

Lyon Park Primary School

November 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are all well and safe.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout this term in relation to working in partnership with all school staff to ensure that the whole school community is safe. I have been so impressed with how the children have settled back into routines.

Since returning in September, our attendance has been above the national average. Children tell me that they are happy to be back at school and learning with their teachers and friends; well done to all of our children who have received either the Star of the Day or Value of the Month certificates in the weekly celebration Assemblies.

It is so lovely to hear the sound of a full school of children as I walk through the corridors and although we are working hard to maintain our class Bubbles it has been wonderful to see examples of art work, writing and DT from our children.

Let's keep this going!

Mrs Bhambra ☺



DROPPING & COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Thank you to everybody for following the school's safety measures as outlined in the Risk Assessment; especially to those parents/carers who have been working with our Senior Leaders to remind others to follow the correct procedures. I appreciate your patience and support in this matter. Please note:

- Members of different households must line up separately; please be respectful to those families who have been queuing up and do not send your children to the front of the line to join other families.
- We have noticed that some family members are entering the playground at the end of the day to collect children earlier than their allocated time. If this is noted, you will be asked to leave the premises.
- Please ensure that face coverings are worn at all times whilst on the school premises and that social distancing is maintained.
- Any children who are being collected late (10 minutes after their finishing time) must be collected from the downstairs hall entrance / exit. The office must be informed if you are running late.
- With the weather becoming colder and wetter, please ensure that you and your child are suitable dressed (coats, wellies & umbrellas).

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Please keep a close eye on our school website www.lyonparkprimaryschool.co.uk for any updates regarding school. If you would like to hand in anything via the school office, please post this in the black box attached next to the entrance to the reception area.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff about a specific matter, please phone the school office on **0208 902 5454** to arrange an appointment.

THE DAILY MILE & PE KITS

Thank you to all of our staff, who have been ensuring that all children from Years 1 to 6 have been participating in The Daily Mile. It is great to hear about how children have been persevering with building their stamina to keep walking, jogging or running the mile. Well done to our staff members who have also been participating to encourage the children.

Although the majority of our children are wearing the correct PE kit, our Sports Coaches have noticed some inconsistencies in this. Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct PE kit each week. Children must not wear jewellery to school (dangling / hoop earrings, bangles and necklaces) as these can be dangerous if they are caught on something.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term Holidays 2020

Monday 30th November 2020 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)

Wednesday 16th December 2020 - Christmas Lunch

Term ends - Friday 18th December 2020 at 1:30pm

Monday 4th January 2021 - Staff Inset Day (Children not in school)

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - First day of Term for children

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December 2020

As always we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day; please encourage your child to wear a Christmas jumper or decorate a jumper that they already have. Each child will need to bring in £1.00 and all money will support the charity Shelter, which supports homeless individuals and families.

CAR PARKING & SPITTING

Whilst I appreciate that parking around the school is limited, please can I ask that parents/carers are mindful of not parking in front of residential drives. We have received a few complaints from local residents who have unfortunately been blocked in their own drives as unattended cars have been parked there.

This is very uncommon but recently, there have been a few incidents in which Senior Leaders have had to remind parents/carers about not spitting outside the school premises. I am sure you would agree that this is not acceptable or hygienic.

CHRISTMAS & ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES

Unfortunately, our children in Nursery and Reception will not be performing their annual Christmas Nativity show. Please keep a look out on our school website for some special activities the children will be taking part in including singing Christmas songs whilst learning Makaton and virtual visits by Santa.

As always, we will still be celebrating the wonderful attendance and punctuation of all our children. Our termly Attendance Assemblies will be held through Microsoft Teams with children receiving their Bronze certificates and prizes.

READING

Reading continues to be a huge school priority and the children have made great progress this half term. In KS2 the average reading age has increased by 3 months with some classes making 9 months progress! Children are enjoying quizzing on their books and the number of 100% scores have been fantastic. The children should be very proud of themselves! We were so excited to open our new EYFS & KS1 library this week and the children will begin to take an exciting range of books home. Please remember that any lost or damaged books will need to be replaced; parents/carers will be asked to pay £5.00 for this. Please continue to read with your child/ren at home and encourage independent reading.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year, we had a high number of applications to join our School Council. Our Polling Day was a huge success with all children demonstrating skills of democracy whilst they voted. Congratulations to our newly elected School Council Representatives, who have already been busy meeting with Miss Colgan to plan activities for Christmas:

