

Lakeside News

'At Lakeside, we aspire to be caring, confident and capable learners who are encouraged to succeed in today's world.'

Dear families,

It has been a busy few weeks welcoming back some children from different year groups across the school. We have had in our Key worker children as well as children from Nursery, Reception and Year 1. This week they were joined by the children in Year 6. It has been wonderful to see everyone with their smiling faces. So many children seem to also have grown very tall too! Everyone appears to be settling into the new routines of life in bubbles very well with lots of happy faces from children and staff. The names of the bubbles being decided by the children are certainly very creative. It really is a nice feeling having more Lakeside children around school once again.

Of course, we are missing all of the children who are still at home. I know that you are all keeping busy with the home learning which the teachers are setting which has been fabulous. I have been so impressed with everything which has been achieved throughout this time. Well done to all of the children for showing great resilience throughout this time despite facing some uncertainty in the wider world.

As a school, we are working on a 'Recovery Curriculum'. This isn't an academic curriculum in the form that we know it, but is focused on the recovery of adversity and trauma. The rationale behind this thinking is that children will have suffered from 5 losses of routine, structure, friendship, opportunity and freedom during this time. As a result, the 'Recovery Curriculum' focuses very much on the wellbeing and mental health of the children and the staff to help them to understand the new ways of school and the wider world and to build new relationships once again. Core curriculum teaching is still taking place and matches what is being set for those children at home on Seesaw and Tapestry.

For those of you who have been wondering how I am getting on with my hula hopping challenge, let's just say, I am still practicing! I have got better, but I'm not quite up to standing in the front of an assembly hall full of children just yet. I will keep persevering!

Finally, I would just like to say a huge thank you to you as parents and carers for all of your support throughout this time. There has been, and still is, so much unknown to contend with regarding school for your children. We have been so grateful for all of the positive feedback which you have sent in. It has really meant a lot to all of the staff and has spurred them on to keep doing the best that they possibly can and will continue to do.

I hope you all manage to enjoy some sunshine this week.

Best wishes for now,

Miss Armstrong and the Lakeside Team

Help Us to Raise Money

Easy fundraising is a great way to help the school raise money. When you do online shopping, just do it through this site at no cost to you, but donations are made to us. Please sign up for it now!



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Online Learning



We would love to share some of the home learning activities taking place at home in our newsletter. If there is something which your child is particularly proud of which they have been working on, please send a photograph into the office and I will share it in the next newsletter. It would be great to see what everyone has been up to.

Key Reminders for Children in Bubbles At School

Well done to all of the families who have been adhering to our guidelines for returning to school safely. It is a highly anxious time for many people, including staff, so I would really appreciate everyone on board with this. Here are a few of the key points to note:

1. Children should only bring in a lunchbox if they need one and a water bottle. Sun hats and rain coats will be needed depending on the weather. Bags are not required.
2. Children must arrive on time in their allocated slot and at their allocated gate. Not only does it add stress to the child when having to walk in late, but it also increases the risk of infection transmission to other people in the school.
3. Children must be collected on time in their allocated slot from their allocated gate.
4. Only one adult to drop off and collect children please. For children in Year 6, we are asking adults to do this with their child where possible to help maintain social distancing outside of school and reduce any risks of infection being brought in.
5. Please continue to talk with you children about the importance of social distancing.
6. Please ensure that you have booked lunches online in the usual way even if your child is having a packed lunch. There are still a large number of children who didn't have lunches booked online meaning that the office staff then have to chase these up.

Fantastic Fundraiser

We are extremely proud of Joey Tier in Year 3.

During lockdown, Joey saw an advert from the NSPCC saying that as they couldn't do any of their events at the moment they needed some donations. Joey decided he wanted to help them out and he set himself a challenge of raising £50. He would do this by running 2.5 miles every day over a period of 30 days. This equates to a grand total of 75 miles!

So far, Joey has raised more than £600 which is incredible.

If you feel like you might like to support Joey with this amazing challenge, then please contact his mum Vicky Tier. She can be contacted through FoLPS.



Well done Joey!

Ground Force Bubble

Whilst some staff haven't been allocated to bubbles in recent weeks, they have formed their own bubble called Ground Force Bubble. They have worked tirelessly in wind, rain and sun to work on our grounds to make some of our outdoor spaces much more presentable and comfortable for the children. They have also been working on the front of the school and you might notice that the fencing has started to be painted. They have managed to get donations from local businesses as well as friends and family of lots of materials, paint and plants. What a transformation it has been! I am sure that once you are allowed back on site, you will enjoy seeing what they look like now. If you have or know anyone who does have any spare offcuts of Astroturf, shingle or bark, we will happily take it off your hands. Well done to the team!

