance are very high and lateness really is at a minimum so a huge thank you for your support with this. The disruption over the last 2 years to children's education means that high levels of attendance are more important than ever so your efforts really are appreciated. The academy is only allowed to authorise absence for exceptional circumstance. Holidays are not deemed as an exceptional circumstance. When looking for some summer sunshine, please do aim to book holidays in the school holiday periods.

## Parent's evening

Please keep an eye out for information regarding our first parents evening of the academic year. This will take place on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th October. The Monday will be held virtually via Teams with the Tuesday taking place face to face. We wanted to give both options to parents following the really positive feedback about last year's meetings. We would ask that, where possible, you meet virtually. The information shared and the time allocated will be equal whether the meeting is virtual or face to face.

## Parking

Thank you for addressing some of the concerns regarding parking in and around the academy. We really do appreciate this and your continued efforts. Please make sure that

parking is respectful of our neighbours.



# OPEN EVENING & AFTERNOON



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For children starting Reception in September 2022

**Thursday 11th November 2021**

Afternoon 1.30pm - 2.30pm  
Evening 6pm – 8pm

**Bookings are essential.**

To book a tour please contact the Academy.  
Come and get a 'flavour of the Ling Moor Family'  
– a thriving place for learning where the children  
are supported and challenged to be  
the best that they can be.

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