



LING MOOR

A PRIORY ACADEMY

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The new year has started positively at Ling Moor and the children have returned to their learning with great enthusiasm. Their wisdom, passion, curiosity, courage, and generosity continue to shine through and they are certainly setting high standards for themselves.

This was clearly evident in the recent Ogden Olympics that we hosted. The school has been working with the Ogden Trust – an organisation that promotes the learning of Physics – for many years and they have been instrumental in developing our science curriculum. The Ogden Olympics is an opportunity for our Year 6 children to work with children from across the Priory Federation to compete in science-based challenges. The Year 6 children representing Ling Moor did an incredible job and demonstrated a superb level of scientific thinking.

The high standards that we have at Ling Moor were also on show when we hosted another Reading showcase event in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Teaching school. As one of the few schools with a gold reading award, we are asked to share with other schools our approach to Reading and how we empower children to have a love of

books. It was clear that the schools who visited were impressed.

Our outdoor learning program has continued through the cooler temperatures with Year 4 embracing the cold and rain to develop their skills. The outdoor learning space continues to provide a place where children are developing high levels of resilience and leadership skills.



Our Year 2 children also spent time learning outside as they undertook a road safety program led by Lincolnshire County Council. The children spent time thinking about how to keep safe when crossing the road and when walking along the paths next to busy roads.



Once they were back in the warm, the children in Year 2 had an afternoon tea experience as part of their learning. This really brought to life our

notion of 'serious fun' and it was lovely to see the children having such a positive experience whilst they deepened their thinking.



The most important part of our work is to support the children in keeping safe and this month we have again welcomed the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership into school to work with the children. Each time they visit, the children are so thoughtful and engaged.

The theme of keeping safe was also evident during anti-bullying week where the children spent time thinking about how they ensure they are all successful – helping others be the best they can be. Unfortunately, bullying behaviours can be a part of life as children learn to be with each other and build relationships. If you do feel that there are issues

impacting your child, Ling Moor has clear processes for addressing such behaviours and we would encourage anyone to talk to Mr Sisman or their child's class teacher so we can act quickly.

Parliament

Our Ling Moor Parliament continues to go from strength to strength and we are seeing those who are involved undertake significant leadership in the school. The members of parliament are Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward to take leadership roles. Each one is a 'minister' for a specific area and someone who has responsibility for making life at Ling Moor even better.

For example, our ministers for the environment recently led an assembly to the whole school outlining how the Ling Moor and global environment could be better looked after. They have then asked for new environment ambassadors for each class and an election is taking place. Alongside members of staff, our ministers will then lead this group to drive changes we make to Ling Moor and the wider environment.



Ling Moor – the future...

Following our recent Ofsted, it is time for us to take a pause and identify what we as a school can do better. Ling Moor has an increased reputation as a centre of high-quality education and we are already forging ahead with innovative professional learning for staff.

However, the key to Ling Moor is our Ling Moor family and we need to know how the community we serve thinks we need to develop and improve in the future. If you have a few moments to spare, we would be grateful if you could click on the link and respond to the questions. We hope this is a forum where you can pose questions to us that will enable us to grow. [Ling Moor – the future...](#)

As is always the case, should you have any thoughts, concerns or worries, please do talk to your child's class teacher, catch Mr Sisman on the playground or send an email to the school office.



Uniform

At Ling Moor we have very high expectations of everything that we do. This includes uniform. Our uniform expectations can be found on our [website](#). We are seeing some children wearing items that do not quite fit in with the expectations so we would be grateful if you could check. This includes having the correct coloured clothing for PE days.

We do have a huge quantity of previously owned uniform at our thrift shop and we would encourage all of our families to access this. A small donation for uniform items is welcomed but we would much rather that the children are wearing the correct uniform.

Books

We take real pride in the rich choice of books that are available in the library for the children to read. Whilst new books arrive in school all of the time, some of the shelves are looking a little bare. Please could you take a look at shelves and bedside tables at home to see if there are any Ling Moor books loitering there. If there are any books at home, please could you return them to school.

Running

Great to hear that so many of the children are attending the Boutham Park junior park run. Keep it up! If you've not been, it is well worth a try. [LINK](#)

Rudy's Run and St Barnabas

Your generosity continues to shine through and we are incredibly grateful to for your donations for Rudy's Run. You raised a sensational £962. With the choir also raising an impressive £226 as they sang at Asda, in December alone we have shared £1,188 with St Barnabas.



Twitter/X

If you would like an up-to-date window into life at Ling Moor, please do follow us on Twitter/X. If you search for @LingMoorAcademy you will find lots of amazing #LingMoorLearning

Free School Meals

We would urge all our families to check whether they are eligible for Free School Meals. Not only does the status ensure that children continue to receive a free school meal when they move into Year 3, it also enables the school to claim extra funding to benefit the children's education. Please take a look [HERE](#).

Thrift shop

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have an impressive stock of previously owned uniform. Please do contact the Academy via email or pop into the reception area

(where we have a permanent thrift shop) if you need anything.

Parking

A gentle reminder that if you are parking in and around the Academy to be very sensitive of our community. We appreciate it is very busy out there, but they would appreciate your sensitivity. If you are parked for a long period, **please do not sit with your engine idling** due to the noise and fumes. If you can walk or park and stride, it is very much appreciated.

We are asking that **families who park on or near St James Place** to be extra aware as there have been numerous issues over recent weeks including vehicles trapped on the road due to inconsiderate parking. This road is a private road so there should be no parking.

We have also received some negative feedback about parking on Inn's Close. Again, we would be grateful if those who park here could be sensitive to our neighbours and ensure they have access to their properties.

For those of you who are dropping off at Bubbles, please can you avoid using the staff car park where possible.



Key Dates

Here are some key dates that you might wish to pop in the diary:

Monday 10th February	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.50pm
Tuesday 11th February	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 4.50pm
Monday 17th February	Half term for 1 week
Thursday 27th February	Friends of Ling Moor FS, KS1 & KS2 Discos
Monday 3rd March	Year 5 trip to Burghley House
Monday 31st March	Year 5 Bikeability training (Mon-Thur)
Tuesday 1st April	Year 6 residential visit to Castleton (Tue-Thur)
Friday 4th April	Termly Reports sent home (Years 1-6)
Monday 7th April	Easter Holidays (return on Tuesday 22 nd April)
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Monday 12th May	SATS Week
Thursday 22nd May	Ling Moor Proms Evening
Monday 26th May	Half Term for 1 week
Monday 23rd June	Foundation Stage Sports afternoon
Tuesday 24th June	Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports afternoon
Wednesday 25th June	Years 4, 4 and 6 Sports afternoon
Thursday 26th June	KS1 Sports Activity Day
Friday 27th June	KS2 Sports Activity Day
Thursday 3rd July	Friends of Ling Moor FS, KS1 & KS2 Discos
Friday 11th July	Friends of Ling Moor School Picnic
Friday 18th July	End of Term