



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

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We have had a really good start to 2022 at the Academy with so much positive learning, huge smiles and the highest levels of engagement in learning. The children are part of a really resilient and inspirational culture in the Academy, with all of them demonstrating the highest standards of behaviour, engagement in learning and desire to be successful. Thank you to you all for your support in this and being part of our Ling Moor Family.

For many families, there has been the significant and ongoing challenges of covid and the requirement to isolate. For all of the children who have been away, we are already planning for any learning they have missed and will be working hard to make sure that they are able to make rapid progress. Thank you for keeping the high level of awareness that you

have all shown, following the testing regime where required and thinking of our community.

The impact on our staff team has been no different. We hope that the steps we have taken have provided as much normality as possible for the children. We are lucky to have a group of adults who care so much for the children and who are willing to step forward when normal staffing levels are a challenge.

Our Twitter continues to provide a lovely window into the learning at Ling Moor and we would urge you to follow [@LingMoorAcademy](https://twitter.com/LingMoorAcademy) on twitter. The highlights this month are the Year 3 drama skills on show – a fine bunch of actors. You can also see their musical talents with wonderful ukulele performances

and superb science as they test the properties of rocks.

Year 5 have shared their fantastic newspaper writing skills. Our Year 5 children really are talented writers with their language choice, sentence structure and punctuation range developing so much.

The high quality of science learning and writing can also be seen in the impressive learning that our Year 6 children are producing. They are developing a fantastic knowledge alongside demonstrating their awareness of audience. That journey to writing as a reader is really underway.

The children in Year 1 are producing some fabulous writing at the moment. They have moved onto our new handwriting lines (art of our system to develop high quality handwriting) and we are so impressed with them. We are also blown away by their ideas and ability to engage the reader with wonderful tales.

Year 4 have joined in with their outdoor learning with fantastic enthusiasm. The range of tools that the children are able to use is really impressive. It is great to be able to give the children such an experience and their enjoyment really does shine through.

Year 2 have really been impressing us with their History learning. Learning vocabulary such as migration, as they study the Industrial Revolution shows that

they are developing powerful knowledge at a very young age.

Last but by no means least are our youngest children who continue to make an excellent start to their life as Ling Moor Learners. It doesn't feel five minutes since they started with us but the progress they have made is phenomenal. We are seeing really high levels of independence, organisation and such inquisitiveness. Spending time with them at lunchtime and witnessing their friendships grow as they play has been a pleasure.



## Rudy's Run!

Thank you for such wonderful generosity in supporting St Barnabas and our Rudy's Run. An amazing £1768 was raised to such a great cause. Thank you!

## Online Safety

The children in Year 6 received some powerful messages about keeping themselves safe online following a visit from online safety experts. In our increasingly technologically based world, it is really important that the children are able to manage their online use safely. We continue to support all of the children with this learning and we would urge all parents to regularly check what their children are accessing and the messages they are sending and receiving. If you ever feel pressured to give your child access to something that you do not feel that they are ready for, please do ask us for support.

## Achieve and Aspire

It has been a pleasure to see our first Year 6 children gaining their Priory Stars for completing their Achieve and Aspire booklets. It takes a real dedication to being a Ling Moor learner to complete the many activities in the booklet and achieve the Priory Star. All of the children from Year 3 to Year 6 have access to these booklets. As the children progress through Key Stage 2, their teachers will be supporting them to complete the booklets.

## Club offer

We have worked incredibly hard to put together a much more diverse, rich and accessible after school offer this year and we hope that

the children are all gaining positive opportunities that go beyond the school day. After half term we will see the return of the Lincoln City football clubs and a new drama club for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We are continuously striving to make the offer wider so please do let us know if there are any opportunities that could add to what we have.

## Rockstars and Spelling shed

Our weekly league table of Spelling Shed scores and Timestable Rockstars has become a key feature of our Star of the Week assemblies. All of the children from Year 2 above should have their logins so that they can practise their key skills at home. Please do contact your child's class teacher if your child has not got theirs.

## The Ling Moor Kitchen

The Ling Moor Kitchen team continue to serve up great food with the dinner options increasingly popular. There are two theme days in the coming weeks with a special Chinese New Year menu on the 1<sup>st</sup> February and Pancakes on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. If you have any ideas for theme days or possible menu options, we would be delighted to hear them.

## Hoodies

We are delighted that so many of you have chosen to purchase the PE hoodies from uniform direct. We

are aware that there has been supply issues with these and Uniform Direct have informed us that they have addressed the stock issue by bringing the hoodie supply in house. The hoodies will change slightly to a darker (royal) blue but for those of you who already have them or who purchase the lighter blue one, please do not worry as both colours are fine.

## Parking

Thank you to everyone who is parking and driving with care and thought around the Academy. Our neighbours very much appreciate it. We have been asked to remind everyone that St James Place is a private road where there should be no parking.