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# Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



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## Attendance

13/05/24 to 17/05/24

Cherry- 90%

Apple - 94%

Pear - 93%

Holly - 93%

Maple - 95%

Elm - 96%

Willow - 96%

**Whole School**

**= 94%**

**Target = 95%**

To all our families,

This week we asked the children to discuss their journey to school in class council. We wanted them to share how they can stay safe on the school run. Our school councillors had a meeting with me to feedback their classes thoughts.

We discovered that the most popular way to come to school was walking, after that it was by car.

The children are all really clear about what they need to do to stay safe on their journey's to school.

As a school community we have a responsibility to make the school run safe for all our children. Lionwood Infant and Nursery School has signed up to the 'Safe School Run Pledge' and we would like your support to ensure all our children enjoy a safe and happy school run.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Ms Thorpe  
and the Lionwood team



**Nursery - George**

**Pear Class - King**

**Apple Class - Annabelle**

**Holly Class - Tyler James**

**Maple Class - Sebastian R**

**Elm Class - George**

**Willow Class - Archie**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

A very big WELL DONE to these children for their hard work and commitment to their learning. We want to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of them.



## CURRICULUM UPDATES

### Nursery

This week Cherry Class have been learning about fossils of dinosaurs, animals and plants. They had a go at being palaeontologists and used brushes to find fossils of dinosaurs. They also made their own salt dough which they then used to make fossils of a dinosaur skeleton. In maths we have been representing numbers on five frames. Cherry Class really enjoyed being innovators in Talk for Writing where they changed a character in our story 'Stuck in the Mud'. Finally 4 of our butterflies have come out of their chrysalis and we have been caring for them by giving them sugar solution and fruit. It was great to watch them fly away and find new homes.



### Reception

What a fantastic week we have had in Reception. The children are becoming fantastic storytellers and have been practising retelling the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk', using our story map. In Maths, we have been comparing different amounts and have used the vocabulary; greater than, less than and equal to. With the rainy weather this week, we have enjoyed a session of soft play in the Green Room. We enjoyed exploring moving our bodies in different ways and using some of the exercise equipment. This was also a great opportunity to practise taking and putting on our shoes and socks. We have also enjoyed some time to think about how we can calm ourselves. We worked with a partner to gently brush each other's faces. We made sure to ask each other if it was okay and then gently brushed our partners face. One child commented, "That made me feel very calm." The children then completed a relaxation task listening to calming music. Another child commented, "Look I am meditating."



### Year 1

This week in math's, the children have been learning to name and identify coins. We set up a shop in class and they used a combination of different coins to total a given amount. In P.E., we have been practicing overarm and underarm throwing, thinking about which type of throw works best for long distances. In English, we have started learning about blue whales in preparation for the children to write their own non-chronological report on sea creatures. The children loved measuring the length of a blue whale - we used the children to see just how long a blue whale can be after measuring out 30 metres - we found out it was almost the whole length of our corridor!



### Year 2

In Maths, we have been learning about time, the children have worked hard to independently tell the time at different intervals. In English, the children have been writing their own version of George and the Dragon, they have used their imagination to come up with some great stories! In Science, we have looked at why a fox is suited to an urban habitat, some children shared times when they have seen foxes around Lionwood. In PE, we looked at jumping for height, the children used their prior knowledge to jump as high as they could. The children are excited for our STEM week next week. Please send your child in with a labelled box (the size of a shoebox) on Monday. The children will be designing and making their own pinball machines during our STEM week.



# Dates for your diary

**27th-31st May**– Half term

**3rd June**– Back to school



## **Please make our school a safer place by doing the following:**

- Walking to school if possible, or parking further from the school and walking the last bit of the journey.
- Parking safely outside the school, keeping the yellow zig zag line outside the school gate free as this keeps the area clear so all road users can see the school entrance and keep our children safer on their way to and from school.
- Not parking on the pavement - pavements are important for our pupils walking to school they need to be kept free of obstructions this also enables the independence of the vulnerable, older or disabled people who may have visual or mobility impairments who need to use the path. To allow families with pushchairs to safely walk on the pavement without having to walk into the road to go around vehicles parked on the pavement.
- Parking considerately and think about the local resident who may need to access to their residence.
- If applicable not to park in the staff car park (this also applies to parents dropping children off, picking up for any school clubs) unless authorised by the School.
- Turning off my engine when parked (improving air quality keeping us healthier).