



LING MOOR A PRIORY ACADEMY

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As we head into Spring, it has been wonderful to see so many of the children taking part in exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. There have been so many opportunities for the children to extend their wisdom and curiosity.

One of the highlights of March was the Year 2 visit to Rand Farm. It was really pleasing that all of the children were able to attend for what was their very first school trip. The children had a full behind the scenes farming experience, feeding the animals, mucking out and learning lots about how food is made. The children were not the only new arrivals at the farm during their visit, they were joined by numerous lambs and even a freshly born calf. The many and massive smiles on their faces at the end of the visit were a joy to see.



The Year 2 children were not the only ones to visit the farm this month, with our EYFS children spending time at Greatwood farm. They had a great time in the outdoor environment provided by the farm – somewhere they could gain knowledge and use their imagination to learn. We are so proud of the way our youngest children organised themselves and behaved with such independence on their first school trip.

Year 5 also spent time out of school during March when they visited the home of William Shakespeare and even meet the man himself (sort of!). Their guided tour of Stratford upon Avon was a really useful way to learn about Tudor life and how it shaped Britain today.

The learning in school has of course continued to be of the high standard that you would expect from Ling Moor. We have seen our

Year 4 children working with the RNLI as they learn important safety messages, minibeast hunting (and learning about the many types of creepy crawlies we have in the school grounds) in Year 1 and amazing DNA day in Year 6.

Thank you!

Three of our Academy values are Curiosity, Generosity and Wisdom. Over the course of the last 5 years, we are very fortunate that the Academy has been supported by the guidance of Mr Steven Dixon in his capacity as Chair of our Local Governing Body (LGB). Alongside the rest of our LGB, Steven has provided high levels of Wisdom, Generosity and Curiosity and has had a significant impact on making the Ling Moor Family what it is today – a thriving community of learners. His attributes have also been recognised by the Priory's Board of Trustees and we will see Steven move to become a Trustee of the Priory Federation of Academies Trust. We thank him for his service and dedication. Our equally talented Vice-Chair (Mrs Emma Murray) has agreed to step into the role of Chair. We are very excited to be able to continue to work with Emma as our Ling Moor Family continues to grow.

The Grand Ling Moor Picnic

There are some very exciting plans for a summer picnic, where the whole of our Ling Moor Family can come together. Our amazing Friends of Ling Moor are putting

together the details but they have asked that you all make a note of after school on Friday 1st July in your diary. More details will follow but we do hope that this is an event where we can have as many of our Ling Moor Family together.

Covid

We continue to see the impact of covid on our Ling Moor Family mainly through absence whilst isolating from a positive test. Thank you for continuing to be vigilant of covid symptoms and following the guidance to isolate.

As we move into warmer months and hopefully a decline in case numbers, we are planning opportunities for families to come into school and learn alongside their children. We are also hoping to have parents in to experience other parts of the Academy day such as lunchtime.

Report cards

At the end of this term, parents of children in Year 1 through to Year 6 will receive the latest termly report card. The aim of the report card is to give parents a quick overview of how well the children are attaining and the areas of learning that they are focussing on. A more detailed report will be shared with you in June.

As is always the case, if you have any questions for your child's class teacher, please do make contact with them so that they can discuss

things with you and answer any questions that you have.

Ling Moor Community Library

The Ling Moor Community library is open at the front of school. We are slowly but surely stocking the shelves with donated books. First of all, please come and help yourself to a book that you would like to read. Secondly, if you have any books that you are able to donate, we would be really grateful. As you know, we love reading at Ling Moor and want to help our adults enjoy reading as well.

Learning Overviews

We are constantly striving to ensure that you have the latest information about what your child is learning. We have updated our Year group learning overviews and year group documentation. It can be found at: Ling Moor Primary School - [Ling Moor Academy Curriculum](#) should you have any questions about learning, please do contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to answer any questions that you have.

Parent's Meetings

Thank you for taking part in parent's meetings during February. We have received really positive feedback about the online experience and some requests from parents who would like to meet their child's teacher face to face. Next year we will be returning to a blended approach so that we can make

sure that we cater for all of our families.

As covid restrictions, that have limited visitors, are being removed, we are also planning an open event where families can come into school to look at their children's learning.

Ukraine Appeal & Comic Relief

Thank you for the generosity that you showed in our recent appeal for goods for those suffering in Ukraine and the countries many have fled to. We were overwhelmed with so many items that will make a real difference to those who most need our help.

Thank you also for your generosity in raising a staggering £568.44. The money raised will be split evenly between Comic Relief and our charity partner St Barnabas.

Uniform

We will continue to be running our thrift shop through the summer. There are lots of high quality items available for a small donation and as always, we are grateful for any donations of items of school uniform that no longer fit members of your family.



Parking

As we move into summer months, please do make sure that when you park around the Academy, engines are turned off. When cars arrive from 2pm and have their engines running, it is not fair on local residents or our environment. The added bonus is that it also saves fuel - especially with the increased prices. It also happens to be against the Highway Code.

Upcoming dates:

It is lovely to be moving towards a summer where we can hopefully open the school gates and get back to welcoming parents to see the children's wonderful Ling Moor Learning. We hope the dates below are useful and give you enough time to book time off work should you need to. We are pretty sure that there will be more dates added as the teaching team keep planning.

9 th May 2022		Key Stage 2 SATs week begins
18 th May 2022		School photographs
23 rd May 2022		Year 4 Jorvik visit
23 rd May 2022	2.00pm	Year 6 Bake Off!
20 th June 2022	2.15pm	EYFS sports afternoon
21 st June 2022	2.00pm	Year 1, & 2 sports afternoon
22 nd June 2022	1.30pm	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 sports afternoon
30 th June 2022	9am to 10am	EYFS Celebration
1 st July 2022	3.30pm	The Great Ling Moor Picnic

11 th to 12 th July 2022		Transition days – children in their new classes
13 th July 2022	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Whole school learning celebration – the children's learning will be out in their classroom for parents to come and look at.
14 th July 2022		Reports out
14 th & 15 th July	pm	Year 5 & 6 performance

For each of the events there will be further information coming out to you via specific letters or within the newsletter.

