



LING MOOR A PRIORY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2023



It has been wonderfully busy at Ling Moor since we returned from half term with lots of Wisdom, Curiosity, Generosity, Courage and Passion being displayed by all of the children. It has also been great to see them experiencing so many different events and opportunities through the term.

One of the highlights of our Spring term continues to be our Y2 visit to Rand Farm. This is such a wonderful experience for the children with it being the first time away from home for many of them and who wouldn't want the opportunity to be a farmer for two days? This year's visit was no different to the others and despite the cold, sleet and snow, the children had a brilliant time. We have a wonderfully mature Year 2 who were so organised, independent and impressive.

We already have plans in place for next year's visit and we are planning on meeting with our Year 1 parents in May so that we can share the plans for next year's Rand Farm visit. Experiences such as the Rand Farm visit have such an impact on the children's wider learning, knowledge and relationships. In increasingly challenging financial times, we are determined to keep providing these experiences.

Not only have our Year 2 children had enrichment opportunities, our whole school experienced one of the best science visits we have had. As part of Science week, we were lucky to receive a visit from experts from the University of Lincoln who dazzled the children with experiments and demonstrations. We are very fortunate to have a really positive relationship with the University – a

great institution that is an important part of our wider community.

Partnership with organisations in the community extended to two of our Year 5 pupils working with Anglian Water to produce an information film. Molly and James spent time being the journalists at Anglian water's recent event that focused on their new strategic pipeline. We are so proud of how they represented Ling Moor.

Our pride in our pupils continued when Erin wrote a letter asking to host a bake sale in aid of Save the Children. When the children at Ling Moor ask for things, we strive to accommodate them and when Mr Sisman hears the word 'cake' he is easily swayed. Erin and her family's hard work alongside your generosity raised a magnificent £317 for such a worthy cause. Thank you for your support. Incredible generosity and such wisdom.

The children's wisdom has also been evident in their work during science week. The Year 6s had an incredible day extracting DNA from fruit. Our Foundation Stage children experimented with all things bubbles so they could talk about how they are made and most importantly how they are popped!

Year 5 spent the day at Burghley House as part of their History learning. One of the common features is that when the children go on a visit, we always receive positive comments about their

behaviour and conduct. Well done Year 5 for keeping this record up.

Year 5 also attended the Panto at Priory Witham. This has become a staple part of our calendar as it is such an impressive show. We are really grateful to all at Witham for their generosity.



Our visits and experiences were rounded off by Foundation Stage as they spent time at Great Wood Farm. They met newly born lambs, explored the farm, ate their lunch around a campfire and most important of all – went on a bus!

Site works

As mentioned previously, there will be work taking place over the Easter break to improve the paved areas on the KS2 playground. This will extend into the first week back. Once we are aware of any potential disruption, we will of course communicate this with you.

We have also been fortunate to bring forward our improvements to the Foundation Stage outdoor space. This will take place from the 17th April meaning that there will be some disruption to pick up and drop off. Once we have had our pre-site meetings we will share with you any impact. The great thing is that not only will next year's Foundation Stage benefit from the new space but also this years through the summer months.

Online safety

Shifting technology and its place in society continues to cause challenge for our young people. Never before have they had so much access to others and each other through the use of technology. Miss Platt, our excellent Computing lead, hosted an online safety presentation in late February. If you were unable to attend, we have recorded the session and it is available [here](#).



Twitter

Twitter continues to give the best insight into our day to day Ling Moor. Please do follow us @LingMoorAcademy

Uniform

Thank you for your continued commitment to uniform. The link to uniform information can be found [here](#).

Thrift shop

As we head into the summer months, please do take a look at the thrift shop for summer uniform. We have restocked the rail in the reception area so please do take a look

Prevent

We have been asked to share the following information by our local partners:

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

Young people can be at a greater risk of being targeted by extremists and the internet has made it much easier for radicalisers to find and identify people who might be easily influenced.

In Lincolnshire, last year most of the cases referred to Prevent related to

young people and one of the biggest concerns was online activity including the sharing of extremist information.

Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These can be big or small changes that take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts and if you're concerned seek advice.

ACT Early provides advice on the risks of radicalisation, spotting the signs and what to do if concerned. [ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation https://actearly.uk](https://actearly.uk)

Events

Year 3 and 4 Performance –
Wednesday 29th March and
Thursday 30th March

Termly reports – Friday 31st March

Year 6 Residential – 18th, 19th and
20th April

EYFS Sports Day – Monday 26th June

KS1 and Year 3 Sports Day –
Tuesday 27th June

Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day –
Wednesday 28th June

End of Year Reports – Friday 7th July

Year 6 Performance – Thursday 13th
July

Ling Moor Family Summer Picnic –
Friday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly –
Wednesday 19th July at 2:00pm