



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

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It has been really impressive to witness such a positive start to 2023 for all of the children. They have returned to school with a real desire and willingness to keep on learning and be the best of people. It is great to see that so many of them are already embedding and applying the skills that they are focusing on this academic year.

We have also witnessed so much positive play and a real generosity in sharing their knowledge and wisdom to support other children. They really are living and breathing our definition of friendship – helping others be the best they can be.

One of the highlights of this month has been the wonderful celebration of play in our Foundation Stage. It was fantastic to see so many grandparents in the school playing games with the children and joining in with the learning - a really great examples of different generations coming together to learn and have fun.

The fun continued with an amazing celebration of Reading when the author Thomas Telford joined Year 5 and 6 to talk about his series of books – the inspiring Eerie-on-sea series. Thomas also happens to be the illustrator of the original Harry Potter series. He worked with the children to create characters and share his knowledge of the writing experience.

The Academy continues to have a fabulous relationship with the Lincolnshire Music Service. Each year, our Y5 children have the opportunity to learn an instrument and this year's Y5 have blown us away with their music skills. We really do value music at Ling Moor and to have a whole year group playing together is incredibly positive.

Alongside musical learning, this month has also seen some superb computing skills. Y2 had great fun programming robots – an important first step in learning how to code, something they will continue to do throughout the rest of their school journey.

## Parent's evening

Our next parent's meetings are scheduled to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February. Following feedback from our last parent's evening, we are now opening up more face to face. We will still maintain the opportunity to meet online for those who prefer this. Please keep an eye out for booking information.

## Save the date

Following on from last year's hugely successful Ling Moor picnic, our amazing Friend's group has pencilled in Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July for this year's picnic. Please do make a note in your diaries and save the date for what will be another amazing after school event.

## Clubs

Our club offer continues to flourish with lots of children accessing lots of different activities after school. We are constantly on the lookout for new activities we can offer so please do contact us if you know of anything that we are able to host.

## Site development

We are currently putting in place plans to extend the playground space on the KS2 playground. This will be the space adjacent to where the Y1 children enter and leave the building. Since we changed things due to the pandemic, the new entry and exit works well but we are conscious that this means parents are asked to wait on a small area of path or a muddy field. Over the Easter break, contractors will be on site to improve this. It will also provide an extra space for play.

## Willow tree

As part of our regular inspection of the trees on site, we have identified that our much loved willow tree at the front of school needs a little work in order to look after it. The tree in itself is in good health but it will be 'pollarded' during February half term. The work will appear drastic but we have been assured by the tree surgeons that it will enable the tree to flourish.

## Foodbank

We continue to collect donations of food for the Lincoln foodbank. If you are able to drop anything in to help those who are struggling at the moment, it would be very much appreciated. The drop box is situated at the front of school.



## Lunch orders

The Ling Moor Kitchen continues to produce a fabulous range of healthy and nutritious meals for the children. They have asked that food orders can be completed on time so that they can make sure all of the children have the meal that they choose.

## Thrift

The thrift shop is stocked with a wide range of quality pre-owned uniform. There is a rail at the front of school and we can find items on request. If you need anything, please do ask.