Year 1: Ella, Spencer, Jainil & Trunal

Year 2: Harshil, Fenil, Aadi & Harnee

Year 3: Mithus, Prisha, Mudasir & Anastazja

Year 4: Masum, Visha, Kairav & Riya

Year 5: Sharanjan, Vaishnavi, Shaishvi & Sienna

Year 6: Ria, Rahul, Neil & Prachi



School Value of the Month: Peace

"Peace begins with a smile." Albert Einstein



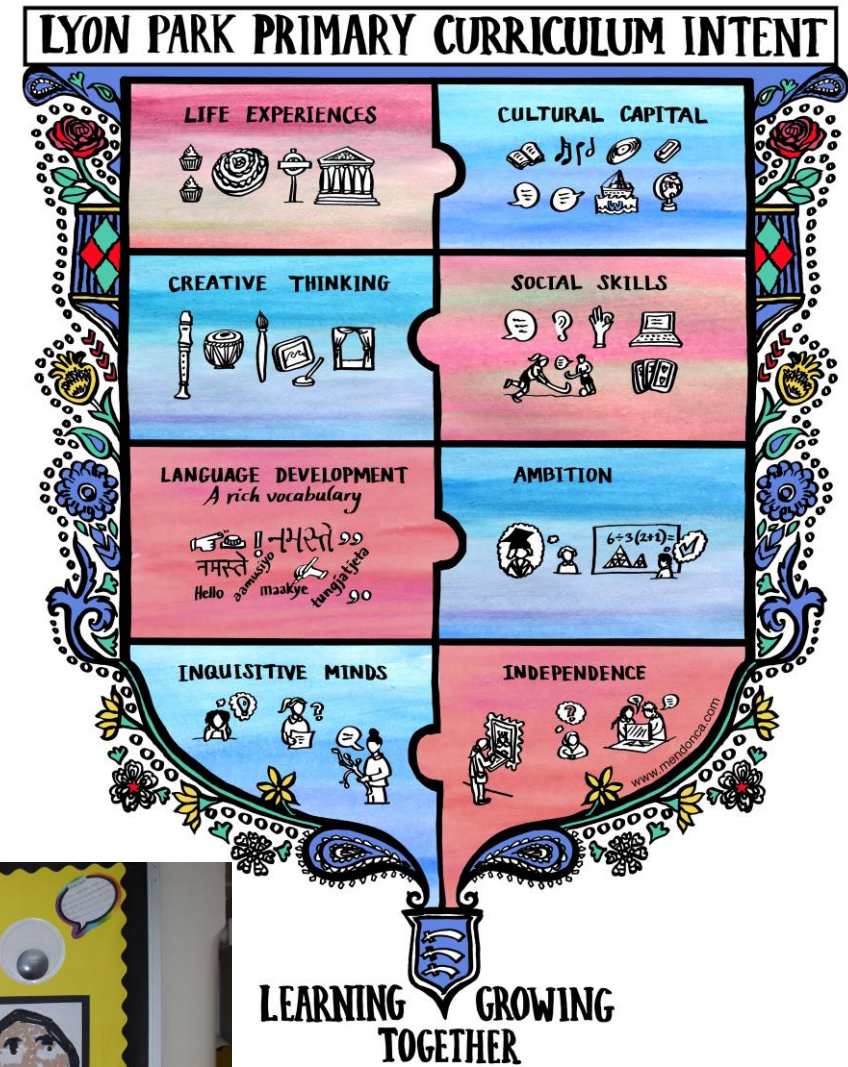
Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week



Reception dressing up as vegetables.



Such a range of wonderful learning!



Year 5 learning about structures.

Nursery

The Nursery children have had a fantastic half term learning to join in with stories like Pete the Cat and Brown Bear, Brown Bear. They have been learning about colours and have been developing their drawing and painting skills. Whilst making fruit kebabs, they learned the names of fruits and developed their hand-eye coordination. In maths, they have been developing early counting skills through songs and rhymes.

Reception

In Reception, the children have been learning about food and where it comes from. They have enjoyed reading *Oliver's Vegetables* and *The Little Red Hen*. They have been busy growing cress and making vegetable soup. The children have been learning to retell stories with the aid of a story map. It has been fantastic to see how their reading skills have developed over the half term! In maths, the children have been developing their counting skills and finding ways to make small numbers.

Year 1

This half term Year 1 have learnt how to re-tell stories. They have been reading 'Monkey see, Monkey do' and 'Where the Wild Things Are'. They have been working hard with their phonics and applying this to both their reading and writing. They have learnt all about the seasons in Science and had great fun pretending to dress their teachers in appropriate clothes! They have taken part in many practical maths activities and are becoming more secure with their number knowledge. Keep up the hard work year 1!

Year 2

This half term Year 2 have learnt all about Great Britain and London. They have taken part in a British themed tea party, visited London virtually and followed the adventures of Flat Stanley on a secret mission for the Queen. They have explored materials in Science, learnt about money in maths and will be making their own class flag in Art. Year 2 have also been working really hard with their phonics as they sit their phonics test at the beginning of December. Good luck year 2!

Year 3

This half term Year 3 have been reading the book 'Stig of the Dump', which is about a boy called Barney who discovers a strange cave man living outside of town. For Science, they have completed a fascinating unit called 'Rock Detectives' in which they have learnt about the different properties of rocks. In PSHE, Year 3 have learnt about how to be a good friend.

Year 4

This half term Year 4 have been reading the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' where they have empathised with the main character. In Art, Year 4 have studied the artist Jamini Roy and created art work using his style. In Science, the children have been learning about 'States of Matter' and have really enjoyed conducting experiments. In Maths, they have started looking at measurements and been focusing on converting measurement.

Year 5

Year 5 have been studying different materials and conducting their own experiments and investigations as part of their Science lessons. They have focused their maths lessons on multiplication and division and learnt a lot of new mathematical vocabulary. The children have been creating their own narratives in English and will soon begin looking at how to write persuasive speeches. In PSHE, Year 5 have been learning about Anti-Bullying and have produced a variety of work that is now on display.

Year 6

The children in Year 6 have continued their study of 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' as part of their English lessons. They have produced a variety of poetry and narratives based on the text. In Maths, the children have been working hard to improve their understanding of fractions and applying this to reasoning questions. In Science, Year 6 have been learning about the heart and the impact of exercise and healthy living on our bodies. In Computing, the children have created Excel spreadsheets and learnt how to present data.

Please see our school website for more information about what your child will be learning about each term and how you can support them.